



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor

Sunday, May 3, 2026 – 11:00 AM

Communion Sunday



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Words of Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

People: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Leader: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me.

People: Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me.

Leader: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD.

*Affirmation of Faith

"A Modern Affirmation"

On Screen/UMH 885

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

All: We believe in God the Father; infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unending grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

"God Is Here"

UMH 660

Scripture Reading

Acts 7:55-60

Preston Murray

Children's Message

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"Find Us Faithful"

Choir

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Preparation

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

UMH 614

Scripture Lesson

John 14:1-14

Sermon

"Believers"

Celebration of Holy Communion

*Closing Hymn

"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

UMH 616

*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

Sun. May 3	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship
Mon. May 4	2:15 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program 4:30 pm – SPRC Meeting
Wed. May 6	10:00 am – SPM Salad and Sandwich Luncheon for GES 2:15 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program
Thurs. May 7	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 4:00 pm – Choir Practice 6:30 pm – National Day of Prayer Service
Sun. May 10	Mother's Day 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

WORSHIP TEAMS

MAY 3

Acolyte: Kasey Fairley
Greeters: Ruby Creason & Joe Coriaggio
Worship Leader: Preston Murray
Ushers: Marshall & Julie Cherry
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Jeanne Murray & Barbara Gadkowski
Trustee: Anita Cotton

MAY 10

Acolyte: Rosalie Jones
Greeters: Janet Fairley & Patricia Leary
Worship Leader: Jeanne Murray
Ushers: Mark Jackson & Madelyn Conroy
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & Sue Collie
Trustee: Anita Cotton

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SPM Salad and Sandwich Luncheon for GES, Wednesday, May 6, 10:00 am** – The School Partnership Mission Team (SPM) needs your help. We will be providing a salad/sandwich luncheon and desserts for the staff at Griggs Elementary School on Wednesday, May 6 for Teacher Appreciation Week. If you can help by providing a dessert, please contact Iris Meekins at 252-202-6401 to sign up. Please plan to bring your dessert to church on Wednesday, May 6 from 9:30 am - 10:00 am. The SPM Team will set up at the school by 10:15 am. If you are able to help deliver the food to the school, please let us know. Thanks!
- **National Day of Prayer Service, Thursday, May 7, 6:30 pm, Currituck County Middle School** – You are invited to this powerful prayer service as churches across Currituck County come together in unity to pray for our community and our nation.
- **Pastor's Discretionary Fund** – As you receive communion, we invite you to pause at the altar for a time of prayer and if you feel led to share in this discretionary fund, please leave change or money at the altar rail.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Blessing Box** – We are in need of meals that can be easily prepared for our Blessing Box. Items Needed: soups, canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam), spaghetti sauce in a jar and pasta, fruit cups, Ramen noodles, etc. Items can be placed in the collection container in the entryway of the church. Thanks for your support.
- **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 or 252-202-6401.
- **Online Giving** – You can donate by scanning the QR Code below.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2026 Monthly Budget \$6,030.25	Received Last Month (April) \$7,381.08	Received Last Sunday \$1,113.00	