

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2016

11:00AM

"This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness; Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" --Matthew 3:3

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

*Call To Worship "Spirit Song" UMH #347
O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

*Opening Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v.1,2,4) UMH #211

We Praise God

*Affirmation of Faith "Apostles' Creed" UMH #881

*Passing of the Peace

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

*Doxology UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Rev. Bryson Williams

(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children ages 4, 5, & 1st grade go to children's church).
Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world.

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bryson Williams

Anthem "In Remembrance Of Me" Choir

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading "Matthew 3:1-12" Pew Bible, p.2 (N.T.)

Sermon "Crying Out" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

Together At The Table—

The Receiving of the Elements of Holy Communion.....Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table. The ushers will direct you forward.

Prayer After Communion (unison)

Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted us as Your children, made us members of the Body of Christ: we thank You that in this time of Holy Communion You renew Your promises within us, empower us by Your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Closing Hymn "My Hope Is Built" (v. 1,2,4) UMH #368

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Jesus, Name above All Names" TFWS #2071

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord. Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Postlude

*The Congregation standing. If it is uncomfortable for you to stand, please remain seated and continue your participation.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The white poinsettias are placed at the altar for the glory of God and in memory of Brenda Snow Roper's birthday by Leslie, Sonya, Eric, Tim, Trey and Carter.

WELCOME: Good morning and welcome to all guests, members, youth and children worshipping with us today. We are glad that you decided to join us for worship! We hope you will experience the hope and love of Jesus Christ as we worship together. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of the Sharon family.

ON-GOING PRAYER-SHARON UMC FAMILY

Ben Brockman David & Gertrude Smith
Betty Jean Brockman June Gossett
Roie Johnson Vivian Eubanks
Sharon Cole Earl Johnson
Ruby Coggins Dora Edwards
Margaret DeYoung Dorothy McHugh

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Betty Glover
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
J. B. Waddell
Mark Cox
David Snow

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Mike West
Lewis Sutton
Glenn Gardner
Sharon Ellis
Gettis Solesbee
Christi Edwards
Doug Smith
Bill Ruppe

Joyce Lee's son
Laura Williams' father
Donna Staton's brother
Kaitlyn Pless' aunt
Vera Brockman's brother
Dan & Ann Edwards' daughter-in-law
Myra Boland's cousin
Suzie Horn's step-father

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Cheryl Brown, friend of Jerry & Angie Dalenta
Robbie Strange, friend of Christy Kurtz
Cornelia Hawkins, friend of Leslie Roper
Harold Moore, friend of Leslie Roper
Richard Allen, friend of Leslie Roper
Bill Burgess, friend of Dot Pearson
Doris Khoe, friend of Ruth Snow
Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap, our missionaries to Asia Minor
Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway, our missionaries to Thailand
Sharon's Community Cupboard, Our Food Pantry

MEMORIALS: A memorial was given in memory of Lanell Lowry and Howard Jackson by Ella Rose Lee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY FOR OUR CHILDREN: Parents, we are so glad that you are our guest today. We have a nursery for our children. The nursery is for newborn to three years old, and is located on the main floor in the gathering space. If you need help with locating the nursery, please see one of our greeters in the narthex. We are so glad that your family came to worship with us today!

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

Sharon's Community Cupboard – Can fruit, 1Lb. bags of Rice, 1 Lb. bags of dried beans, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Ketchup.
Backpack Ministry – Can Tuna or chicken, applesauce, fruit cups and Drinks (Hugs).

TRIP TO HOLY LAND: We are planning a trip to the Holy Land. See Pastor Bryson if you would like a brochure. The dates are set for April 18-28, 2017. Please mark your calendars. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Bryson who will be leading this trip.

UMMEN: The UMM will meet next Sunday at 8:00AM. This is a church-wide breakfast. Plan to join them for a time of food and fellowship.

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Sierra Leone. Sierra Leone is on the West Coast of Africa. The majority of the population (approximately 75%) is Muslim. Christian churches, although a minority, have played an important role in healing, peace, and rehabilitation. Christians make up 21% of the population. The United Methodist Church constitutes the majority of Christians. Malaria is one of the most serious public health problems in Sierra Leone, according to the World Health Org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: Wednesday night activities for Children, Youth and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 and Choir Practice at 7:30. See you there!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study will continue this Wednesday, December 7 with our new study Down To Earth by Mike Slaughter. We will be in Chapter 2. The study is in the Seekers Sunday School Class.

YOUTH NEWS: Youth activities have a new name and a new night! Crossfire will meet SUNDAY night from 6:30–7:30PM in the Youth Room instead of Wednesday night. We hope the new change allows everyone to come and invite friends! Dinner will be provided. Get in touch with Grey with any questions.

THANK YOU: Thank you so much for the memorials given for David's mom and for my dad. We appreciate your kindness. Blessings, David & Jo Richey

50+: On Tuesday, December 6, 50+ will be going to the home of Rob & Amy Lancaster for fun, fellowship and food. Don't forget to bring a wrapped ornament for exchange and finger foods. Meet at the church at 5:45PM. The bus will be available for transportation.

COVERED DISH: On December 11, following the 11:00AM Worship Service featuring our Annual Children's Christmas Play, we will have a covered dish meal. The church will provide chicken and ham. We will also have a special visitor.

CHRISTMAS EVE: On December 24th we will have two candlelight worship services at 5:00 and 9:00PM.

CHRISTMAS DAY: December 25th is on a Sunday this year and YES we will have church at 11:00AM. We go to church on Sunday (RIGHT?). Come as you are: kids in p.j., apron's on, children bring one of your gifts. It will be a great day of worship.

CHRISTMAS PARADE: The Children's Ministry will be participating in the Reidville Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 10th at 3:00. Please join us for a fun ride through the town. We will line up at the Academy Park ball field and end at Tyger River park. All children and youth are welcome to join us. Please plan on meeting us to load our float by 2:30. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Amy or Mrs. Kelle.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: Reidville Presbyterian Church invites everyone to visit our Christmas light display. Come hear the story of the birth of our Savior and experience a beautiful light show. Open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 6pm to 10pm. After you enjoy the show, come in for Open House with Christmas goodies on Sunday, Dec 4, 11 and 18.

DISTRICT FIVE ANGEL GIFT SHOPPE: The District Five Ministries Angel Gift Shoppe would appreciate your support through prayers, volunteering, monetary donations, donations of toys, or new clothing to help families in District Five this Christmas Season. All donations are due to the Angel Shoppe by December 8th. Please contact Donna Dawkins or Beth Hollifield at 864-439-7760 with any questions.

Our Mission Statement – Sharon United Methodist Church glorifies God as a friendly, caring, Christ-centered fellowship with strong family and spiritual values working to grow our church, our community, and our world one disciple at a time.

Sunday, December 11, 2016 Lectionary Texts
Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 1:47-55, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	Crossfire
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5	4:00-6:00PM	Sharon Community Cupboard
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6	6:30PM	50+, Home of Rob & Amy Lancaster
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7	6:30PM	Wednesday night activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11	8:00AM	UMM Church-wide Breakfast
	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Children's Christmas Play
	Noon	Lunch
	6:30PM	Crossfire

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles
NURSERY WORKERS December 11: Kay Bright & Angie Davis

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Communion
CHILDREN'S CHURCH December 11: No Children's Church

HEAD USHER: Eddie Bright
HEAD USHER December 11: Gerald Snow

<u>Sunday, November 27, 2016:</u>		<u>CHURCH STAFF:</u>
Sunday School	68	<i>Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor</i>
Worship	114	<i>Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary</i>
Offering	\$4,893.00	<i>Katie Stewart, Music Director</i>
Received YTD	\$305,760.90	<i>Clara Godfrey, Pianist</i>
Needed YTD	\$300,907.20	<i>Bill Lee, Organist</i>
Difference	+\$4,853.70	<i>Amy Blackwell, Children's Co-Director</i>
Needed Weekly	\$6,268.90	<i>Kelle Waters, Children's Co-Director</i>
Cemetery Fund (10/31/2016)	\$3,013.96	<i>Debra Fowler, Custodian</i>
Capital Imp. Fund Received	\$225.00	<i>Grey Pennell, Director of Student Ministries</i>
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$91,346.26	<i>Laura Williams, Preschool Director</i>

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (SCA) STAFF:
Lisa Welch, Bailey Cox and Laura Williams – 2K
Melissa Farmer and Stephanie Wykel – 3K and 4K
Kay Bright – Music