

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

GREEN

January 31, 2016

11:00AM

"In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress."

--Psalm 71:1-3

## 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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

UMH #139

\*Responsive Reading

"Psalm 8"

UMH #743

\*Apostles' Creed

UMH #881

\*Moments of Fellowship and Passing of the Peace

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 & 1<sup>st</sup> 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"

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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

"Psalm 71: 1-6, 17-19"

Pew Bible, p. 503-504 (O.T.)

The Good News

Rev. Candice Sloan

## We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

\*Hymn of Dedication & Service

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

UMH #133

\*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 and in honor of Jesse Jones' birthday, grandson of Jannett Eason, by Jannett Eason.

**REV. CANDICE SLOAN:** Leading our worship service today is Rev. Candice Sloan. Rev. Sloan is the Chaplain and Director of Church Relations at Spartanburg Methodist College and an Ordained Elder in the United Methodist church. Please welcome Rev. Sloan to Sharon. Pastor Bryson is with the Youth at Revolution in Columbia and will return next week.

**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  
Brenda Roper  
Vivian Eubank (Manning Place)

**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.

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

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** We will join together for a Community Ash Wednesday worship service on February 10 at 7:00PM. The service will be at Allen View UMC. Please plan on attending this service to begin our Lent journey to Easter.

**UMMEN VALENTINE DINNER:** Please make plans to attend the UMM Valentine's Dinner on February 13, 2016 at 6:00PM. This is a great opportunity to buy extra tickets for new neighbors or old friends, to let them meet your church family. Our guest will be Gene Burgess; he is an author, inspirational and motivational speaker.

**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 are in Columbia again this weekend for the Revolution Conference. 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.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES:** Bible Study continues this week with Lesson 3 of *Luke: Journey Through The Bible*.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** Confirmation begins on February 7 promptly at 10:00AM. Bring your Bibles. Confirmation is for students in 6<sup>th</sup> 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, February 8. 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](mailto: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, February 7, 2016 Lectionary Texts**

**Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36**

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 31</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>
	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1</b>	<b>4:00-6:00PM</b>	<b>God's Pantry</b>
<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2</b>	<b>12:30PM</b>	<b>50+ Covered dish, Gym NOTE: Time Change</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3</b>	<b>6:30-7:30PM</b>	<b>Wednesday night activities for all ages</b>
	<b>7:30PM</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>

**NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Myra Boland & Karen Waldrep**  
**NURSERY WORKERS Feb. 7: Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Christy Snow & April Brunson**  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH Feb. 7: Communion**

**HEAD USHER: Eddie Bright**

**Sunday, January 17, 2016**

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

**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**