



Noah: Given in memory of Noah Sherba by his family and friends, this window depicts that great Old-Testament figure, Noah, whose story is told in Genesis.

Noah built the ark, a very large boat, because he had been commanded to do so by God. When the Flood came, Noah and his family, representing all of humanity, along with the animals, were saved from destruction. After the Flood, God made a covenant with Noah and promised never again to destroy the earth's living things.

In our window, Noah is depicted as an old man with white hair and a white beard, wearing a flowing brown robe. Note that no nimbus (the golden circle or halo used in depicting saints) surrounds his head, since he lived before Christianity began. In his left hand he carries a small ark, the symbol of his and our deliverance from destruction. Noah's right hand is slightly raised. Why? Is he caring for the ark in his left hand? Is it the beginning of a blessing, as if to suggest that we are on the road to Christ but not yet there?