

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*We gather to worship God, nurture Christian faith,
and go out into the world in mission.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025

8:45 AND 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Diane Bish

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT Marti Bluestein, Homeless No More

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 220 Angels From the Realms of Glory *Regent Square*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;

and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.**

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. *(from Isaiah 9)*

* GLORIA PATRI NO. 71

Greatorrex

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(8:45 a.m.) Jay and Camlin Talbot

(11:00 a.m.) Matt and Debbie Carroll and family

(8:45 A.M.) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Hymnal, pg. 39)

Mary Elliott Sheorn, daughter of Bradley and Lauren Sheorn, was born March 5, 2025.

(11:00 A.M.) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Hymnal, pg. 33)

We celebrate the sacrament of baptism today with **Cameron Phillip DeBorde** and **Harvey Cameron DeBorde**. Harvey, the son of Cameron and Kirsten DeBorde, was born August 6, 2025.

THE BAPTISM SONG: HYMN 611 (verses 1,4)

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.
Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.**

(11:00 A.M.) ANTHEM

Mary, Did You Know?

Mark Lowry

Grant Ebert, baritone

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
this Child that you delivered will soon deliver you.
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would give sight to the blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod,
and when you kissed your little baby you've kissed the face of God?
The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again,
the lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb.
Mary did you know that that your baby boy was heaven's perfect Lamb,
and the sleeping Child you're holding is the great I AM?*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious Father, for whose word the world ever waits and hopes,
pour out on us your Holy Spirit,
that as your scriptures are read and proclaimed this day
we may hear with joy and respond in faith;
through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

Pew Bible, O.T. pgs. 623-624

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Susan Curran

*Following the Children's Sermon, childcare is available for 4 and 5-year-olds
in Room 115 of the Knox Building.*

SERMON

“Coming Home”

Rev. Smoke Kanipe

* HYMN 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Houston

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

THE OFFERING

To give online: shandonumc.org/give

To give by text: Text SUMC to 73256

(8:45 A.M.) OFFERTORY

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(11:00 A.M.) OFFERTORY

Song of Mary

Anna Flynn, soprano

Buryl Red

*Sing, my soul, the greatness of the Lord.
Rejoice my spirit, rejoice in God my savior.
So tenderly he hath regarded me,
so wondrously has he exalted me,
all generations shall call blest.
For his name is holy he, he is the mighty one.
His mercy is ever sure.
Sing, my soul the greatness of the Lord.*

* DOXOLOGY NO. 95

Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* HYMN 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

* BENEDICTION

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the Wise Men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ Child
be yours at this holy season!

Alleluia!

And may the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be with you always.

Alleluia! Amen.

* CHORAL RESPONSE The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
and give you peace. Amen.*

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

* Congregation standing

Live Nativity Volunteers Needed

Be part of the live nativity on Christmas Eve! Help bring the Christmas story to life—complete with live animals! We're seeking volunteers to portray nativity characters before and during the 6:00 p.m. Child-Friendly Service.

For more details and to sign up, visit [**shandonumc.org/events**](http://shandonumc.org/events).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHANDON SERVES: So far we have received 251 pledges for \$2,202,057 to support our 2026 budget. Thank you to all who have made a pledge! If you have not yet submitted your pledge, you can mail in your Commitment Card or simply go to **shandonumc.org/pledge**.

ADVENT OFFERING: The 2025 Advent Offering supports Haiti Missions, Homeless No More, and Habitat for Humanity -- initiatives chosen by our Outreach Committee to transform lives and strengthen communities. Your generosity makes a difference. You can give online at **shandonumc.org/give** and select Advent Offering from the dropdown list, or write "Advent Offering" on your check. Let's share the spirit of the season through acts of hope and compassion.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (MYF): December 14 - MYF Christmas Party! Invite a friend to play games, eat dinner, and exchange gifts at our annual Christmas party. We ask each student to wear their Christmas pajamas and bring a wrapped or bagged gift to exchange. The gifts should cost \$10 or less. The party will be from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Zone.

WEDNESDAY MANNA: Manna will return January 21, 2026!

SEEKERS CHRISTMAS GATHERING: Young professionals ages 23 to 30 seeking fellowship and community are invited to join the Seekers group for their annual Christmas gathering on **December 16**, at 6:00 p.m. at Publico in Five Points. Please Email Rev. Maggie Cantey to RSVP for the Christmas gathering. Rev. Maggie is partnering with this group and is seeking input regarding other interests for this group. Please contact Rev. Maggie for a conversation or complete the interest form at **shandonumc.org/seekers** to be added to the group email list.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: All men are invited to join us this Thursday, **December 18**, from 7:30-8:15 a.m. in Player Hall for our Men's Prayer Breakfast. Chef Tim will be providing a delicious full breakfast, followed by a short program led by Gene Watts. Please join us and bring a friend to be filled with food, fellowship and faith.

SHANDON UMC BOOK CLUB: The Shandon UMC Book Club meets on the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is Thursday, **December 18**, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Room 224 of the Bruner Building. We are reading *Beaver Girl* by Cassie Premo Steele. Our selections span a wide range and are chosen six months at a time. To receive reminders, please email Gera Singletary at davegera4@icloud.com.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Children and their parents are invited to join us for Christmas Caroling on Sunday, **December 21**, at 4:00 p.m. (*Optional: arrive at 3:30 p.m. in Player Hall to make a simple ornament to give to the homes we visit.*) We'll meet in the church parking lot at 4:00 p.m. to travel by bus or caravan to the homes of Shandon members for a joyful evening of singing familiar Christmas favorites, no rehearsal needed. Please sign up in advance at shandonumc.org/events so we can plan for transportation and supplies. Questions? Contact Cari at ctreece@shandonumc.org.

POPCORN, MOVIE, & NATIVITY BINGO: On Sunday, **December 28**, the children's "Popcorn and Movie" will also feature Bible Bingo during the Sunday school hour in Player Hall for our 4-year-old to 5th-grade children.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY IN GUATEMALA: Healing Guatemala is a non-profit organization based in the U.S. that aims to provide physical, social, and spiritual healing to those who live in Guatemala. It is operated by the Rev. Dr. Luke Rhyee, a pastor in the South Carolina Annual Conference. Medical and construction teams are needed. If you are interested in learning more about this mission opportunity and being a part of an UMVIM team, please contact Jennifer Parker at jpclemsongirl@gmail.com or Sue Haddock at Ksuehaddock@gmail.com. Tentative trip dates are April 20-30, 2026, so don't delay!

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

2026-27 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Deadline for Church Member Priority on Waiting List: **December 31, 2025**

Church members receive priority status for enrollment for the 2026-27 school year only if the child's name is added to or confirmed on the waiting list by December 31, 2025.

If you would like to add your child's name to our waiting list, please visit our website at www.sumpk.org to find our waiting list form. To confirm your child's name is on the waiting list, please call (803) 256-1498 by December 31, 2025.

Registration for the 2026-27 school year will be held in February 2026.



14th Annual Christmas Benefit Concert
Eddie Huss and Friends



Everyone is invited to attend our annual holiday tradition, the **Eddie Huss and Friends** Christmas Benefit Concert, which will be held TODAY, **December 14**, at **4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Music for two pianos by Franz Liszt, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Dimitri Shostakovich, plus holiday favorites will be performed.

Bradley Fuller, Annette Matthews, Kipp Gill, and Eddie Huss will be performing as pianists and Owen Connolly and Anna Flynn will perform as vocalists.

An offering for CAMP KEMO Programs of Prisma Children's Hospital will be taken. Learn more about our recipient organization at **campkemo.org**.

Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation

Senior Pastor: The Reverend C. E. Kanipe, Jr.

Associate Pastor: The Reverend James Grubb

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Maggie Cantey

Minister of Music & Arts: The Reverend D. Edwin Huss, Jr.

Organist and Music Associate: Kipp Gill

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