

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sanctus

Charles Gounod

Joseph Babcanec, piano and Eddie Huss, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 64

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is just in all his ways, and in all his doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on him,

To all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of all who fear him;

He also hears their cry and saves them.

My mouth will speak the praise pf the Lord,

And all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever. (Ps 145:17-21)

*GLORIA PATRI NO. 71

Greatorex

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, open our ears to your Word.

Open our eyes to your world.

Open our minds to your teaching.

Open our hearts to your love.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 7:24-30

Pew Bible, N.T. p. 40

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Susan Curran

SERMON

Will He Heal?

Rev. James Grubb

*HYMN 402 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Spiritual

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881: THE APOSTLES' CREED, Traditional

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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 or by text: www.shandonumc.org/give
Text 73256 and enter SUMC

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(8:45 a.m.)

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

Celebration Choir

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love: may words are vain, as sounding brass and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love, guide every deed.
By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

(11:00 a.m.)

Kyrie from “ Memorial”
Chancel Choir

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy. Adonai, amen.

*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 707

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth

*BENEDICTION

We were once deaf.
But, the Lord touched our ears.
We were once mute.
But, the Lord touched our mouths.
We now go into the world
**To hear our neighbors’ cries
and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 a.m.)

Go Now in Peace

Robert Lau

Go now in peace, and may God’s peace go with you.
Believe, and trust His holy word. Amen.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in the Classic Style
Piano and Organ

Gordon Young

*Congregation standing

*The flowers at the altar are given by Meg Brooks and family in loving memory of her father,
Jerry Wayne Smith; and by Bill and Kay Ogburn in loving memory of Frank and Martha Ogburn.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MUSIC IN OUR WORSHIP ... As we approach the anniversary of the horrific events of September 11, 2001, the Chancel Choir, at the 11:00 a.m. service, will sing a beautiful anthem written in memory of those who died on that tragic day. The anthem is from a larger work, “Memorial,” by composer, conductor, and professor Rene Clausen. The translation of the anthem, is *Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord God have mercy on us.*

EPWORTH’S MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN ... Where do children go when DSS has taken them from their families because of abuse or neglect? Epworth is currently serving over 350 children and families through its Residential and Independent Living programs, statewide Foster Care program, the Epworth Center for Counseling, the Early Intervention Center, and other preventive services. Each of these children has found refuge in the ministry we share in SC. The tradition of a “work day” offering for Epworth dates back several generations, when SC Methodists were challenged to give a day’s pay to the children at Epworth. Please help us continue Shandon’s long history of supporting Epworth by giving generously to our Epworth Offering today!

STORIES AND SONGS ... As Christians, we are called to share our stories of faith with others. Join us in the sanctuary on **Sunday, September 15, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** to hear a blend of traditional and contemporary music and the inspiring personal faith journeys of Jeff and Stephanie Black and Creston Brown. Childcare for infants to 3-year-olds will be provided starting at 5:45 p.m., with a special event for children (4-year preschoolers to 5th graders) led by our Student Ministry from 5:45-7:00 p.m., where they will enjoy games, faith stories, and songs. A light, family-friendly meal will be available in Player Hall from 5:00-5:45 p.m. No advance registration is required, and the meal cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Don’t miss this opportunity to be part of an evening that celebrates the power of shared testimonies and songs!

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS are opportunities to listen to each other in groups of about 10 as we discern God’s will for Shandon. The key questions will be ... “What do you value most highly about Shandon UMC?” and “How do you think the recent decisions of our UMC General Conference may, or should, impact the things you value about Shandon?” We pray that these conversations will be times for speaking what is on our hearts and, even more importantly, for listening to our brothers and sisters speak what is on their hearts. If this can happen, we can grow closer as a congregation while discerning God’s direction together. We have scheduled three sets of conversations in September — **September 10, 22, 24.** If interest is high, we’ll plan more for October. Please register at shandonumc.org/register.

MORE Justice and Shandon United Methodist Church

...a great partnership

“What does the Lord require of you?

To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)

Shandon is involved in many ministries that “love mercy”: members contribute time, talents, and money toward efforts that show compassion to others. Our partnership with MORE Justice gives us the opportunity to comply with God’s directive to “do justice.” MORE Justice gathers members of 27 congregations to work with our local officials to “do justice” in four specific areas of need in our community:

Food Justice: About 65,000 Richland County residents don’t know how they will procure their next meal. MORE Justice has worked with the city of Columbia’s Food Policy Committee to use publicly-owned properties in neighborhoods with low food access to provide options such as pop-up markets, produce stands, and community gardens. Also, a mobile market (i.e., a grocery store on wheels) was created to take food directly into communities.

Affordable Housing: About 16,000 families in Columbia, including nearly 45% of renters in Richland County, are paying more than 30% of their income on rent and utilities. A minimum wage earner in Richland County would have to work 89 hours per week to afford an average one-bedroom apartment. MORE Justice participated in establishing a local Affordable Housing Trust Fund. This fund seeks to offer stability, security and dignity to our fellow residents.

Gun Violence: Community members have shared stories of families hearing gunshots at night; stories of grief because of the loss of loved ones to gun violence; and stories of anger at feeling unsafe in their own communities. MORE Justice has worked with local officials and the Office of Violent Crime Prevention to work toward a reduction of the gun violence crisis.

Mental Health: Through research, we learned that “Crisis Intervention Training” can provide first responders with the resources to de-escalate situations involving persons with mental illness. More than 300 officers have been given training to divert citizens with mental illness from jail toward the resources they need.

WE NEED YOU! On September 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall, we will share a progress report and goals for future efforts, so that you will understand how the work we have done, and continue to do, through MORE Justice can make a difference in our community. Come learn how you can get involved!

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CONNECTIONS TRIP ... On Thursday, September 19, we are planning a trip to the Hendersonville area to purchase apples and visit the Carl Sandburg Home. After choosing our apples, cider and other goodies at Justus Orchard, we will enjoy a delicious picnic box lunch on the grounds of the Sandburg Home and then tour the farm. Departure time is 8:30 a.m. and return by 4:00 p.m. The only cost for the trip is \$12.00 for your lunch, but you will need money for purchases at the orchard.

FOOD DRIVE TODAY ... Cooperative Ministry serves our neighbors who experience food insecurity. Please remember to bring non-perishable food items to church with you on the **2nd Sunday of each month**. For September and October you are encouraged to bring canned tuna, canned fruit, baked beans, or Ramen noodles. Please place your gifts on the collection table in the narthex.

WEDNESDAY MANNA is a midweek fellowship gathering offering a shared meal and community time for all ages. Manna returns on Wednesday, September 11 in Player Hall from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Prices are \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Meals must be purchased in advance at shandonumc.org/meals. Childcare is available in the gym from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

SEEKERS GROUP FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ... Young professionals ages 23-30 seeking fellowship and community are invited to join the Seekers group for lunch twice a month, following the 11:00/11:05 a.m. worship services. The Seekers group will meet this month on Sunday, September 8 at Cantina 76 and on Sunday, September 22 at Taziki's. Feel free to join us and bring your friends. To be added to the email list, please complete the interest form at shandonumc.org/seekers.

THE BRUNER BUILDING ELEVATOR is now usable again! (A few last interior cosmetic upgrades will happen in the next few weeks.)

THE DEATH PENALTY: WHAT TO CONSIDER ... Join us in Player Hall from **9:45-10:45 a.m. on Sept. 29**. The Rev. Hillary Taylor, Executive Director of South Carolinians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, will lead us in thinking about Christian perspectives on the death penalty as we are guided by Scripture, Christian tradition, our personal experience of God, and our human reason. All adults are invited. For more information, contact Lesli Wood at lwood@shandonumc.org.

CHILDREN & STUDENTS

CUB SCOUT ICE CREAM SOCIAL ... Do you like camping? Hiking? Games and adventure?

Then Cub Scouts might be the perfect place for you! Join us on Sunday, September 8 at 4:00 p.m. for an ice cream social and Lego derby. An informational meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. in Player Hall, following the ice cream social. All children in 5K-5th grade and parents are welcome. For more information, please contact Dylan Goff at dylan@gofflawgroup.com or 803-216-1008.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL SERIES ... Join us on **Sundays, September 8, 15, and 22** during the 11:00/11:05 a.m. worship services as we embark on the Children's Chapel Series. This special series is designed for families with 4-year-old Preschool, K5, and 1st-grade children. Sessions, while different, are stand-alone. Immediately after the children's sermon, participants are invited to join Susan Curran and Cari Treece in Player Hall to learn about worship in age-appropriate activities. Parents attend these sessions with their children.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS: Registration for the St. Nicholas Choir (grades 2-5) and the Cherub Choir (K5-1st grade) is online on our website at shandonumc.org/register. Many thanks to our leaders: Amy Martin, Donna Salais, and Julia Turner. Choir rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Dubose Children's Building.

BIBLE PRESENTATION FOR 3RD GRADERS: Our congregation will present Bibles to our 3rd-grade students on **Sunday, September 22** at the 11:00 a.m. traditional and the 11:05 a.m. LifeLine services. If you have a child in 3rd grade this fall, please complete the registration so that we can prepare a Bible for them. Register your child online at shandonumc.org/register.

PARENT ORIENTATION FOR 6TH GRADE CONFIRMATION - Parents of 6th graders are invited to join us on Sunday, September 8 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Bruner Room 220 for our Parent Orientation for 6th Grade Confirmation. At this orientation, we will review the content and schedule of the Confirmation Preparation classes and share ways in which parents may invest in the process with the group. Student registration for Confirmation Preparation is open at shandonumc.org/register.

WWJP? (WHERE WOULD JESUS PARK?)

Well, of course, Jesus walked everywhere, so he wouldn't actually have to deal with the parking challenges we face on Sundays! But seriously, as school starts and more of us are back in church, we need to be *very* careful and considerate in our parking habits. A few friendly suggestions ...

1. **The lot beside the church** is important for those with mobility challenges, young children, and our first-time visitors. Please pay careful attention to handicap parking signs, including those for handicap accessible vans.
2. **The lot across Devine Street** is our largest parking lot. On most Sundays we have an off-duty police officer to assist us in crossing the street. On the relatively rare occasions when no officer is available, please be sure to use the crosswalks.
3. **Our friends at Dreher** are nice enough to share their front lot with us. Please do not park on the grass anywhere on the Dreher property.
4. **There are a number of parking spaces on Adger Road.** Please do not park by the yellow curb sections of Adger Road, especially close to the intersection.

Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation

Senior Minister: The Reverend C. E. Kanipe, Jr.
Minister of Assimilation & Discipleship: The Reverend James Grubb
Associate Minister: The Reverend Maggie Cantey
Minister of Music & Arts: The Reverend D. Edwin Huss, Jr.

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