

Sharon United Methodist Church

Jeanne Murray, Pastor

Sunday, November 22, 2026 – 11:00 AM

Christ the King Sunday/Thanksgiving

Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously

Bringing in the Light of Christ		Julie Cherry
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Jeanne Murray
Prelude		Anita Cotton
Opening Prayer		
*Call to Worship		Marshall Cherry

Leader: We thank you, O God, for the gift of this day.
People: **For this beautiful space, for the warm hearts that greet us.**
Leader: We thank you, O God, for the ability to come together to worship.
People: **For songs and prayers that sustain us not only in this hour, but in the days that unfold.**
Leader: We thank you, O God, for the blessings in our lives and in our world.
People: **May we lift our voices in thanks, even as we worship You.**

*Hymn of Praise	"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"	CH 797
Scripture Reading	Psalm 95:1-7	Marshall Cherry
Children's Message		

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns
God Sightings
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem	"Thanksgiving Medley"	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	"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"	CH 688

Sermon Series: "Encounters with Jesus"

Scripture Lesson	Luke 19:1-10
Sermon	"Jesus Sees Us"

*Closing Hymn	"Goodness of God"	On Screen/Video

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World
*Benediction

*Sending Forth	"Grace, Love and Fellowship"	On Screen/CH 233
*Postlude		Anita Cotton

(*) Please stand as you are able

Calendar of Events and Celebrations

Sun. Nov. 22	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 3:00 pm – Joint Thanksgiving Worship Service (Moyock UMC)
Mon. Nov. 23	11:00 am – Advent Decorating of the Church 2:15 pm – After School Literacy "Book Bunch" 7:00 pm – Church Council Zoom Meeting
Tues. Nov. 24	4:00 pm – Red Wagon Ministry
Wed. Nov. 25	10:00 am – Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs. Nov. 26	Happy Thanksgiving CANCELED - 7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) CANCELED - 1:00 pm – Balance Wellness Class
Fri. Nov. 27	4:00 pm – Cantata Practice Happy Anniversary to Marshall & Julie Cherry
Sun. Nov. 29	First Sunday of Advent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

Worship Teams

NOVEMBER 22

Acolyte: Julie Cherry
Greeters: Deb Chambers & Sylvia Kirk
Worship Leader: Marshall Cherry
Ushers: Janet & Kasey Fairley
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & Sue Collie
Trustee: Anita Cotton

NOVEMBER 29

Acolyte: Bob Gadkowski
Greeters: Jan Eanes & Donna Steigelman
Worship Leader: Julie Cherry
Ushers: Sylvia Kirk & Patricia Leary
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & Patricia Leary
Trustee: Anita Cotton

Upcoming Events/Announcements

- **Art for the Heart, Thursday, December 10, 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall** – Need a mental health break? Join us on December 10th for Art for the Heart, a mental health initiative. Iris Meekins will be teaching Beaded Christmas Ornaments. Angela Lottman, Opioid Program Coordinator for Currituck County, will share a brief presentation about mental health issues. **To help us plan, please RSVP by December 2nd by emailing, texting or calling Jeanne Murray at jeannemmurray@gmail.com or (252) 423-0851.**
- **UWF Christmas Party - Friday, December 11, 12:00 pm at BJ's Carolina Cafe** – Let's Party! All the women of the church, along with spouses and other guests, are invited to celebrate Christmas with the UWF at BJ's Carolina Cafe on Friday, December 11th at noon. If you have a prayer partner, bring your gifts to lunch. Join us for fellowship and fun!
- **Christmas Angel Tree** – If you would like to participate, please pick an Angel off of the tree (Angels will be numbered). On the clipboard near the Angel Tree, write your contact info beside each numbered Angel you take. Please bring your **unwrapped gift**, with your Angel included or attached to your gift, to the church by **Sunday, December 13th** and place it in the container in the library. For more information, please contact Julie Cherry at (252) 207-3651 or Sylvia Kirk at (252) 202-6648. Thank you for your support and participation.
- **UWF 2027 Prayer Partners** – Each year the United Women In Faith share in a special ministry of remembering and praying for one another. For one year (January 2027 - December 2027), you would be the secret Prayer Partner for another woman in the church. Each woman is asked to pray for this woman at least daily. You may also give gifts or cards for birthdays, anniversaries, or other occasions, but the goal of this ministry is a continuous focused prayer effort on behalf of your secret Prayer Partner. If you would like to participate in this ministry and enjoy the blessings of praying for someone else and having someone remember you in prayer throughout the year, please contact Cathy Forbes **by December 20, 2026** at forbescat101@gmail.com or (252) 202-1952 for more information.

Finances of the Church

2026 Monthly Budget	*Received Last Month (October)*	*Received Last Sunday*
$6,030.25	$4,649.92	$508.00