

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 31, 2023

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Nic Kanipe, oboe

Michael Praetorius

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. C. E. "Smoke" Kanipe, Jr.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 246

Joy to the World

Antioch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O Emmanuel,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Lord of might,
O Branch of Jesse's stem,
O Key of David,
O Bright and Morning Star,
O king of nations,

**We rejoice and are glad
on this bright Christmas morning,
for truly you have come,
full of grace and truth!**

Even now, come into our hearts again.
Show us the path of knowledge.
Comfort us in our mourning.
Save us from our sin.

Open wide our way to heaven.
**Turn our darkness into light.
End our sad divisions,
and be our King of peace,
so that every creature in heaven and on earth
will join in a chorus of praise,
and shout with joy to you, our Lord!**

**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 AND CHRIST CANDLE

(8:45 a.m.) John & Melissa Tringali

(11:00 a.m.) Lowndes & Laine Pope

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

Galatians 4:4-7

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. ##

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lesli Wood

SERMON

"Abba! Father!"

Rev. C. E. "Smoke" Kanipe, Jr.

*HYMN 220

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED, No. 880

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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.**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

What Child Is This
Nic Kanipe, oboe

Greensleeves

*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 251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go Tell It on the Mountain

*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.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

*Congregation standing

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Marion and Rachel Knox by their family.*

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
Minister of Music & Arts: The Reverend D. Edwin Huss, Jr.
Music Associate & Organist: Deborah K. Bauer

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