



## Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor

Sunday, January 25, 2026 – 11:00 AM

Bringing in the Light of Christ		Bob Gadkowski
Prelude		Anita Cotton
Opening Prayer		Rev. Toni Wood
Words of Welcome and Announcements		
*Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 27)		Marshall Cherry
Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?		
<b>People: <i>The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?</i></b>		
Leader: Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.		
<b>People: <i>I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.</i></b>		
Leader: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!		
*Affirmation of Faith	"A Statement of Faith of The Korean UMC"	On Screen/UMH 884
<b><i>We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testament as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.</i></b>		
*Hymn of Praise	"All Hail King Jesus" & "Jesus, Name above All Names"	TFWS 2069 & 2071
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 9:1-4	Marshall Cherry
Children's Message		
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	"Redeeming Love"	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology		
<b><i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i></b>		
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Hymn of Preparation	"Open Our Eyes"	TFWS 2086
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 4:12-23	
Sermon	"Immediately"	
*Closing Hymn	"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"	TFWS 2112
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
*Benediction		
*Sending Forth	"The Family of God"	On Screen /CH 419
*Postlude		Anita Cotton

(\* Please stand as you are able

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

<b>Sun. Jan. 25</b>	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – SPRC Meeting
<b>Mon. Jan. 26</b>	7:00 pm – Church Council Zoom Meeting
<b>Tue. Jan. 27</b>	4:00 pm – Red Wagon Ministry
<b>Thurs. Jan. 29</b>	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 4:00 pm – Choir Practice
<b>Sun. Feb. 1</b>	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

## WORSHIP TEAMS

### JANUARY 25

**Acolyte:** Bob Gadkowski  
**Greeters:** Linda Kimble & Joe Coriaggio  
**Worship Leader:** Marshall Cherry  
**Ushers:** Rosalie Jones & Patricia Leary  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Jeanne Murray & Patricia Leary  
**Trustee:** Anita Cotton

### FEBRUARY 1

**Acolyte:** Rosalie Jones  
**Greeters:** Janet Fairley & Patricia Leary  
**Worship Leader:** Julie Cherry  
**Ushers:** Sylvia Kirk & Ruby Creason  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Sylvia Kirk & Donna Steigelman  
**Trustee:** Marshall Cherry

## UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Book/Bible Study, Monday, February 2, 11:00 am** – Join us for a study of Adam Hamilton's *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* on Mondays at 11:00 am beginning on Monday, February 2 in the Learning Center. Please see Jeanne Murray for a copy of the book.
- **Mailboxes** – Please be sure to check the mailboxes in the Mail Center in the library. You never know when a card with your name on it may appear!
- **Recorded Worship Services** – Each week the recorded Worship Service is posted to our YouTube Channel. If you missed a service or would like to watch past services, you can visit our YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/@sharonumcpoplarbranchnc9028](http://www.youtube.com/@sharonumcpoplarbranchnc9028).
- **Red Wagon Ministry (located in the Mt. Zion parking lot)** – The Red Wagon ministry is in need of **Baby Diapers** and **Feminine Hygiene Products**. A collection container has been placed in the entryway.
- **Altar Flowers 2026** – If you would like to place altar flowers in the church "in memory of" or "in honor of" a special person, please contact Iris Meekins at [imeekins14@gmail.com](mailto:imeekins14@gmail.com) or 252-202-6401.
- **Online Giving** – You can donate by using the link on our website at <https://www.sharon-umc.org/> or by scanning the QR Code below.



## FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

<b>2026 Monthly Budget</b> \$6,030.25	<b>Received Last Month (December)</b> \$7,116.58	<b>Received Last Sunday</b> \$746.00	