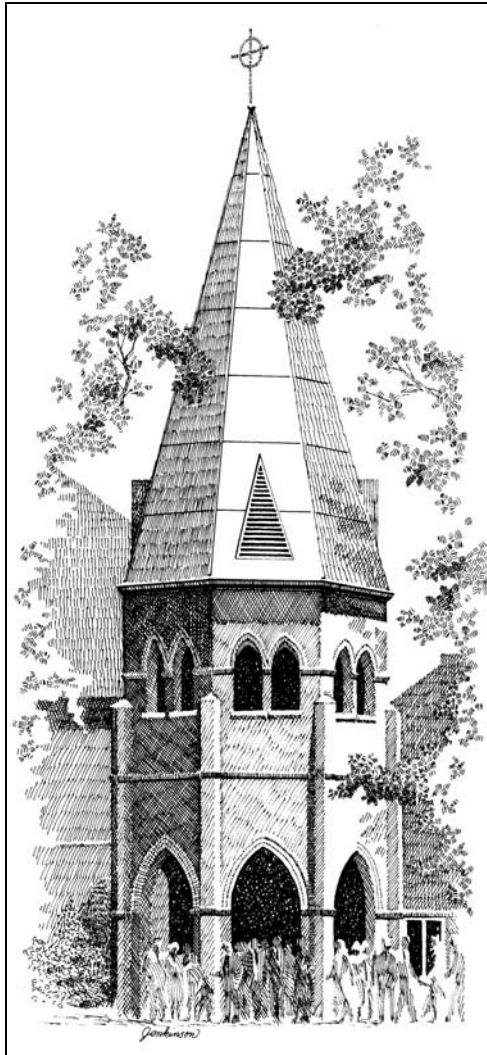


Sharon Presbyterian Church  
Charlotte, North Carolina



**February 21, 2010**  
**www.sharonpcusa.org**

**Service For the Lord's Day**  
**First Sunday in Lent**  
**9:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

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Prelude "Hail to Thee, My Jesu, Lowly" JS Bach

Chiming of the Hour

Introit (11:00) "Behold, The Lamb of God"

Call to Worship Based on Psalm 91

Leader: We live in the shelter of the Most Loving.

**People: We abide under the wings of the All-Merciful.**

Leader: We are enfolded in the refuge of the Shepherd.

**People: We are upheld by the power of the Highest.**

**All: Therefore, let us fear no evil, but in all things trust our God.**

Greeting

Concerns of the Church

\* Hymn, No. 81 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

\* Prayer of Confession (unison)

**We confess that we have not answered the world's temptations with confidence in your word, Holy God. We confess that we have given stones when you entrust us with the means to offer bread. We confess that we have put our faith in the power of destruction when you offer us your power to heal. Save us in these times of trial and fill us with the power of your Spirit, so that we may return safely from the wilderness of sin. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon From Psalm 91

Leader: "Those who love me, I will deliver. I will protect those who know my name...and show them my salvation," says the Lord. Friends, hear the good news!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

Gloria Patri Hymnal, No. 579

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offering

Offertory "Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness" Johannes Brahms

\* Doxology Hymnal, No. 592

\* Prayer of Dedication

Combined Children's Choirs and John Mallard "A Lenten Love Song" by Helen Kemp

Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane. He went there sad and very weary to be alone, to pray. "Dear God, I am so sorrowful, is there no other way? Dear God, if it is possible, let this cup pass away." Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane. The olive tree bent over him, and heard him sadly pray: "Dear God, your Son is sorrowful, but knows your way is best. Let love take hold of me! Help me to be bold and free to do your will, to do your will, to do your will and rest." Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est. (Where true charity and love are found, God is there.)

{Following the children's anthem, 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.}

Welcome

\* Hymn, No. 80 **Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley**

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem (11:00) "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Spiritual/Arr. Lloyd Larson

I want Jesus to walk with me, all along my pilgrim journey,  
O Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
In my rituals, Lord, walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me.  
When my heart is almost breaking, O Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. When my head is bowed in sorrow,  
O Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Scripture Reading Luke 4:1-13

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon "Led By the Spirit" Rev. Ron Nelson

\* Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Hymnal, p. 14

\* Hymn, No. 387 **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

Benediction

Postlude "Ah, Jesus, Dear" Johannes Brahms

\* All who are able may stand

Today's Worship Leaders: Rev. Ron E. Nelson, Associate Pastor; David Mayo, Director of Music; Linda Mayo, Associate Director for Children's Music; Sandy Breaux, Organist

Head Ushers: Carol Howie and Sharon Garfield

**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 infants in Room 3, ages 2-3 in Room 4, and ages 3-4 in Room 7 of the Education Building.

**Large print bulletins** are available in the narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

**We wish Rev. Blumer and his family** a relaxing and restful vacation for the week of February 21, and look forward to his return on February 28.

**We welcome new members** Skip, Ginny, Natasha, and Matthew Long, who joined Sharon Church last Sunday.

**We offer Christian sympathy and prayers** to our organist and friend Sandy Breaux in the passing of her mother Ardith McEntaffer on Wednesday, February 17.

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

**Today's flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the youth of Sharon Presbyterian Church, by Sarah and Tim Brown.

Please join us for fun and fellowship featuring the **Sharon Presbyterian Youth BBQ and Auction** following today's service in the Charles Little Activity Building.

**CDs from last Sunday's Youth Service** are available on request through the church office.

**Prayer Box kits** are available in the narthex. Please take one for your family and join in this church-wide spiritual discipline during the season of Lent.

Beginning this week, **Sharon On Wednesdays** offers two new adult study options: "A Left-Handed Look at Lent," a pastor's Bible study led by Rev. Ron Nelson studying Old Testament lectionary passages for Lent, and "Relationships: Life in the Nest," a special topic study led by Rev. Brant Piper that examines relationships between spouses, friends, coworkers, families, and God. Prayer Shawl/PAT Ministry continues with hands-on service. **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** marks the beginning of **March Madness** with a variety of activities and fun! In place of Games & Gab, Mixed Nuts will offer two new topic choices each week, including strength training, springtime yards, Beatles music, job search 2010, cooking demos, and more. Show your team colors and make your plans now to attend!

**Special thanks to everyone who helped make the Souper Bowl of Caring such a success!** Thanks to you, our youth were able to raise **\$762.27** for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

**Community Lenten Services** begin Thursday, February 25, 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with Rev. Gabriel Carvajal of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church as guest preacher. Lunch at 11:45 and 12:45 includes vegetable soup, crackers, pimento cheese sandwiches and dessert. No reservations are needed.

**SPY Mission Trip** will have a brief but important meeting for all participants and parents after 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; remember, “early bird” payments are due March 1.

In observance of **World Day of Prayer**, Church Women United of Mecklenburg County is sponsoring a community service on Friday, March 5, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. at Sharon Towers, led by members of Sharon Presbyterian and Sharon United Methodist Church. All are invited!

**Second Harvest Food Bank needs diapers of all sizes.** In celebration of the 98<sup>th</sup> birthday of Girl Scouting on March 12, Troop 227 will be collecting diapers. Please bring your donations to the narthex of the sanctuary through the month of March. Thank you for helping us help others.

**Bingo prizes needed** for Room In The Inn guests. Please place them in the RITI box in the hallway outside the choir room. Suggested prizes include gloves, socks, umbrellas, deodorant, boxer shorts, book bags, or fast food gift cards. We’ve been asked not to provide outer garment clothing such as shirts, sweaters, etc.

**Please remember in prayer** *those in the hospital:* Mary Jo Alley, Presbyterian Orthopedic; *those discharged:* Robert Pegram to Sardis Oaks Nursing Center; *those at home:* Becky Edwards, Barbara Ritchie, Candy Lee, Doug Allen, Bill Chiles, Peggy Britt; Marvin Ward; Beth Parker; John Davis; Rich Barefoot; our homebound members and their families; Gina Crocker’s cousin, Cam Robinson; Marcy Doak’s mother, Margaret Svoboda; Rose Boelke’s brother, Clay Rushing; Beverly Pierce’s mother, Sarah Gunter; 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 Bleynat; Mike Kamin, brother-in-law of Mike Young; Jason Pearce, son of J.D. Pearce.

**2010 Session of Sharon Presbyterian Church**

*Class of 2010:* Sarah Brown, Will Burch, Terry Dawson, Steve Ferber, Brooks Gearhart, Susan Grills, Carolyn Nowaczewski, Beth Osowski, J.D. Pearce, Nancy Walker

*Class of 2011:* Rich Barefoot, Chris Buchanan, Gene Manning, Joel McIntyre, Chris Moffat, Lisa Moore, Ray Shrum, Linda Skinner, Stephanie Spivey, Cary Young

*Class of 2012:* Doug Allen, Josh Auten, Bob Ballantyne, Ann Bryant, Gina Crocker, Brian Dillard, Brenda Fairbrother, Ralph McNatt, Marna Polhill, David Tibbals

*Clerk of Session,* David Stanford

# Help feed the homeless



**Place this portion of the form in the offering plate or church office.**

Join us in our outreach ministry by helping serve our monthly dinner to the homeless of Charlotte at the Salvation Army Women’s/ Children’s Shelter and the Men’s Uptown Shelter on Saturday, February 27.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I will deliver the following food to the CLAB on Saturday, February 27, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.:

3-lb. meatloaf, cooked, cold, not sliced (need 24)	Indicate #:
Biscuits (need 7 dozen)	Indicate #:
Cake(s) (need 25)	Indicate #:
Pie(s) (need 22)	Indicate #:

I will be glad to do the following on Saturday, February 27: (Check below:)

Receive food at the CLAB from 11:00 - 1:00 on Saturday, February 27	
Serve at Women’s Shelter	
<i>The Confirmation Class and their mentors will serve at the Men’s Shelter</i>	

**I need a reminder phone call** \_\_\_\_\_

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Keep this portion of the form as a reminder.

I have agreed to do the following on Saturday, February 27

- I.** Bake \_\_\_\_\_ **3-lb. MEATLOAF(s)** – deliver cold/unsliced.
- II.** Bake \_\_\_\_\_ **dozen BISCUITS** – quantity marked on each package
- III.** Bake \_\_\_\_\_ **CAKE(s)**
- IV.** Bake \_\_\_\_\_ **PIE(s)**

Please deliver food on Saturday, February 27, to the Charles Little Activity Building between 11:00a.m. and 1:00p.m.

Coordinator: David Beers (704-552-2201)

## This week at Sharon

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Please remember to turn off the heat/AC and lights, and lock the doors following your meeting.

### Today, February 21

- 11:30 a.m. SPY BBQ and Auction, Gym
- 4:00 p.m. Spirit Ringers, Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. World Service, Session Room

### Monday, February 22

- 6:30 p.m. Facilities and Environment, CLAB Room 6
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Annex
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Scout Hut
- 7:00 p.m. Christian Education, Session Room

### Tuesday, February 23

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Session Room
- 10:15 a.m. Hands & Mind Art Class, Room 6
- 7:00 p.m. Congregational Nurturing, Session Room

### Wednesday, February 24

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Home of Cary Young
- 5:45 p.m. Sharon On Wednesday dinner, CLAB
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

### Thursday, February 25

- 10:00 a.m. FAITH Group, CLAB
- 12:15 p.m. Community Lenten Service
- 1:00 p.m. Bridge, Room 1
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

### Friday, February 26

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

### Saturday, February 27

- 11:00 a.m. Receive food for Shelters
- 2:00 p.m. GS Troop 1460, Gym
- 5:00 p.m. Serve dinner at Shelters

### Sunday, February 28

#### SPC 30 Hour Famine

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Spirit Ringers, Choir Room
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School and Senior High SPY
- 7:00 p.m. SPY Mission Trip Meeting

## Sharon On Wednesday

*Sowing the Seeds of Faith and Fellowship*

### 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: *A Left-Handed Look at Lent* with Ron Nelson
  - Special Topic Study: *Relationships: Life in the Nest* with Brant Piper
  - 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 (begins 1/27)
  - Songbird Time for preschool children (begins 2/3)
- 7:30 – 9:00 Chancel Choir

### Lower dinner prices and meals to go available

With Reservations:	Adults: \$6.00	Children: \$3.00	Family maximum of \$30.25
Without Reservations:	Adults: \$7.00	Children: \$3.50	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 at **704-553-0869** or by email at [karen@sharonpcusa.org](mailto:karen@sharonpcusa.org), or place the form below in the office or offering plate.

### Menu for February 24

Adults: potato bar (russet and sweet), salad bar (Caesar and garden), Italian sausage with peppers and onions, breadsticks, dessert  
 Children: chicken fingers with sauce, Stouffer's macaroni and cheese, dessert

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adult Meals: \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of Child's Meals: \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of take out boxes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total # of meals: \_\_\_\_\_

### The Mission of Sharon Presbyterian Church

To celebrate God's love and His gift of salvation through Jesus Christ and to proclaim these truths to each other and the world through the worship of God, the teaching and nurture of our congregation, and the outreach of our church to the community and to the world.

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