



Sharon United Methodist Church
Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor
Sunday, March 22, 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		Marshall Cherry
	"Psalm 130"	UMH 848
*Affirmation of Faith	"Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39"	On Screen/UMH 887
Leader:	Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?	
People:	<i>No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.</i>	
*Hymn of Praise	"To God Be the Glory"	UMH 98
Scripture Reading	Romans 8:6-11	Marshall Cherry
Children's Message		
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	"Lenten Meditation"	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology		
	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.</i>	
	<i>Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Hymn of Preparation	"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"	UMH 465
Scripture Lesson	Ezekiel 37:1-14	
Sermon	"Life"	
*Closing Hymn	"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"	UMH 384
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
*Benediction		
*Sending Forth	"Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart"	On Screen/CH 231
*Postlude		Anita Cotton

(*) Please stand as you are able

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Sun. Mar. 22	Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship
Mon. Mar. 23	11:00 am – Book/Bible Study (Facilitated by Toni Wood & Jeanne Murray) 2:15 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program 7:00 pm – Church Council Zoom Meeting
Wed. Mar. 25	2:15 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program Happy Birthday to Bobbie Piper
Thurs. Mar. 26	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 4:00 pm – Choir Practice
Fri. Mar. 27	Happy Birthday to Cathy Forbes Happy Birthday to Toni Wood
Sun. Mar. 29	Palm Sunday CANCELED - 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

WORSHIP TEAMS

MARCH 22

Acolyte: Bob Gadkowski
Greeters: Jan Eanes & Ruby Creason
Worship Leader: Marshall Cherry
Ushers: Rosalie Jones & Patricia Leary
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Jeanne Murray & Patricia Leary
Trustee: Bob Gadkowski

MARCH 29

Acolyte: Rosalie Jones
Greeters: Janet Fairley & Patricia Leary
Worship Leader: Jeanne Murray
Ushers: Sylvia Kirk & Ruby Creason
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Donna Steigelman
Trustee: Bob Gadkowski

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Holy Week Worship Opportunities** – We will have a Maundy Thursday Service at Sharon UMC on April 2nd at 7:00 pm. Pilmoor Memorial UMC will host the Good Friday Service on April 3rd at 7:00 pm and we will gather at the Currituck Ferry Dock for Sunrise Service on April 5th at 6:30 am.
- **Flowers for the Cross** – As a part of our Easter celebration everyone is asked to please bring fresh flowers to decorate the cross in our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. What has been a reminder of death and sorrow becomes a symbol of life and beauty. Help us create a living cross as part of our worship!
- **SUMC 2026 Scholarships**
 - Sharon UMC is honored and privileged to be the administrator of the \$1,000 **Lloyd Bateman** and \$1,000 **Nurse Lucy Scholarships**. The scholarships are open to congregants of Sharon United Methodist Church and their families. Participants in the scholarships must complete the 2026 Application and submit a completed application no later than **May 1, 2026**.
 - **The Currituck Community Chorus Music Scholarship** in the amount of \$1,000 will be administered by Sharon United Methodist Church with a Scholarship Committee that will determine the awarding of the scholarship. The scholarship is open to Currituck County graduates (public, private, or home schooled) who submit a completed application no later than **May 1, 2026**.
 - For more information, please contact Iris Meekins at imeekins14@gmail.com or (252) 202-6401.
- **Art Fund Silent Auction** – At Sharon UMC local artists/crafters donate items to be used for our silent auction. Each month new artwork will be available for bidding. Proceeds go into an art fund to be used as needed for the ministries of the church. See Lee Hein or Jeanne Murray if you have questions or if you would like to donate your artwork for our silent auction.
- **Online Giving** – You can donate by scanning the QR Code below.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2026 Monthly Budget \$6,030.25	Received Last Month (February) \$5,401.08	Received Last Sunday \$653.00	