

# CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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November 22, 2015

11:00AM

"Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'"

--John 18:37

## We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Linda Pendergrass, Pianist

Opening Prayer

\*Call to Worship "Surely the Presence" UMH #328  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

## We Praise God

\*Opening Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH #327

\*Responsive Reading "Psalm 130:1-5, 11-12" UMH #848

\*Affirmation of Faith "From Corinthians & Colossians" UMH #888

\*Moments of Fellowship and Passing of the Peace

Old Testament Reading "Malachi 3:6-12" Pew Bible, p.838 (O.T.)

Offering

The Offertory Linda Pendergrass, Pianist

\*Doxology UMH #95

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Christy Snow  
(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children return to their seats.)  
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. (sing twice)

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

Anthem "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone" Choir

## We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading "John 18:33-37" Pew Bible, p.106-107 (N.T.)

The Good News "Do You Mean It?" Rev. Bryson Williams

## We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

\*Hymn of Dedication & Service "He Lives" UMH #310

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "As We Go" Congregation & Choir  
As we go may your Spirit go before me. As we go may we follow where you lead.  
May we live what we have learned share the message we have heard, and be a light unto the world as we go.

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 J.R. Schroeder's birthday by Ray & Charyl Schroeder.

**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  
Chuck Hembree(home)

**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  
Preston Johnson  
Bobby DeYoung  
Lisa Davis, 15 Crescent St., Lyman, SC 29365  
Karson Hendrix

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  
Dan Edwards' cousin  
Ken DeYoung's brother  
Deb Fowler's sister  
Kelsey Hendrix's son

**ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS**

Bob Wade, relative of Johnny Wade  
Kim Turner, Bible Baptist Church Pastor's Wife  
Ethel Cooper, Eddie & Karen Waldrep's neighbor  
Gene Crane, Atlanta, GA., friend of Pat Burgess  
Daniel Houck, friend of Dave Wilmer  
Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap, our missionaries to Asia Minor  
Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway, our missionaries to Thailand

**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 October. For the month of November, we are collecting canned fruit and canned vegetables for God's Pantry and pudding cups, jello cups and canned pasta for the Weekend Backpack Ministry. Please place items in the gray boxes located in the narthex and gathering space.

**DISTRICT FIVE FAMILY MINISTRIES:** District Five Family Ministries Christmas children need folks to "adopt" children they would like to buy clothes/toys for this year (spend approximately \$150.00 per child). You can also volunteer to pack bags with toys and they need shoppers to purchase items on the child's list (they have money that is donated) or help give out the packages. Please contact Ginger Floyd (864-630-1052) or Lyn Turner at District Five Ministries.

**MISSION PRAYER FOCUS:** This week we pray for Equatorial Guinea. Equatorial Guinea was one of the few Spanish colonies in Africa. It achieved independence in 1968. Until 1979, the country was ruled by a dictatorial regime that plundered its resources and oppressed the population. Christians were harassed, atheism was actively promoted, and freedom of worship was restricted. A coup d'état brought an end to this period. For the majority of the population agriculture remains the main source of livelihood, and there has been little improvement in living standards. Christianity was brought to the area at the time of Spanish colonization, and the Catholic Church is the majority church. Protestants consist of about 10 percent of the total number of Christians.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES:** 6:30 Children, Youth, and Adult Bible Study, 7:30 Choir.

**BIBLE STUDY:** There will be no Bible Study this week. We will continue next week with Chapter 3 of *Not A Silent Night* by Adam Hamilton. This five week study looks at the birth of Jesus through Mary's eyes. Please consider joining us for this Advent study.

**SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** This afternoon we will continue our Disciple Bible Study, Lesson 10. Class begins promptly at 2:00PM.

**WEBSITE:** Our church website, sharonumchurch.com has been relaunched. If you would like to put something on the site, send the information in an email to [sharonumcwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:sharonumcwebsite@gmail.com). Go check out the site!

**THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Tonight at 6:00PM we will have a Thanksgiving worship service. The service will be with Sharon and four other United Methodist congregations in the community. The service will be held at Liberty Hill UMC. Preaching this year will be, Rev. Dr. George Howle, our District Superintendent.

**PRESCHOOL:** Church Council voted to open a Preschool at Sharon UMC. The plan is to open the school September 2016. This is an exciting opportunity for our Church and for the Community. **PLEASE BE IN PRAYER AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR PRESCHOOL.**

**YOUTH NEWS:** Continue to join us on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. Kaitlyn Pless

**CONFIRMATION PARENTS:** The Confirmation Parents and students will meet on December 6 at 10:00AM in the Historical Room.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP:** On December 24 we will have two Christmas Eve candlelight worship opportunities. The worship times will be 5:00PM and 9:00PM. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend one of these services.

**UMM DECEMBER MEETING:** Men make plans on bringing the family to the UMM Christmas breakfast on December 13, at 8:00AM. This will be a time to enjoy a good breakfast and enjoy each other's company. We will also have some special Christmas music.

**THANK YOU:** God has blessed me with such a wonderful church family. Thanks for the calls, visits, cards and most of all your prayers. Please continue to keep me in your prayers. Thanks to Pastor Bryson for his visits and prayers!  
Margaret DeYoung

**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, November 29, 2015 Lectionary Texts**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36**

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

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| <b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22</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>6:00PM</b>       | <b>Thanksgiving Service, Liberty Hill UMC</b>         |
| <b>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23</b>    | <b>2:30PM-until</b> | <b>Distribute Thanksgiving boxes for God's Pantry</b> |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25</b> |                     | <b>Church Office Closed</b>                           |
|                               |                     | <b>No Wednesday night activities</b>                  |
| <b>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26</b>  |                     | <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>                             |

**NURSERY WORKERS TODAY:** Gayle Fowler & Dot DeYoung  
**NURSERY WORKERS Nov. 29:** Linette Garrett & Angie Davis

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY:** Sarah Boland & Christy Kurtz  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH Nov. 29:** April Brunson & Christine Sareault

**Hospitality Team for the month of November 2015:** Gerald Snow, Jeff & Sarah Boland, Greg Gowan, Brian Harrison, Joe Fowler.

**Sunday, November 15, 2015**

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| <b>Sunday School:</b>                   | <b>76</b>           |
| <b>Worship:</b>                         | <b>119</b>          |
| <b>Offering :</b>                       | <b>\$5,397.00</b>   |
| <b>Received YTD:</b>                    | <b>\$276,532.06</b> |
| <b>Needed YTD:</b>                      | <b>\$274,194.50</b> |
| <b>Difference:</b>                      | <b>+\$2,337.56</b>  |
| <b>Needed Weekly:</b>                   | <b>\$5,960.75</b>   |
| <b>Cemetery Fund (9/30/15)</b>          | <b>\$3,606.66</b>   |
| <b>Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Received</b> | <b>\$394.00</b>     |
| <b>Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Balance</b>  | <b>\$67,497.47</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