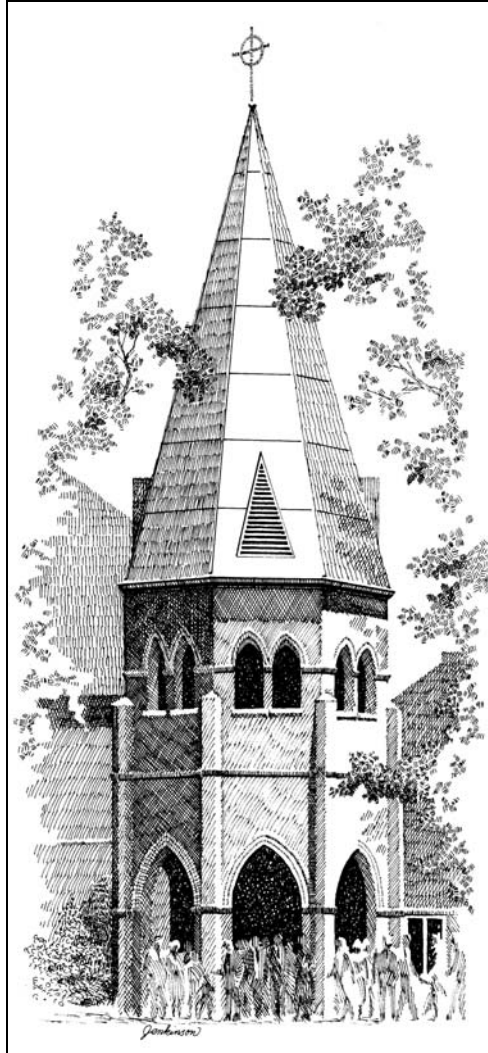


Sharon Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina



February 28, 2010
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Service For the Lord's Day

Second Sunday in Lent

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude "Oboe Concerto in C Major" (second movement) W.A. Mozart
Candice Schmitt, Oboe

Chiming of the Hour

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

Call to Worship based on Psalm 50

Leader: The LORD speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
God shines forth.

People: Our God comes and does not keep silent. He calls: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant."

All: The heavens declare his righteousness.

Greeting

Concerns of the Church

* Hymn No. 462 "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Prayer of Confession: We confess, O God, that your gospel message is not always reflected in our deeds or even in our words. The bright light of your love and compassion does not flow freely from our hearts, not even towards our brothers and sisters in Christ. Forgive us for dimming the bright love of Christ freely given to us. Renew the gospel within us that we may share your love with a world desperate to see clearly your truth. In Jesus' name. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon from 2 Corinthians 4:6

Leader: It is God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness." By our confession our lives are restored by God's healing light.

All: And, God shines anew "in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God."

Gloria Patri Hymnal, No. 579

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offering

Offertory	“Crucifixion” Spirit Ringers	Jefferey A. Hall
* Doxology		Hymnal, No. 592
* Prayer of Dedication		
Children’s Sermon		
<i>{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.}</i>		
Welcome		
* Hymn No.306	“Fairest Lord Jesus”	
Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem (11:00)	“In the Shadow of Your Wings” Chancel Choir; Candice Schmitt, Oboe	John Leavitt
Scripture Reading		2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9
Prayer for Illumination		
Sermon	“Give Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God”	Dr. Rob Blumer
* Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles’ Creed	Hymnal, p. 14
* Hymn No. 376	“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee”	Marcel Dupre

* All who are able may stand
(Please remember to silence your cell phone/beeper during worship.)

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. Please visit 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 also 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.

We are grateful to Candice Schmitt for sharing her time and talent as Oboe soloist today. Candice performs as a freelance oboist in local operas, musicals, various area orchestras and universities. She also enjoys instructing the next generation of double reed musicians.

The special music has been made possible by the Esther Brown Fund. Esther was a lifelong member of the choir and a long time friend of the music ministry. Contributions to this fund are welcome and will provide the opportunity for quality music experiences at Sharon Presbyterian Church for years to come.

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. John Mallard shared, “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.”

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Jim & Pat White to the glory of God and in celebration of the 6th birthday of their grandchildren, Mara and Nathan White.

We express our sympathy to Sandra Cochelle in the death of her aunt, Maxine Medlin, on February 21, 2010.

Thanks to all who participated in the SPY BBQ and Silent Auction. With your help, the youth were able to raise approximately \$5200 to help with their mission trip this summer.

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

CDs from the Youth Sunday Service on February 14 are available by 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.

SPY Mission Trip will have a brief but important meeting for all participants and parents after youth group tonight 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.

Community Lenten Services continue this Thursday from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary with Rev. Sam Fuson of Southpark Christian Church as guest preacher. This week’s lunch, served at 11:45 and again at 12:45, includes hamburger quiche, roll, tossed salad, and pineapple upside down cake. No reservations are needed.

Easter lilies in honor and memory of loved ones

It's time to order lilies for the Sanctuary on Easter, April 4, 2010. Last year a new tradition was started with the Ministries of Congregational Nurturing and Worship and Music joining together to deliver Easter lilies to our shut-in members. In order to do this, the price of the lilies for our Sanctuary was increased to \$15 each with the extra amount going to purchase the lilies to be taken to the shut-ins.



Deadline for ordering is Palm Sunday, March 28. Please place check and order form in offering plate or the church office, make checks payable to Sharon Presbyterian Church, and note it is for Easter lilies. Contact Sherrill Suiter, 704-752-4902, if you have questions.

I would like to order _____ (number) lilies for Easter, April 4, 2010.

My name & phone: _____

In Memory Of	Given By
In Honor Of	Given By

Are you brain dead by Wednesday nights? Do you need some re-energizing in the middle of the week? **Sharon On Wednesdays March Madness** is the place for you! Come for some great fun and fellowship over a delicious supper. Stay for a variety of options for children and youth, including 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. The NEW Mixed Nuts offers two different activity choices each week, in addition to the regular offerings. March 3 features *Strength Training* led by Leigh Hawkins, or *The Gospel According to the Beatles* led by Sharon Vanpelt. At Sharon On Wednesdays, there’s something for everyone! Come join the fun!

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!

Please remember in prayer those discharged: Mary Jo Alley; Robert Pegram to Sardis Oaks Nursing Center; *those at home:* Ken Beaty, Becky Edwards, Barbara Ritchie, Candy Lee, Doug Allen, Bill Chiles, Peggy Britt; 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; Courtney Clark’s mother, Nancy Wood; 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 Blyenat; Mike Kamin, brother-in-law of Mike Young; Jason Pearce, son of J.D. Pearce. Mike Kamin, brother in law of Mike Young who has served in Iraq for a year, has now returned home. The Young family would like to thank everyone for their prayers

The church is in need of a keyboard person to play for the 7:00 am 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.

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

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

Sunday, February 28

SPC 30 Hour Famine

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. SPY Mission Trip Meeting, CLAB Room 1

Monday, March 1

SPY Mission Trip Payment Due

- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Annex
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Scout Hut
- 7:00 p.m. Circle 1: home of members
- 7:00 p.m. Circle 3: home of members

Tuesday, March 2

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Session Room
- 9:45 a.m. Hands & Mind Art Class, CLAB Room 6
- 10:00 a.m. Circle 5: CLAB Room 1
- 10:00 a.m. Circle 7: Sharon Towers Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Circle 4: CLAB Parlor
- 12:00 p.m. Circle 2: home of members
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts: CLAB Room 6
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts: Annex Room 2
- 7:30 p.m. Circle 6: home of members

Wednesday, March 3

- 5:45 p.m. Sharon On Wednesday dinner, CLAB
- 6:30 p.m. SOW Kid's Club, Session Room
- 7:00 p.m. Ministry Moderator's Meeting, CLAB Room 6
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, March 4

- 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 5

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

Saturday, March 6

- 2:00 p.m. GS Troop 1460, Gym

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 School and Senior High SPY, CLAB
- 7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting, Session Room

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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Sharon On Wednesday
Sowing the Seeds of Faith and Fellowship

Schedule for March 3

- 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: *Strength Training* by Leigh Hawkins (or)
The Gospel According to the Beatles by Sharon Vanpelt
- 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 3

Adults: Shepherd’s Pie (seasoned ground beef, mashed potatoes, onions, cheddar cheese), collard greens, cornbread, dessert
Children: corndogs, chips, dessert

Name: _____

of Adult Meals: _____
of Child’s Meals _____
of take out boxes _____
Total # of meals _____