

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

GREEN

January 24, 2016

11:00AM

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

--John 1:1

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

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 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (v. 1-5) UMH #57

*Responsive Reading "Psalm 8" UMH #743

*Apostles' Creed UMH #881

*Moments of Fellowship and Passing of the Peace

Old Testament Reading "Genesis 1:1-5" Pew Bible, p.1 (O.T.)

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

*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 "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" Choir

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading "John 1:1-5" Pew Bible, p. 86 (N.T.)

The Good News "And God Said" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

*Hymn of Dedication & Service "Holy, Holy, Holy" UMH #64

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Congregation & Choir
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of the glory and grace.

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.

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
Neely Thompson Howard Jackson
Doris Fowler Brian Harrison
Ruby Coggins Dora Edwards
Margaret DeYoung Dorothy McHugh

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Betty Glover
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
J. B. Waddell
Gregg Gowan
Vivian Eubanks
Brenda Roper

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Foye Fowler, White Oak Estates, 400 Webber Rd., Spartanburg, 20307 Joe Fowler's mother
Pat Lee Dot Pearson's sister-in-law
Sharon Lee Dot Pearson's sister
Mike West Joyce Lee's son
Lewis Sutton Laura Williams' father
Lorraine Sroko, 223 Abners Trail Rd., Greer, SC 29651 Kathy Jordan's mother
Glenn Gardner Donna Staton's brother
Sharon Ellis Kaitlyn Pless' aunt
Preston Johnson Dan Edwards' cousin
Lisa Davis, 15 Crescent St., Lyman, SC 29365 Deb Fowler's sister
Family of James Hendrix, 102 Bearden Drive, Duncan, SC 29334 Jackie Floyd and Allen Sheriff's brother-in-law

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Bob Wade, relative of Johnny Wade
Gene Crane, Atlanta, GA., friend of Pat Burgess
The Greer Family, son and daughter of Wilma Greer
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: A memorial was given in memory of Olivia Davis by Jimmy, Jean, Cindi & Mike Eubanks.

A gift to the church was given in honor of Rev. Bob Hall by United Methodist Women.

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 December. For the month of January, we are collecting dried beans and rice, canned meats, macaroni & cheese and Jiffy cornbread mix for God's Pantry and individual grits, individual cereal boxes and individual packets of oatmeal for the Weekend Backpack Ministry. Please place items in the gray boxes located in the narthex and gathering space.

SIGN-UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2016: The 2016 flower calendar is located outside the church office today. Please select your special date(s) for the coming year. The cost for the altar flowers is around \$65.00 depending on flower selection.

50+: 50+ will meet on February 2 at **12:30** in the Brockman Building. This will be a covered dish lunch. Please note the time change!

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Algeria. Algeria is the second largest country in Africa after Sudan. It became independent in 1962. Algeria is predominately a Muslim nation. There remains a small Christian population. Present day, Annaba is located near the ancient city of Hippo. Hippo was the home of Augustine, one of the most important Christian Theologians. There is a lot of civil unrest and violence in Algeria. Pray for peace and for the Christians who stand for their faith in a hostile environment.

YOUTH NEWS: The Sharon UMC Youth will travel to Columbia again this year to the Revolution Conference on January 29, 30 and 31. We will spend the night Friday and Saturday and be home Sunday afternoon. We had a great time last year and look forward to this year as well. We also need 1 or 2 adult chaperones as well. If you have any questions, please let me know.
Kaitlyn Pless

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: Bible Study continues this week with Lesson 2 of *Luke: Journey Through The Bible*.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Confirmation begins on January 24 promptly at 10:00AM. Bring your Bibles. Confirmation is for students in 6th grade and up who have not completed the class previously.

JESUS IS THE GIFT: We are still collecting donations for Jesus is the Gift until the end of January. Jesus is the Gift is an offering for our Imagine No Malaria campaign.

GOD'S PANTRY: We will be packing food boxes on Monday, January 25. 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.

SOUPER BOWL: On February 7, immediately after Church, we will celebrate with a Souper meal. Please bring your favorite soup, chili, chowder, stew and cornbread. Crackers, Desserts and Beverages will be provided. We will take up an offering for God's Pantry #4. Look forward to seeing you there for food and fellowship.

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: Our new preschool, ages 2-4 years, will begin classes in September of 2016. If you are interested in a teaching or teaching assistant position, please send your resume to Laura Williams at sharonchristianacademy@gmail.com. If you are interested in your child or grandchild attending, we will begin enrolling soon. Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of this exciting ministry at Sharon UMC!!! Please continue to pray for our preschool!

WE ARE NOW REGISTERING STUDENTS FOR CLASSES TO BEGIN IN THE FALL.

THANK YOU: Dear Sharon Church Family, I was born 74 years ago into the Sharon UMC family as the granddaughter to Willie and Fannie Edwards Snow. I have been a member of SUMC all of my life and was raised in SUMC and married in the "Little White Church" in August of 1959. To me, Sharon will always be that "Little White Church". I want to thank each of you for your prayers, thoughts, encouragement and support in these last 3 weeks and ask that you please continue to pray for me in the coming weeks.
With Love, Brenda Snow Roper

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, January 31, 2016 Lectionary Texts

Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
MONDAY, JANUARY 25	9:00AM	Pack boxes at God's Pantry Corporate
	4:00-6:00PM	God's Pantry
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27	6:30-7:30PM	Wednesday night activities for all ages
	7:30PM	Choir Practice

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Kay Bright & Linette Garrett
NURSERY WORKERS Jan. 31: Myra Boland & Karen Waldrep

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Sarah Boland & Scott Davis
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Jan. 31: Christy Snow & April Brunson

HEAD USHER: Eddie Bright

Sunday, January 17, 2016

Sunday School:	72
Worship:	144
Offering :	\$5,802.00
Received YTD:	\$17,159.00
Needed YTD:	\$18,806.70
Difference:	-\$1,647.70
Needed Weekly:	\$6,268.90
Cemetery Fund (12/31/2015)	\$5,279.66
Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Received	\$820.00
Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Balance	\$72,540.26

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

Ministers: Sharon Congregation Member