

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018

11:00AM

"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory."
—Luke 21:27

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Bill Lee, Organist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

Reception of New Members UMH #38

*Call To Worship "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH #211

O come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*Opening Hymn "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" UMH #216

We Praise God

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

*Passing of the Peace

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Offering

The Offertory Bill Lee, Organist

*Doxology UMH #95

*Prayer after offering Rev. Bryson Williams

Children's Message Preacher Bryson
(Sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children ages 4,5 and 1st grade to go children's church.)
Jesus Loves Me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer Rev. Bryson Williams

Anthem "Let Us Break Bread Together" Choir

We Hear Gods Word

Gospel Reading "Luke 21:25-36" Pew Bible, p.80(N.T.)

Sermon "What Are You Getting Ready For?" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

The Great Thanksgiving UMH #13

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

*Closing Hymn "In The Bleak Midwinter" UMH #221

*Benediction Rev. Bryson Williams

*Benediction Response "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" UMH #251
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

*Postlude

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: The two white poinsettias are placed in the church for the Glory of God and in memory of Brenda Roper's birthday on December 3 by Sonya, Tim, Trey & Leslie.

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	3:00PM	Decorate Gingerbread Houses
	6:30PM	CrossFire
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	4-6PM	Sharon's Community Cupboard
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4	6:30PM	Interval Training
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5	6:30-7:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6	10:00AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	6:30PM	Interval Training
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8	8:00AM	Interval Training
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9	11AM & Noon	Children's Program & Lunch

Sunday, NOV. 25, 2018

Sunday School	39
Worship	95
Offering	\$4,917.00
Received YTD	\$315,964.74
Needed YTD	\$317,215.69
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	-\$1,250.95
Cemetery Fund (10/31/2018)	\$2,031.94
Capital Imp. Received	\$140.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$101,014.89

SERVANT MINISTRIES

Nursery Workers Today	Sarah Boland & Karen Waldep
Nursery Workers December 9	Ann Edwards & Suzie Horn
Children's Church Today	Communion
Children's Church December 9	Children's Program
Head Usher Today	Jeff Boland
Head Usher December 2	Eddie Bright

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, December 9

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

SCA Staff

Kay Bright	Bailey Cox
Melissa Farmer	Katie Reckart
Lisa Welch	Stephanie Wykel



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CHURCH STAFF:

Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor

Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary

Katie Reckart, Music Director

Victoria Fowler, Pianist

Bill Lee, Organist

Amy Blackwell, Children's Co-Director

Kelle Waters, Children's Co-Director

Debra Fowler, Custodian

Grey Pennell, Director of Student Ministries

Laura Williams, Preschool Director

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.

**ON-GOING PRAYER-
SHARON UMC FAMILY**

Ben Brockman
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
Roie Johnson
Margaret DeYoung
Dorothy McHugh
Gregg Gowan
Gerald & Ruth Snow
Phyllis Brockman
Joyce Lee
Beverly Cureton
Johnny Wade
SHUT IN
Dora Edwards
June Gossett
J. B. Waddell

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Jackie Keith, friend of Leslie Roper
Sandy Colter, friend of Janett Eason
Earl Neely, friend of Ron King
Mitch Mabee, friend of Clara Godfrey
Kelli Cardoso, friend of Jackie & Ginger Floyd
Doris Lewis, Linette Garrett's co-worker's mom
Kay Hammett, Larry Bradley's sister
Sharon Community Cupboard
Sharon Christian Academy

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Mike West	Joyce Lee's son
Shelby Hendrix	Jackie Floyd and Allen Sheriff's sister
Steve Farmer	Katy Lee's father
Mary & Bill Ruppe	Suzie Horn's mother & step-father
Sharon Lee	Dot Pearson's sister
Wick DeYoung	Ken DeYoung's brother
David Rowland	Debi Hembree's brother

MISSIONARIES IN ACTION

Asia Minor - Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap
Thailand - Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway

MEMORIALS

Memorials for Al Boland:

Leonard and Ginny Byrne, Judy and Dusty White, Jimmy and Marie Boland, Brenda Cockrell, Everette Bledsoe, R.M. Mattison, Jeanne Roberts, Reba Greene, Ruth Roper, Larry and Pam Parham, Rick and Denise Belcher, Eddie and Karen Waldrep, Allan, Gayle and Karl Fowler, Gary and Sherry Brockman, Rufus and Carolyn Genobles, David and Madeleine Snow, Margaret DeYoung, Pat Burgess, Gerald and Ruth Snow, Jeanett Eason, Vera Brockman, Scott and Angie Davis, David and Jo Richey, Jo Ellen Brockman, Ed and Ann Harris

Memorials for Eric Wade:

Cindy Austin and Mark Dedick, Eddie and Kren Waldrep, Allan, Gayle and Karl Fowler, David and Madeleine Snow, Martha Ann Bennett

Memorials for Sara Leonard:

Martha Ann Bennett

OUR MILITARY

Erin Pennell
Jonathan Houck
Jamie Matekaitis

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

Sharon's Community Cupboard

Ramen noodles (packs)
spaghetti noodles
Yams
cranberry sauce
canned milk

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Singapore. Singapore became a British colony in 1867. Occupied by Japan in World War II, it acquired the status of a self-governing colony in 1959 and became independent in 1965. The island state developed rapidly from a situation of mass poverty and lack of resources into a highly successful free-market economy based on manufacturing, export, and finance. Singapore has a very diverse population and a centrally regulated society. The freedom of individuals and groups is conditioned by the objective of stability and harmonious relationships between the different ethnic and religious groups. The Catholic, Anglican, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches were established in Singapore during the colonial period and continue today.

50+: Today, we will meet at the church at 1:15PM and leave for Pelzer at 1:30PM for the play, "*Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings*". We will have supper at Silver Bay in Simpsonville which has a large selection of dishes including seafood meals.

GINGERBREAD HOUSES: Everyone is invited to decorate a gingerbread house today at 3:00PM in the Ben Brockman Building. We will use the houses for table center pieces for our lunch on December 9. Please sign-up in the gathering space if you would like to decorate a house.

REIDVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE: The children will be participating in the annual Reidville Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 8th. The parade will start at 3:00PM. The floats will line up at the Dillard Road entrance of Tyger River Park. Please meet us there by no later than 2:45PM. See Amy or Kelle for more details.

LUNCH WITH CHURCH FAMILY: Following worship on December 9, we will have lunch together. Everyone is invited to join in the Ben Brockman Building for a time of fellowship and food. We are also expecting a special visitor.

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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!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: Our Christmas Eve Worship Service will be on December 24 at 5:00PM. This will be a casual, come as you are service. Members, family, friends and everyone in the community is invited.

THANK YOU: Thank you for your prayers and kind words of sympathy during this difficult time. Thank you also for the wonderful lunch you provided. It was nice to come together with family and friends to remember mom. Sincerely Marinda Everette

Sharon Christian Academy: Our annual Christmas program will be on Monday, December 10 at 6:00pm in the Gym. All are welcome to come and experience the Christmas story told by our sweet children.

