

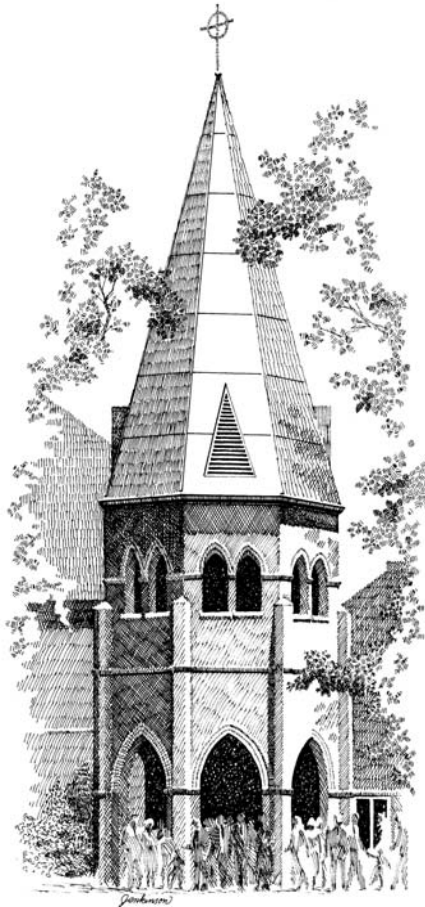
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OUR MISSION

*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.*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 7, 2010

9:00 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "O Man, Thy Grievous Sin Bemoan" J. S. Bach

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT (11:00) "God So Loved the World" Eleanore Daley

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 63: 1, 3-4)

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

All: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN NO. 281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

O God, you are the source of all our strength and goodness. We suffer the delusion of self-sufficiency, believing in our own finite stamina to endure hardship and our own limited insights to live the life of the Spirit. Forgive us our arrogance, help us to recognize our dependence upon you in all things. In Jesus' name. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Apostle Pauls writes: "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone."

People: "God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength."

All: God alone provides the way for us to endure and to live a life pleasing to Him.

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN NO. 579

SHARING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY (9:00) "O Man, Thy Grievous Sin Bemoan" Helmut Walcha
 (11:00) "Amazing Grace" Richard Walters
 Jane Dillard, Soprano

* DOXOLOGY Hymnal, No. 592

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON
Following the children's sermon, 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. 298 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM (11:00) "He Was Wounded" (from 'Credo') Vivaldi/Arr. Hopson

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13: 1-9

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "The Symphony of Salvation; or, The Hotdog and the Snow Cone" Dr. Rob Blumer

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed Hymnal, p. 14

* HYMN NO. 282 "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Prelude in e minor" J. S. Bach

* All who are able may stand

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. We hope you find the worship service meaningful and will visit again. Please see the display in the narthex to learn more about Sharon Presbyterian and to pick up your first-time visitor's gift bag.

Hearing aids and large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins are available in the narthex. Our children's 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. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline for submission of weekly bulletin announcements is 4:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Thank you for your cooperation!

We are pleased to have Jane Dillard, a member of Sharon Presbyterian Church, sing with us this morning. Jane served as music director at Sharon Presbyterian Church for 25 years and, as of May 2009, retired as Professor Emeritus at UNCC after 31 years. She has won numerous national and international awards as performer and educator. She has also served as officer of professional organizations on the local and national levels. We are honored to have her sing for us today.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF REBECCA ANNE EDWARDS
 JULY 5, 1926 – FEBRUARY 28, 2010
Please keep Becky's daughter and family in your prayers.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of D. Murray Walker by Rosalind Walker, and by Marvin Ward to the glory of God and in loving honor of his wedding anniversary.

Today is the deadline for newsletter articles for the March edition of *The Disciple*.

Brochures for Camp Grier summer camp programs are available in the narthex.

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.

Special thanks from Pat White to all Sharon Presbyterian members and friends for prayers for her nephew, Andrew Clark, who has now returned home after serving in Iraq.

Sharon Presbyterian Church is honored to be the host church for our *Annual Community Lenten Services on Thursdays during Lent from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.* in the sanctuary. A light lunch is available in the gym at 11:45 a.m. and again at 12:45 p.m. The preacher for March 11 is Rev. Gus Succop from Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church. The lunch menu for this week is chicken tetrazzini, tossed salad, and pineapple upside down cake.

The men of the church will meet next Sunday, March 14, in room 6 of the CLAB from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for the monthly Men's Breakfast. Sharon Vanpelt will be providing information on youth programs at Sharon Presbyterian.

Time to Spring Forward! Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday, March 13 at bedtime to mark the beginning of daylight savings time on Sunday.

Loaves & Fishes monthly canned food collection is next Sunday, March 14. Please bring non-perishable food items with you to worship to help feed our hungry neighbors.

Sharon will be hosting Room In The Inn for one more month. Unique to Sharon is our bingo game, which our guests really enjoy and appreciate. Bingo prizes are needed – socks, T-shirts, men's boxer underwear, umbrellas, men's and women's deodorant, gift cards (Burger King, McDonalds, Bojangles), hats, playing cards, small make-up kits, women's hair ties, hand-held games, etc. We have been asked not to use outer clothing (shirts, sweaters, coats, etc.) as bingo prizes. Thank you for your assistance.

The 55 Alive Group meeting is Tuesday, March 16 at 11:30 a.m. in the CLAB. The speaker will be Jan Rosser from Sardis Presbyterian, who will be doing a story on "The Life Of Mary" leading up to Easter. Lunch will be available for \$7.00 at 12 noon, followed by Jan at 12:30 p.m. Please come and join us for what promises to be a very interesting time. Call Ray Shrum with questions and lunch reservations at 704 523-8049.

Christian Education Notes and News:

Senior High Youth for Sunday, March 7 will have dinner at 5:00 p.m. at Big View Diner (right across from Sports Connection), followed by bowling from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at Sports Connection. The price is \$10.00. See Sharon Vanpelt after worship today for details.

March Madness options for Sharon On Wednesdays this week include *Springtime Yards* led by David Tibbals, a registered landscape architect with 18 years' experience in Charlotte and Atlanta, and *Building Haiti Disaster Relief Kits* with Courtney Clark. David will share design and maintenance ideas for your home landscape and gardens to promote lower maintenance, and show how to add new plants and design ideas to enjoy your landscape more fully. Feel free to bring your pictures, survey and or yard plan for feedback as time allows. Courtney will lead a time of mission as we put together hygiene kits to send to the people of Haiti who have been devastated by a massive earthquake.

The Confirmation Class and their mentors will be making a church visit today to Elevation Church as part of their curriculum of study.

Children's Bible storybooks for young readers and older elementary children are available in the narthex for families to use during worship services. Please return them to the table at the end of the service.

Communicants' Class will be held Sunday, March 21st, 12 noon – 3:00 p.m. in the CLAB for 7-8 year-olds and older and their parents. Lunch will be provided, and children will participate with their parents in a variety of activities to learn more about the Lord's Supper.

THE MINISTRY OF CHURCH FAMILY
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO A
COVERED DISH LUNCHEON
CELEBRATING PALM SUNDAY
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010
FOLLOWING THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE
IN THE CHARLES LITTLE ACTIVITY BUILDING

Please bring a dish large enough to feed your family plus two. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children after lunch. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

The church is in need of a keyboard person to play for the 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service. It will mostly involve playing short service music and hymns. Please contact David Mayo if you or someone you know is willing to help out in this way.

Wanted! Volunteer Kitchen Manager! Organizational skills a benefit but no experience necessary. Duties include weekly, quarterly, and occasional tasks: straightening cupboards, drawers, pantry; restocking pantry; removing "forgotten" items to lost and found; ordering supplies and spring cleaning, to name a few. Most important strength needed is the ability to throw things away or donate them as necessary! If interested, please contact Sarah Brown, Church Family Moderator, at sfbbrown@carolina.rr.com or 704-554-1740.

From the Presbytery Website: A devastating magnitude 8.8 earthquake struck Chile Saturday, February 27, 2010, shattering buildings and bridges and causing the issuance of tsunami warnings for much of Pacific rim. As of Monday, March 1, the death toll stands at more than 700. Approximately 1.5 million homes have been destroyed. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working with our ecumenical partner Church World Service (CWS) in Chile to provide basic humanitarian assistance and to help local partners in assessing the needs. One Great Hour of Sharing funds will be used for an initial response. If you wish to donate to the relief effort in Chile, you may do so by placing a donation in the offering plate or mailing it to the church. Please mark your gift for Chile Relief and the church will forward it to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. More updates on our denomination's response to this situation and others can be found at <http://www.pcusa.org/pda/>.



Please remember in prayer; *those at home:* Ruthie Gibson, Mary Jo Alley, Barbara Ritchie, Candy Lee, Doug Allen, Bill Chiles, Peggy Britt; Beth Parker; John Davis; Rich Barefoot; our homebound members and their families; Susan Grill's mother; Larry Auten's brother; 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 Bleynt; Jason Pearce, son of J.D. Pearce.

This Week



At Sharon

Sunday, March 7

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Spirit Ringers, Choir Room
- 5:00 p.m. Middle High SPY, CLAB
- 5:00 p.m. Senior High Youth: Dinner at Big View Diner
- 6:30 p.m. Senior High Bowling at Sports Connection
- 7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting, Session Room

Monday, March 8

- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Annex
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Scout Hut
- 7:00 p.m. Christian Education, Session Room
- 7:00 p.m. Troop 34, Committee Meeting, CLAB

Tuesday, March 9

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Session Room
- 9:45 a.m. Hands & Mind Art Class, CLAB Room 6
- 5:00 p.m. Serve Dinner at EWS
- 7:00 p.m. Community Witness, Session Room

Wednesday, March 10

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

Thursday, March 11

- 11:45 a.m. 1st Lenten Luncheon
- 12:15 p.m. Community Lenten Service
- 1:15 p.m. 2nd Lenten Luncheon
- 1:00 p.m. Bridge, Room 1
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, March 12

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

Saturday, March 13: Turn clocks forward one hour before bedtime

Sunday, March 14

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Spirit Ringers, Choir Room
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School and Senior High SPY, CLAB

**SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK
NEEDS DIAPERS OF ALL SIZES**

To help celebrate the 98th 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.

Sharon On Wednesday

Sowing the Seeds of Faith and Fellowship

Schedule for March 10

- 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*
 - Mixed Nuts: *Spring Time Yards* by David Tibbals (or) *Haiti Relief Kits* by Courtney Clark
- 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

Dinner prices (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, or place the form below in the office or offering plate.

Menu for March 10

Adults and Children's Combined Menu: Hamburgers, grilled chicken sandwiches, black bean and corn salad, macaroni salad, chips and dessert

Name: _____

of Adult Meals: _____

of Child's Meals: _____

of take out boxes: _____

Total # of meals: _____