



SHARON PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Celebrating Christ's gift of salvation, our grateful worship of God guides the three-fold mission of Sharon Presbyterian Church:

Invite All Seekers, *Teach* the Gospel, and *Serve* Human Need.

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Second Sunday in Lent

Girl Scout Sunday

March 8, 2020

10:30 am

Assembling In God's Name

Prelude

Aria

Noel Rawsthorne

Trinity Chimes

* Call to Worship

based on Psalm 121:1, 5, 8

Leader: From where will our help come?

People: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Who is our keeper?

People: The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

Leader: How long will God protect us?

All: God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

* Hymn, No. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

* Prayer of Confession (All)

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

(Continue Silent Prayers of Confession)

* Assurance of Pardon

adapted from John 3:16-17

Leader: Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

All: Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* Gloria Patri (All)

Hymn, No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Concerns of the Church

Special Announcement

Vacation Bible School 2020

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Greet Neighbors (Please sign and pass the friendship pads at this time)

* Hymn, No. 45

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

Proclaiming God's Word

Time with Young Children

Nursery Care: Children under 4 are invited to the Nursery in Rooms 3-5 of the Gym.

Wiggling Worshipers: Children who are not yet ready to sit through "big church" (ages 4 to 6) will be escorted from the Sanctuary immediately following the Children's Sermon. Look for the adult volunteers holding the "Children's Church" sign on the right-hand side of the Sanctuary. Mrs. Kiki will lead a 20-minute Children's Church music activity in the children's choir room, then the children will move to classroom 304 (Barbara Ward Building) or the playground (weather permitting), where they will remain for parent pick-up following our worship service.

All Grace Notes singers should come to the choir room after the children's sermon. This will be the new meeting time through June.

Anthem

Kyrie from African Mass

Trad.; Luboff

MUSIC NOTE:

In our continuing, month-long exploration of Latin Mass music, we present the **Kyrie** from Norman Luboff's ***African Mass***. Practically all masses begin with a **Kyrie** just as our services begin with a Prayer of Confession. Both are pleas to God for mercy in the face of our individual and communal shortcomings.

Luboff's **Kyrie** begins solemnly but soon becomes a driving, rhythmic and almost primal cry. As part of our exploration of Mass music in the light of Lent, today's **Kyrie** reminds us that our pleas for mercy can be passionate, fiery and even violent.

Kyrie eléison (Κύριε, ἐλέησον): **Lord, have mercy**

Christe eléison (Χριστέ, ἐλέησον): **Christ, have mercy**

Kyrie eléison (Κύριε, ἐλέησον): **Lord, have mercy**

Charlie Lang, soloist; Bill Congdon, timpani; Khris Wigington, percussion; Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson

Psalms 121

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Lenten Series: "Give-~~UP~~ Something"

Dr. Rob Blumer

Part Two: Boost confidence

Living into God's Word

* Affirmation of Faith (All)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Worship with Tithes and Offering

Offertory

Benedictus from African Mass

Trad.; Luboff

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini, Hosanna in excelsis.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Adrian Fullerwinder, soloist; Bill Congdon, timpani; Chancel Choir

* Doxology

Hymn, No. 606

*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 Dedication

Going in God's Name

* Hymn, No. 542, verse 3

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

* Charge and Benediction

Postlude

* All who are able may stand

Today's Worship Leaders: Dr. Rob Blumer, *Senior Pastor*; Matt Moorman, *Youth Director*; David Tang, *Director of Music*; Kristine "Kiki" Neale, *Associate Director of Music/Director of Youth Music Programs*; R. Lance Burnette, *Organist*

Rev. Ron Nelson is away this weekend with his daughters at a volleyball tournament.

Thank you so much to Daisy Troop 1460 and Brownie Troop 2528 for serving as ushers today. We look forward to having these special groups on campus for many years to come.

We extend a very warm welcome to all of our guests today. We hope you feel you are truly a part of the family of faith and will visit again. Please sign the Friendship pad when it is passed down the pew. If you are seeking a church home in this community and would like to discuss uniting with Sharon Presbyterian, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad, speak to a pastor at the conclusion of the service, or contact the church office. We are delighted you are here!

Today's musical guest 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 always welcome and provide the opportunity for quality music experiences at Sharon Presbyterian Church to continue for years to come.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of D. Murray Walker by Roz Walker.

Please remember in prayer: *in the hospital:* Fred Smith, Frank Black III, Judy Thrash; *at home:* Ian Moir (McWhorter House), Leah Price and Jeff Queen, Ron Ledford, Marjorie Hefferon, Sylvia Burke, Betty Houston, Carol Ann Allen, Josie Tiller (Home/Novant Main), Chris Price, Grier Stanford, Brian Hooper (Cindy and Doug Hooper's son), Bruce Yarbrough (Sandra Cochell's father), Kelly Bird (Khris Wigington's sister), Gregory Smith (Stephanie Lee's brother), The Robson Family (former Weekday School family), and our homebound members; Jeremy and Luta Garbat-Welch (PCUSA Missions in Malawi); Our Mission Partners in Peru; Chenoa Stock and José Luis Claire (PCUSA Missions in Peru). The prayer list is reset on the second Monday of each month. To submit or resubmit a prayer request, please contact Ron Nelson (ron@sharonpcusa.org). By request, prayer concerns may remain private and will not appear in the published list.

VOX PRESENTS

PASSION MUSIC

GUESTS
DAWN ANTHONY, VOCALIST
THE LOVELL BRADFORD SEPTET

**SONGS of REPENTANCE
and REDEMPTION**

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020
7PM | SHARON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FREE TO THE PUBLIC | DONATIONS ACCEPTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Bible Study - *Wednesdays, beginning March 11th, 9:30 am Gathering Room 202, Chapel*
We will begin a four week study titled "Why Easter Matters" by Andy Stanley. We welcome new and former participants, members and friends. Study guides may be ordered online at christianbook.com. Should you have questions, feel free to contact Carol Howie at chowie723@gmail.com or 704-578-3350.

Sharon Presbyterian Youth - Today

5:00-6:00 pm **Middle School Youth Group** (*Youth Room*); What Truth?

6:00-6:30 pm **SPY Dinner** (*Gym*)

6:00-7:00 pm **High School Youth Group** (*Youth Room*); What is Truth?

Questions/Concerns? Contact Matt at mattm@sharonpcusa.org.

SPY Tartan Fundraiser & Lunch - Saturday, March 14th, 1:00-2:30 pm, Chapel

The youth of Sharon Presbyterian Church are happy to invite our church family to our first annual Tartan Fundraiser & Lunch! The youth will provide and serve lunch for all guests, and will assist anyone who would like it in either A) ordering a tartan for your family's use in our October Kirkin' of the Tartans service, or B) creating a "tartan" or "family fabric" for use in the same. While our Presbyterian roots stem from Scotland and Ireland, our Presbyterian family is richly diverse, and we want to celebrate ALL members of our Family of Christ, as we also celebrate our unique Presbyterian heritage. Donations will be accepted at the door. *Questions/Concerns? Contact Matt at mattm@sharonpcusa.org.*

**"Screenagers" Documentary Event with Parents of SPC Children & Youth
CHANGED DATE & TIME!**

Sunday, May 3rd, 4:00-6:00 pm, Chapel

In partnership with the Sharon Week Day School, all parents of youth and children at Sharon are invited to a screening of the documentary "Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age," followed by a facilitated discussion. This is a film about the profound negative effects of "screen time" on child & adolescent development, and how we can change this trend. **Please RSVP with Matt at mattm@sharonpcusa.org no later than next Sunday, April 26th.**

Vacation Bible School – August 3rd – 7th, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, Entire Campus

Join Sharon Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School as we go full steam ahead on the Rocky Railway! Kids will explore Jesus' power and how they can trust Jesus to pull them through when life feels like a valley or a mountaintop. **Participant and volunteer registration is now open.** Please go to <http://www.sharonpcusa.org/events> to register.

Questions, contact Lauren Wheatley at 803-312-1073 or lauren.c.wheatley@gmail.com.

Empty Nesters– Sunday, March 22, 11:45 am, Gym – 11:45 am

Attention - Empty Nesters - Join Khris Wigington as he demonstrates his culinary techniques while providing an elegant five course Easter dinner. Menu is as follows: Amuse-bouche - leek & wild mushroom tart or smoked salmon crostini with mascarpone and pear, Starter - polenta rounds with chorizo, carrot, and fontina cheese, Salad course - grilled Cesar salad, Main course - apple and honey glazed ham with roasted asparagus and baby potatoes and for dessert - angel food cake with creme fraiche and The registration cost is \$15.00. To register, contact Rich Frame (rdframer@gmail.com/609-500-6186) or Jean McDowell (jemmcd52@gmail.com/704-576-2311). The deadline for registration is noon on Thursday, March 19.

The 2020 Eastern North Carolina Mission Trip will now take place April 23-26, 2020. We will again be traveling to Brunswick County to do repairs and improvements for local residents and helping agencies. Our group will be housed in three homes at Ocean Isle Beach. Cost is \$150 per person. Contact Maria Harvey (Maria@hahnmason.com) for more information or to sign up.

If you are new to Sharon Presbyterian Church and curious as to how to “plug-in” or connect, please contact Susie Banks marysesther@gmail.com or Claudia Fanning Claudia.fanning@gmail.com. They will be happy to answer any questions and help get you connected.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30-10:15am

CHILDREN

0 – 4 years old: Nursery is available *in the Gym*

T-K - 2nd grade: Room 304, Ward Building

Jesus Leads the Community

Contact Natalie Jendron nataliebac@hotmail.com / Ginger Godbold gingergodbold@yahoo.com

3rd - 5th grade: Room 303, Ward Building

Jesus Leads the Community

Contact Amanda Buchanan buchananamanda@hotmail.com

YOUTH

Middle School: Room 301, Ward Building

Submerge Curriculum

Contact Billy Morse williamjosephmorse@gmail.com

High School: Room 1, Gym

Sunday, March 15th *Our Life on Social Media*

Contact Georgia Droppelman Georgia.dropp@gmail.com

ADULTS

DETAILED INFORMATION www.sharonpcusa.org/sunday-school

HORIZONS: *Gathering Room 202, Ward Building*

Growing Older & Wiser by Life Guide Ministries.

Sunday, March 8th *Lifelong Trust* Psalm 71:14-24

Starting Sunday, March 15th *Easter Lesson - A Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel

Contact David Stanford 704-361-0303 or davids@hgrconstruction.com

LECTIONARY LESSONS: *Room 111, Union Presbyterian Seminary*

In depth exploration of scripture for each Sunday's worship. Dr. Blumer, teacher

Contact Susie Banks: marysesther@gmail.com.

COVENANT WESTMINSTER: *Room 6, Gym*

Christ in Crisis: Why We Need to Reclaim Jesus by Jim Wallis.

Contact David Beers 704-552-2201 or dbeers22@bellsouth.net

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: *Parlor, Gym*

Contact Jeannie Satterfield 980-297-1155 or jeannie0708@bellsouth.net

CORNERSTONE: *Room 201, Ward Building*

Contact Liz DeNittis 706-340-6338 or elizabethdenittis@gmail.com