

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

PURPLE

February 28, 2016

11:00AM

"For forty days the Philistine came forward and took his stand, morning and evening."
-- 1 Samuel 17:16

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Bill Lee, Organist

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship "Spirit of the Living God"
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

We Praise God

*Opening Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King" (v. 1,2,3&5) UMH#62

*Responsive Reading "Psalm 63:1-8" UMH #788

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #883

*Moments of Fellowship and Passing of the Peace

Old Testament Reading "Isaiah 55:3-9" Pew Bible, p.644-645 (O.T.)

Offering

The Offertory Bill Lee, Organist

*Doxology UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Christy Snow
(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.

Call to Prayer "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" TFWS#2193
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace. (once)

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

Anthem "I'll Fly Away" Choir

We Hear God's Word

Old Testament Reading "1 Samuel 17:1-11, 16" Pew Bible, p.248-249 (O.T.)

Sermon "Morning and Evening" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

*Hymn of Dedication & Service "What Can Wash Away My Sin" UMH #362

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "This Is My Father's World" Congregation & Choir
This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

Postlude

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers are placed at the altar for the glory of God and in memory of Deborah Hubbard by Scott and Angie Davis.

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
Betty Jean Brockman
Neely Thompson
Doris Fowler
Ruby Coggins
Margaret DeYoung

David & Gertrude Smith
June Gossett
Howard Jackson
Brian Harrison
Dora Edwards
Dorothy McHugh

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Betty Glover
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
J. B. Waddell
Allan Fowler
Vivian Eubank (Manning Place)

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Foye Fowler, White Oak Estates, 400 Webber Rd., Spartanburg, 20307
Pat Lee
Sharon Lee
Mike West
Lewis Sutton
Lorraine Sroko, 223 Abners Trail Rd., Greer, SC 29651
Glenn Gardner
Sharon Ellis
Lisa Davis, 15 Crescent St., Lyman, SC 29365
Joann Waldrep

Joe Fowler's mother
Dot Pearson's sister-in-law
Dot Pearson's sister
Joyce Lee's son
Laura Williams' father
Kathy Jordan's mother
Donna Staton's brother
Kaitlyn Pless' aunt
Deb Fowler's sister
Eddie Waldrep's mother

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Bob Wade, relative of Johnny Wade
Gene Crane, Atlanta, GA., friend of Pat Burgess
Beverly Mason, friend of Pat Burgess
Gary Conley, friend of Pat Burgess
Betty McGaha, Friend of the Floyd family
Holly Wood, Eddie Waldrep's coworker's wife
Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap, our missionaries to Asia Minor
Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway, our missionaries to Thailand

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS: Memorial to the church in memory of Brenda Roper by Gerald & Ruth Snow, Eddie & Karen Waldrep, 50+, Suzie Horn and Rufus & Carolyn Genobles.

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!

CANNED GOODS AND NON-PERISHABLES: We thank you for your generosity in January. For the month of February, we are collecting dried beans and rice, canned meats, macaroni & cheese and Jiffy cornbread mix for God's Pantry and individual grits or oatmeal, canned pasta, easy mac for the Weekend Backpack Ministry. Please place items in the gray boxes located in the narthex and gathering space.

BACKPACK MINISTRY: Our Backpack Ministry is in need of money for the purchase of food. Please consider making a gift to this worthy ministry.

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Portugal. Portugal emerged as a unified kingdom in the 12th century. Portugal became a major maritime power in the 15th century, opening new seaways to the east and the west, and built a vast colonial empire. For a long time, the Catholic Church enjoyed the privilege of concordat between the Vatican and the Portuguese state. The tiny Presbyterian, Methodist, and Anglican churches grew out of 19th century missionary work, and form together the Council of Christian Churches.

YOUTH NEWS: Please continue to join us for dinner on Wednesday at 6:30PM in BBB and Sunday School at 10:00AM. We look forward to having you join us.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: We continue Wednesday night activities this week. Bible study is lesson 6 from Luke: Journey Through The Bible.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Confirmation continues every Sunday promptly at 10:00AM. Bring your Bibles. Please pray for our confirmation class.

GOD'S PANTRY: We will be packing food boxes on Monday, March 7. The bus will leave the Church at 9:00AM and should return around noon. The Pantry will distribute food every Monday from 4:00-6:00PM. If you would like to help with distribution come to the Brockman Center at 3:30 to assist. Come join in the fun.

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: Sharon Christian Academy is currently enrolling for the fall. Sharonumchurch.com has more information or you may contact Laura at sharonchristianacademy@gmail.com. We have begun transforming our classrooms upstairs. Come check us out!! Please continue to pray for our program, staff and children!

50+: 50+ will meet for lunch at Greer Station Diner, 219 Trade Street, Greer at 12:30 on Thursday, March 3 (please note change of day). Thursday is Senior Day. There is parking at the back and you can go in the back door. Join us for food and fellowship.

UMM: The UMM will be meeting at 9:00AM on Saturday, March 12 at the church for their March meeting. This will be a work day at the church. All are invited to come and help.

S.T.E.P: Shelter To Empower People is opening in Greer. STEP provides temporary housing for homeless families seeking to change their situation. The vision of STEP is to equip people to return to the workforce and a home of their own. STEP is part of Daily Bread Ministries and the Greer Soup Kitchen. Anyone interested in assisting with training participants in life skills, please let Pastor Bryson know.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA: The Children's Ministry will hold their annual Easter Eggstravaganza on March 19th from 10:00-12:00. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to donate candy for eggs or prizes, please see Christy Snow.

BRIDAL SHOWER: On April 30th, 2016 Kaitlyn and Dylan will be saying "I Do". Let's start the bride off right by showering her with our love as she gets ready to start this next journey with Dylan. We will have a Drop-In Bridal Shower for Kaitlyn on Saturday, March 12th from 2:00 – 4:00PM. Kaitlyn is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target. Please join us if you can. Contact Christy Kurtz if you have 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, March 6, 2016 Lectionary Texts

Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, February 28	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	10:00AM	Confirmation Class
	11:00AM	Worship
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29	4:00-6:00PM	God's Pantry
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2	6:30-7:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities for all ages
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
THURSDAY, MARCH 3	12:30PM	50+, Lunch at Greer Station, 219 Trade Street, Greer

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Myra Boland & Scott Davis
NURSERY WORKERS March 6: Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Christy Snow & Lauren Davis
CHILDREN'S CHURCH March 6: Communion

HEAD USHER: Eddie Bright

Sunday, February 21, 2016

Sunday School:	68
Worship:	146
Offering :	\$6,514.00
Received YTD:	\$47,947.00
Needed YTD:	\$50,151.20
Difference:	-\$2,204.20
Needed Weekly:	\$6,268.90
Cemetery Fund (1/29/2016)	\$5,350.66
Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Received	\$125.00
Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Balance	\$74,955.76

CHURCH STAFF:

Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor
Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary
Katie Stewart, Music Director
Clara Godfrey, Pianist
Bill Lee, Organist
Christy Snow, Children's Min. Director
Debra Fowler, Custodian
Kaitlyn Pless, Director of Student Ministries
Laura Williams, Preschool Director
Ministers: Sharon Congregation Member