

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Concerto in G

G. F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 117

O God Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear,

though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city;

it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

(from Psalm 46)

*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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Hymnal, pg. 39)

(8:45 a.m.) **Virginia Elyse Rogers**, daughter of James and Jackie Rogers
was born on May 14, 2024.

(11:00 a.m.) We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with **Ben Carl, Caroline Palmer, and
Benjamin Brooks Spring.**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord Jesus, you are our Good Shepherd,
and we are the sheep of your own flock.
May your word be a lamp unto our feet
and a light unto our path.
In your precious and holy name we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 13:1-8

Pew Bible, N.T. p. 47

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Cari Treece

SERMON

"When Will This Be?"

Rev. James Grubb

*HYMN 419

I Am Thine, O Lord

I Am Thine

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

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Text 73256 and enter SUMC

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(8:45 a.m.)

Toccata
Organ

Girolamo Frescobaldi

(11:00 a.m.)

Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace
Chancel Choir and Joseph Babcanec, piano

Mary McDonald

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love, where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith. Wherever there's despair, hope.
Where there's darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy.
O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive. For it is by faith that we believe.
For in forgiving, we are forgiven.
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life!
Make me an instrument of Thy peace.

*DOXOLOGY NO. 94

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*HYMN 529

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

*BENEDICTION

May the Lord our God, who is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
heal all your diseases, forgive all your sins,
and let shine upon you, now and forever.
Amen. Thanks be to God.

*BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY The Heavens Are Telling

Joseph Haydn
arr. Powell Setchell

**Congregation Standing*

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bob Rush with love by Jennie, Scott, Carmen, Brittany, Rob and grandson Bruce; and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold C. Muir and Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell K. Spear by Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Spear.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHANDON CARES ... So far we have received 221 pledges for \$2,005,760 to support our 2025 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.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: One of the times the men of Shandon UMC gather to fellowship and grow our faith is at our Men's Prayer Breakfast on the third Thursday of each month. This month's Prayer Breakfast will occur on **Thursday, November 21, from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m.** in Player Hall. Please mark your calendar, invite a friend or two, and plan to join us. John Epps will lead the program.

DATE CHANGE: SOUTHERN CHRISTMAS SHOW – Charlotte, NC — Thursday, Nov. 21
This show is one of the top holiday events in the Southeast. It has over 400 holiday merchants selling gifts, decorations, music, and food galore. Start your holiday shopping or enjoy the holiday atmosphere with friends! The bus will depart Shandon UMC at 8:30 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m. Space is limited to 14 participants, and the cost is \$15. Please contact Susan Curran at scurran@shandonumc.org if you would like to attend.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION ... This Thanksgiving we're partnering with the grassroots nonprofit F.I.R.E., which provides outreach to the unhoused community living in motels and on the streets near Two Notch Road. On Thanksgiving Day, F.I.R.E. will deliver food directly to these residents. **Next Sunday, November 24**, we invite you to bring shelf-stable items like ramen noodles, canned chicken, tuna, vegetables, fruits, soups, and cereal. During worship, you can bring your donations to the altar as a meaningful act of love and service. Shandon Cares—let's come together to help feed families facing housing insecurity this Thanksgiving!

PECANS FOR THE HOLIDAYS ... The United Women in Faith are taking orders for pecans. There will be bags of pieces, halves and butter roasted. If you are interested, please call Ellen Burks for your order at 803-776-9054. We appreciate your support!

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CANDY CRECHE EVENT ... All ages are invited to a fun-filled evening **in the gym from 4:30-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8.** We will create nativity scenes made entirely from candy! A nursery is available for infants through 2-year-olds (reservations required). **The cost is \$16 per family.** An optional family-friendly dinner is available at 5:00 p.m.: \$9 adults, \$4 children (2 & under eat free). We will wrap up the evening with s'mores in the courtyard! Please register at **shandonumc.org/register**. For any questions, contact Cari Treece at **ctreece@shandonumc.org**.

FAITHFUL FAMILIES ... Get your copy of *Faithful Families* for only \$6! If you ordered Advent in a Bag last year, you already have this book. *Faithful Families* offers practical ways to create "Holy Moments" out of everyday activities like decorating your Christmas tree or receiving cards. Search for **Faithful Families for Advent and Christmas: Tips for Parents** on YouTube for a new video by the author. **Books will be available starting today** in the Great Hall of the Bruner Building and the foyer of the Dunn-Smith Building (gym). A QR code will be provided for easy payment.

ADVENT CALENDARS ... Advent officially starts on December 1. Get ready for a meaningful holiday season with our special Advent Calendars, **available at the Sanctuary and LifeLine entrances beginning November 17.** Each day's activity is simple, purposeful, and designed to help families spend quality time together without added stress. These brief but impactful moments will help you embrace the spirit of the season in a fun, family-friendly way.

ADVENT STUDY ... Prepare your heart for the coming of Christ during Advent with a 4-week study led by Katie Dalenburg. The group will meet in the Parlor from **10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** on Thursdays: **November 21, December 5, December 12, and December 19.** Please purchase your book, *Manger to Mystery* by Marilyn Brown Oden, ISBN: 08355808610, before **November 21.**

YOUNG LIVES ADVENT TREE ... This mission opportunity, organized by church member Morgan Knox, supports pregnant and parenting teens. You can pick an ornament from the tree to buy a Christmas present for a mom or baby. The tree will be located on the first floor of the DuBose Building on Sundays and outside Player Hall on Wednesdays from **November 17 to December 4.** All gifts must be returned by **Sunday, December 8.**

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ART EXHIBITS ... Many thanks to Beth Rametta for the beautiful visual art that has been on exhibit this fall in the Beckler Art Gallery. Beth's art will be in the Gallery until November 22. An exhibit of Irene Tyson's artwork will begin on November 27. A reception for Irene will be held on **Wednesday, December 4 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

SUMC BOOK CLUB meets on 3rd Thursdays, in Rm. B-221 (5:30-6:30 p.m.). Nov. 21: *The Housemaid*, by Freida McFadden. To be on the mailing list and receive reminders, contact Anne Cox at anne41450@aol.com.

SHANDON SISTERS provides connections for young women (ages 25ish-45ish). Join us for a gathering to connect with mature women on **Thursday, November 21, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Debra Rountree. Contact Anne Marie Crosswell at amacrosswell@gmail.com or Ruthie Taylor at (803) 318-7484 for more information. Friends are welcome.

YOUTH... Do people actually like cranberry sauce? Join us for MYF **tonight from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** for food, fellowship, games, and Bible teaching on worship. We have some special activities planned as we get ready for Thanksgiving.

YOUTH CHOIR will meet this afternoon from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room upstairs in Room 206, Bruner Building. All youth (grades 6-12) are invited to attend. This is a great time to come since we will rehearse music for Christmas Eve.

GREENING OUR FAITH: Don't forget to register for Greening Our Faith to be held on **Wednesday, December 4**. Spaces are filling up quickly, register online at shandonumc.org/register.

POINSETTIA ORDERS ... If you would like to place a poinsettia in our worship spaces this holiday season or donate to the Landscape Fund in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the Order Form in your pew rack or sign up at shandonumc.org/register by **Wednesday, December 4**. The cost is \$15.

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CONNECTIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY: Adults 65 and older are invited to the Connections Christmas Party on **Friday, December 6, in Player Hall at 11:30 a.m.** Dress in your most festive holiday attire and join us for some holiday games (with prizes), musical entertainment, and a lunch buffet. Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 4 to Susan Curran by email (scurran@shandonumc.org) or text (803-466-1344) with your name and the number of guests.

EPWORTH CHRISTMAS GIFT COLLECTION:

Epworth is currently collecting Christmas gifts for their residential children and Epworth foster children in the midlands. If you are interested in donating a Christmas gift, 1) go to www.epworthchildrenshome.org/christmas/, 2) click on the wish list of your choosing and sign up for the gift you would like to donate, 3) purchase the gift and bring it to Rev. Maggie's office UNWRAPPED and labeled "residential" or "foster" before the end of the day December 3!

HOLIDAY MUSICAL EVENTS

HANGING OF THE GREENS ... December 1 at the 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Music by the Celebration Choir and Wesley Ringers handbell choir.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC SERVICE ... The Chancel Choir and orchestra will present their annual Christmas music on Sunday, December 8 at the 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services.

EDDIE HUSS AND FRIENDS ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT ... December 15 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

If you or someone you know is experiencing sorrow or a challenging time during the holiday season, join us for a candlelight service of support and encouragement, join us **Thursday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24

11:00 a.m. Communion Service

3:00 p.m. Family Service – Sanctuary

Live Nativity after 3:00 p.m. Family Service and 20 mins before the 6:00 p.m. Family Service

6:00 p.m. Family Service – Sanctuary

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service – Sanctuary

Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation

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

Associate Minister: The Reverend James Grubb

Associate Minister: The Reverend Maggie Cantey

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

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