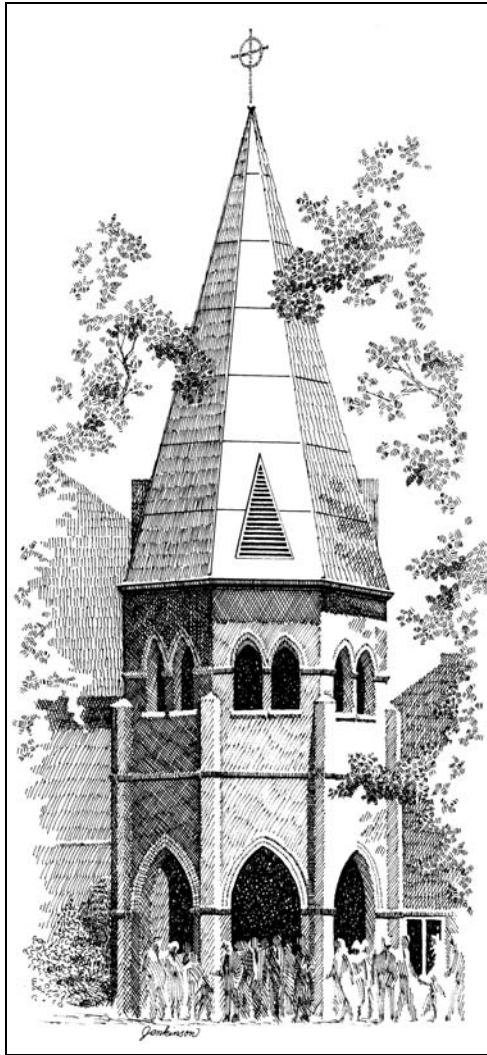


Sharon Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina



February 7, 2010
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Service For the Lord's Day
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude *Gabriel's Oboe* Ennio Morricone
Candice Schmitt, oboe

Chiming of the Hour

Introit *Now I Walk in Beauty* Arr. Gregg Smith
Chancel Choir Vocal Ensemble

Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 71:15,16
Leader: My mouth will tell of the Lord's righteous acts, of deeds of salvation all day long, though their number is past my knowledge.
People: I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord God, I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.

Greeting

Concerns of the Church
Update on our Scouting Program Ken Parker, Charles Campbell
Souper Bowl of Caring Brittany Stanford (9:00), Claudia Ash (11:00)

* Hymn, No. 139 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Prayer of Confession (unison)
God of mercy, hear our confession. We struggle to rejoice in the wide mercy of Jesus who came to release captives and set free the oppressed, for while we bask in Christ's mercy we are tempted to label others as unworthy of the same mercy and forgiveness. Forgive us our unrighteous judgments; help us respond to others as you have responded to us in our struggles. In Jesus' name. Amen

* Assurance of Pardon adapted from Luke 4:21
Leader: According to Luke, the first act of Jesus' public ministry was to read scripture, proclaiming the "Year of the Lord's favor."
People: Then Jesus said: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
All: Through the mercy of Christ our savior, every day is a fresh beginning for living in the Lord's favor.

Gloria Patri

Hymnal, No. 579

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offering
In the Fullness of Time

Spirit Ringers

Arnold Sherman

* Doxology

Hymnal, No. 592

* Prayer of Dedication

Children's Time

Following Children's Time, those four years - 1st grade will be escorted to Children's Worship in the Session Room during 9:00 worship, and Room 7 of the Education Building during 11:00 worship, where they may be picked up following the service.

What Scouting Means To Me

9:00 Harrison Stewart, Lee Kromer

11:00 Blake Barnett, Robert Mabe, Lee Kromer

Welcome

* Hymn, No. 344

Christ of the Upward Way

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Drew Kromer

Anthem

Here's One

arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir Vocal Ensemble and Candice Schmitt, oboe

Talk about a child who do love Jesus, Here's one, here's one. Ever since I heard the gospel story, I been walkin' up the road to glory. Talk about a child who do love Jesus, here's one. Talk about a child who's been forgiven, here's one, here's one. Talk about a child who's been converted, here's one, here's one.

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 13; Luke 4:21-30

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

"Love and Forward Thinking"

Dr. Rob Blumer

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (9:00)

Please hold each element until all have been served

* Hymn

God, You Give Us Recreation

1. God, you give us re - cre - a - tion, rest and play when
 2. Yet, O Lord, we see you cry - ing for the ones who
 3. Bless, O Christ, our gifts of car - ing, for we know with -

work is through, game and sport and ce - le - bra - tion, times that chal - lenge
 know no rest, for your chil - dren, hun - gry, dy - ing, for the home - less
 out a doubt: soup and bread are made for shar - ing, hands are made for

and re - new. In the days we spend to - geth - er,
 and op - pressed. May we, as your sons and daugh - ters,
 reach - ing out. E - ven in our times of play - ing,

in the feasts that we pre - pare, in the times of
 share with o - pen heart and hand, till your jus - tice
 may we keep the vis - ion clear: keep us serv - ing,

joy and laugh - ter, may we know your lov - ing care.
 flows like wa - ters to the poor through - out the land.
 lov - ing, pray - ing, wel - com - ing your king - dom here.

Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Georg Philipp Telemann

* All who are able may stand

Head Usher: Carol Howie, Boy Scouts

Today's closing hymn, *God, You Give Us Recreation*, is an original hymn to be used on **Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday**. TUNE: Dutch Melody arr. by Julius Rontgen (1855-1933) TEXT: Copyright © 2000 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved. Copied from *Songs of Grace: New Hymns for God and Neighbor* by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, Upper Room Books, 2009. Permission is given for free use of this hymn to churches that support Souper Bowl Sunday.

Today's Worship Leaders: Dr. Robert J. Blumer, *Pastor*; Rev. Ron E. Nelson, *Associate Pastor*; David Mayo, *Director of Music*; Sandy Breaux, *Organist*

We extend a warm welcome to all of our visitors today. If you would like more information about our church, please visit the display in the Narthex where we have a gift bag for you! Hearing aids and large print Bibles and Hymnals are available in the Narthex. Please ask the head usher for assistance. The nursery is in the Charles Little Activity Building (Building 3), with the babies in Room 3, children ages 2-3 in Room 4, and ages 3-4 in Room 7 of the Education Building.

Please remember to silence your cell phone/beeper during worship.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Tom Tucker by family.

Please remember in prayer *those in the hospital*: Robert Pegram, Presbyterian Orthopaedic; Marvin Ward, CMC Pineville; Dot Deck, Carrington Place; Mo Ehen, Aldersgate Care Center; *those discharged*: Barbara Ritchie, Barbara Nicewonger; *those at home*: Becky Edwards, Ruthie Gibson, Candy Lee, Beth Parker, Doug Allen, Bill Chiles; our homebound members and their families; Connie Keith, mother of Tara Christensen; our neighbors in Haiti; Frank and Nancy Dimmock, our missionaries in Africa; the people of the Presbytery of Huanta, Peru; those who have lost jobs and are seeking new opportunities; *servicing in the military overseas*: Cheng Vang; Bert Puckett, nephew of Trish and Pete Bleyntat; Mike Kamin, brother-in-law of Mike Young; Jason Pearce, son of J.D. Pearce.

Today's music provided by Candice Schmitt, oboe, has been made possible by the Esther Brown Fund. Esther Brown was a lifelong member of the choir and a long time friend of the music ministry. Contributions to this fund are welcome and provide the opportunity for quality music experiences at Sharon Presbyterian Church to continue for years to come. Candace Schmitt is a freelance oboist for area operas, musicals, various area orchestras and universities, and also enjoys instructing the next generation of double reed musicians.

Welcome to new members Tad and June Duddleson, and Marc Duddleson, who joined Sharon Church on January 24, 2010

The Ministry of Sharon's Vision will host a congregational forum in the Sanctuary today following the 11:00 a.m. service. There is no set agenda, so this is the time for questions and comments by members to church leaders.

The 5-octave set of Malmark choir chimes being played today by the Spirit Ringers were given to Sharon Presbyterian Church by John Mallard to the glory of God and in memory of his father, Arthur H. Mallard. From John Mallard, "Sitting at a small organ in the family room at home with an old Baptist hymnal, he pursued his dream to make music. Relying on an untrained ear he was able to entertain himself for many hours and, unknowingly, inspire a son in the process. I am grateful to my father for many things, not the least of which was his love of music."

Help needed to slice the desserts, prepare biscuits for the warming oven, and make tea for the Sharon meal at the Uptown Men's Shelter the last Saturday of each month. Commitment would be for three months during the year; schedule is flexible. Contact David Beers for information, 704-552-2201, dbeers22@bellsouth.net.

Today is the deadline for the next issue of the newsletter. Items to be included should be emailed to jane@sharonpcusa.org or placed in the church office.

Men of the Church meet next Sunday, February 14, 8:00-9:00 a.m. in Room 6. Speaker is Brenda Paredes, visiting SPC from Huanta, Peru. Sign up today.

The Presbyterian Women are collecting money to buy blankets through Church World Service for refugees and disaster victims. To give a blanket in honor of friends and loved ones, look for the PW Valentine display in the church office. Each gift blanket is \$5.00. For more information contact Elgerine Elliott, 704-552-6643.

Thanks to everyone who responded last weekend to the needs for **Room In the Inn** and **the meals at the shelters**. We had a full house at RITI, and served a record number of folks at the shelters, 461 – 22% greater than the highest number we had ever served before. Thank you.

Experience something new this year for Lent. The ministries of Congregational Nurturing, Worship and Music, and Church Family are offering **Lenten Prayer Cubes** for your family to use in following a simple discipline of prayer and service that can help lead to greater discipleship. The Lenten Prayer Cube kits will be available beginning Wednesday, February 10, at Sharon On Wednesdays and in the church office, or in the narthex on Sundays.

World Services is offering three Adult Mission Trips this year: Clyde, NC, on June 10-13 and September 16-19, as well as a trip to Peru July 30 – August 8. The **Western North Carolina trip** will assist low income, elderly, and disabled people with home repairs; any level of skill is helpful. For information, contact J.D. Pearce at 704-578-8222. **The Peru trip** will again go to Huanta, Ayacucho, for a week of fellowship with members of the Presbytery of Huanta. Application deadline is Sunday, February 14; for information, contact Randy Ross 704-552-5573, mrandaallross@aol.com.

SPY Silent Auction and BBQ is February 21. Items for the auction are needed. Contact Sarah and Tim Brown, 704-554-1740 about donating any items. Proceeds benefit the SPY summer mission trip.

SPY Mission Trip will have a brief but important meeting of all mission trip participants and parents following youth group February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 1 of the CLAB. Trip information will be distributed; bring a copy of your passport. Also, a reminder: “early bird” payments are due March 1.

Do we have your email address? Please send your email address to jane@sharonpcusa.org so that you can begin receiving the weekly email update with information about upcoming events.

This week at Sharon:

Today

- 12:00 p.m. Congregational Forum, Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting, Room 6
- 5:00 p.m. Spirit Ringers, Choir Room

Monday, February 8

- 6:30 p.m. Sr. Men’s BB group, Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Annex
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Scout Hut

Tuesday, February 9

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Session Room
- 10:15 a.m. Hands & Mind Art Class, Annex Basement
- 10:30 a.m. Circle 4, Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. Food prep for Emergency Winter Shelter dinner, Kitchen
- 5:00 p.m. Feed homeless at EWS
- 5:30 p.m. Church Administration, Session Room

- 6:00 p.m. Boy’s BB Team, Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Community Witness, Session Room

Wednesday, February 10

- 10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study, home of Cary Young, 4123 Crossgate Rd.
- 5:45 p.m. Sharon On Wednesday dinner, CLAB (see schedule on page 8)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, February 11

- 10:00 a.m. FAITH Group, CLAB
- 1:00 p.m. Bridge, Room 1
- 7:00 p.m. Men’s Basketball, Gym

Friday, February 12

- 4:00 p.m. Room In the Inn, CLAB

Saturday, February 13

- 9:00 a.m. Presbytery Meeting, Steele Creek Church
- 10:00 a.m. Practice for Youth Sunday, Sanctuary

Sunday, February 14, Youth Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Men of the Church breakfast, Room 6
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Called Session Meeting, Pastor’s office
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Spirit Ringers, Choir Room
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School and Senior High SPY

**Looking Ahead:
Ash Wednesday Service, February 17,
6:30 p.m., Sanctuary**

Sharon On Wednesday

Shorter schedule

- 5:30 – 5:45 Early-bird fellowship
- 5:45 – 6:15 Catered dinner
- 6:00 – 7:00 Childcare for ages 2-Kindergarten
- 6:00 – 6:30 Kids’ Club educational activities for grades K-2, 3-5
- 6:15 – 7:00 Youth Bible study
- 6:15 – 7:00 Options for sr. high youth and adults:
Pastor’s Bible Study: *Scripture Study for Dummies*
Special Topic Study
Feb. 10, *Ken Garfield, Conversation with a Newspaperman Turned Church Communicator*;
Feb. 17 - Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 24 - March 24- *Brant Piper, Relationships*
Service Ministry: *Prayer Shawls and PAT ministry*
Social Time: *Games and Gab Fellowship*
- 6:30 – 7:00 Children’s Choir for Grades 1-5
The Roosting Place for Grades 1-5
Songbird Time for preschool children
- 7:30 – 9:00 Chancel Choir

Lower dinner pricing; meals-to-go available

With Reservations: \$6.00, Adults; \$3.00, Children; family maximum of \$30.25
Without Reservations: \$7.00, Adults; \$3.50; Children; family maximum of \$37.75
No charge for children under age 4

Reservation deadline is 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday; contact the church office, **704-553-0869**, by email at karen@sharonpcusa.org, or place the form below in the office or offering plate.

**Menu for Adults and Children February 10
Mexican Dinner Night**

Name: _____

of Adult Meals: _____

of Child’s Meals: _____

of take out boxes: _____

Total # of meals: _____