

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 2, 2026

8:45 AND 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY O God, Our Help in Ages Past Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard
organ and piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 127 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah *CWM Rhondda*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

Come, let us bow down in worship,

let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

for he is our God

**and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**

(Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7)

* GLORIA PATRI NO. 71

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**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.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Today, we have before us backpacks to be carried to and from school by the children and youth gathered here.

These backpacks will contain work to be done, books to be studied, and tools to complete homework. Some days, so many things will fill these backpacks that students may find it

challenging to carry them. As we encourage these students to grow in their knowledge of our world, we ask God to hold them in the palm of His hand – protecting them, strengthening them, and surrounding them with people to teach, guide, and nurture them. Gracious God, we lift up to you today, these students. They stand here ready to receive your blessings and commit themselves to studying and learning in the school year ahead.

We ask for your blessing on each of them.

Further, we ask for your blessing on these backpacks. They will hold the schoolwork of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation.

We ask for your blessing on each of them.

We pray as well for the teachers and administrators in our schools. May they also be protected, strengthened, and guided by your presence. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care.

We ask for your blessing on each of them. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God,
we do not live by bread alone, but by
every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today
in ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ,
the bread of heaven. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ruth 2:1-12

Pew Bible, O.T. pg. 231

SERMON

“Hesed”

Rev. Maggie Cantey

THE OFFERING

To give online: shandonumc.org/give

To give by text: Text SUMC to 73256

OFFERTORY

(8:45 A.M.)

Abide with Me

organ and piano

Lani Smith

(11:00 A.M.)

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland

Bruce Isley, baritone

Come fathers and mothers,

Come sisters and brothers,

Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.

O fathers, don't you feel determined

To meet within the walls of Zion?

We'll shout and go round

The walls of Zion.

* DOXOLOGY HYMN 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!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love;

for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of our youth or our transgressions.

According to your steadfast love, remember us, for your goodness' sake.

For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great.

Guard our lives, and deliver us; do not let us be put to shame;

for we take refuge in you.

May integrity and uprightness preserve us, for we wait for you.

Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

* SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Musical Setting A, Hymnal p. 17)

Minister The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Minister Lift up your hearts
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The pastor gives thanks and praise to God the Father, concluding:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(all singing) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in
the highest.**

The pastor gives thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, concluding:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(all singing) **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

The pastor prays for the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit, concluding:

All honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

(all singing) **Amen, amen, amen.**

* 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.**

*BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Our Communion offering each month goes to the Harvest Hope Food Bank.

Thank you for your generosity!

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

organ

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious Lord, we are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But it is your nature always and everywhere to have mercy,
and on that we depend.**

**As you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, may he
forever live in us and we in him. Amen.**

* HYMN 540

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

St. Thomas

* BENEDICTION

May the blessing of the Lord God,
under whose wings we seek shelter and refuge,
come down upon us and bless us.

May God's blessing turn our fear and bitterness into joyful faithfulness,
And may it remain with us always.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in F Major

Alfred V. Fedak

* *Congregation standing*

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of John William (Billy) Garrett by his family.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our 58th wedding anniversary by Greg and Catherine Bagnal.

The flowers in the narthex are given in honor of Caroline Hethcox and Lillian Hethcox, on the occasion of earning the rank of Eagle Scout, by their grandparents, Gardner & Clela Long, and their parents, Jennifer & Jonathan Hethcox.

WELCOME VISITORS

If you are visiting with us today, please stop by our Visitor Welcome Center just to the left as you exit the sanctuary following the service. A Hospitality Team member will be there to greet you with a welcome bag and to answer any questions you might have.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

MISSIONS POSSIBLE GARAGE SALE

It's finally here!!

DONATION DROP OFF: We began receiving donations yesterday, and will continue today from 12:30-5:00 p.m., with drive-through assisted drop-off from 3:00-5:00 p.m. The last day for garage sale donations is tomorrow, Monday, August 3, from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

CHURCH MEMBER PREVIEW SALE: Wednesday, August 5 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SALE: Friday, August 7 from 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 8 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Donate your items for sale: Please, no clothing, books, accessories, large appliances, or car seats

Make or buy baked goods to sell: Items can be dropped off August 5-7

Provide snacks or lunches for volunteers: Contact Carolyn Hall at 803-422-0951 or mchajcek@gmail.com

Cleanup - all hands on deck! We need 100 volunteers after the sale on Saturday, August 8, beginning at 1:00 p.m., to break down the sale and get the gym cleared for LifeLine the next day.

Questions?

Contact Jennifer Parker (jpclemsongirl@gmail.com or text 770-301-6376) or Bobbie Moore (bobbiamoore0529@gmail.com or text 803-728-7255)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our back to school supply drive. Your generous gifts will be shared with students through The Cooperative Ministry and Family Promise.

MYF: Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) is the place for 7th through 12th graders to fellowship, play games, and grow in their relationship with Christ. **August 2:** We're helping with Garage Sale drop-offs from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in place of MYF.

BLOOD DRIVE - CRISIS NEED: The American Red Cross has declared the second national blood crisis in its history. All blood types are needed, but the situation is especially dire for type O. The blood supply fell nearly 25% in June, and blood donations are now at a four-year summer low. Donors are asked to take action immediately to help save lives. You can help at our blood drive next Sunday, **August 9**, in Player Hall from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Please go to the Red Cross website to sign-up (redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be taken first. Please wear casual clothes with closed toe shoes. Drinks and snacks provided.

VOLUNTEER AT TRANSITIONS: There is a new opportunity to serve at Transitions, an agency in Columbia serving unhoused people. Six to eight people are needed to serve lunch on the second Tuesday of the month from 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM. If interested and willing to serve, sign up for Transitions on Shandon's website. Available dates include: **August 11**, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8.

GRIEFSHARE: A new 13-week session begins Sunday, **August 16**, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in Knox 214. Register at griefshare.org. The book cost is \$20 and will be handed out at the first gathering. For more information contact Sue Kanipe (suebkanipe@gmail.com)

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. Please join us in Player Hall on **August 20**, at 7:30 a.m., when Chef Tim will provide a delicious full breakfast, and there will be a short program led by Raymond Wells. Please join us and bring a friend to be filled with food, fellowship, and faith.

WARM MEALS, LASTING IMPACT: We are honored to support the Dreher High School football team by serving meals again this year. Volunteers are needed to serve meals from 3:00-4:30 p.m. on August 14, 21, and 28, September 4, 11, and 18, and October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. Join us in encouraging and uplifting these student athletes! Sign up at shandonumc.org/events.

BIBLE PRESENTATION FOR THIRD GRADE STUDENTS: Our congregation will present Bibles to our third grade students on Sunday, **August 30**, at the 11:00 a.m. Traditional and the 11:05 a.m. LifeLine services. If you have a child entering third grade this fall, please complete the registration so we may prepare a Bible for them. Register your child online at shandonumc.org/register by August 24.

PROMOTION AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, **August 9**, our children and youth will be promoted to their new age-level Sunday school classes and meet their new teachers for the 2026-27 school year. Sunday school is 9:45 – 10:45 a.m., with a class for each grade level. Adult Sunday school classes will also be filled as we celebrate this annual “back to school” tradition. We will also affirm in worship our congregation’s commitment to Christian education for all ages through spiritual nurture and growth as disciples of Jesus Christ.

CLASS LOCATIONS

Infants, Toddlers, Two-Year-Olds, and Three-Year-Olds	1st Floor, Knox Building
Four-Year-Olds and 5K Students	1st Floor, DuBose Building
First through Sixth Grade Students	2nd Floor, DuBose Building
Seventh through Twelfth Grade Students	Youth Zone, 2nd Floor, Dunn-Smith Building
Adults	Bruner Building and 2nd Floor, Knox Building

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

TREK: Pathway to Membership	Family BINGO	2026 Fall Doorways Adult Classes
Wednesday Night Manna	Free Vaccine Clinic	50-Year Member Celebration
MORE Justice Kickoff	Children’s Choirs	UWF Circle Meetings

Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation

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

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Maggie Cantey

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Will Harvey

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

Organist and Music Associate: Kipp Gill

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