

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

April 19, 2026

11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Praeludium et Fuga in C Major

Georg Böhm

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Biff Sowell, *MORE Justice*

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 66 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has claimed us as his own!

**He has brought us out of darkness
and made us light to the world!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* 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

**Risen Lord Jesus,
through your incarnation you shared our life,
through your death you redeemed our life,
through your resurrection you raise us into life eternal.
Come into our hearts and minds this day,
that we might know you and love you and serve you,
now and forever. Amen.**

* SCRIPTURE LESSON

II Corinthians 4:7

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 170

(In celebration of our Lord's resurrection, please stand and face the cross for the reading of the scripture.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lesli Wood

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

SERMON

"Who and Whose You Are"

Bishop Leonard E. Fairley

* HYMN 382

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Adelaide

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND RITE OF CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMANDS' PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in
whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you,
will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representative in the world?

I will.

CONGREGATION'S PROMISE OF SUPPORT

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help, we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow to love God and their neighbors.**

**We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples,
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

* CREED FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

For the Confirmation Class of 2026

We believe in God the Father, in His only son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit.

**We believe that as disciples of Jesus Christ, our choices and actions should reflect
this discipleship each day.**

**We believe that as disciples of Jesus Christ, we should pray every day just as Jesus
taught us to pray the Lord's Prayer and showed us how to pray in the Garden of
Gethsemane. Through prayer, we grow closer to God, and we should intentionally
set aside time each day to pray and listen to Him.**

**We believe that as disciples of Jesus Christ, we should worship and praise God on
the Sabbath. Just as Jesus purposefully spent time in the temple, we should prioritize
time in church and in worshipping God with others.**

**We believe that as disciples of Jesus Christ, we should forgive others who hurt us
just as Jesus forgave those who crucified Him. We should also repent and ask God
to forgive us for the times we disobey Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds.**

**We believe that as disciples of Jesus Christ, we should care for all of God's creation
by working together to preserve the beauty of the earth and the resources God has
entrusted to us.**

**We believe that, as disciples of Jesus Christ, we should serve and care for others,
as Jesus demonstrated when He washed the disciples' feet. We must open our eyes
to see people in need... sick, poor, lonely, or afraid. We must also open our eyes to
injustice, inequality, and oppression, and be willing to act to correct these wrongs.
We must open our hearts to ways to help others and share the Gospel and God's
love with them. We should remind ourselves each morning to share God's love
through our words and our actions, loving our neighbors as ourselves.**

Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH

As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? **I will.**

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness? **I will.**

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

THE OFFERING

To give online: shandonumc.org/give

To give by text: Text **SUMC** to **73256**

OFFERTORY

Prayer of St. Francis

Allen Pote

The Chancel Choir

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord.

Where there is doubt, let there be faith.

Where there's despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let there be light,

Where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, 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.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

* DOXOLOGY HYMN 94

Lasst uns erfreuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, 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 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol (alt. tune)

*BENEDICTION

Go in peace to walk the way of the cross and resurrection!

We are sent in the name of the Lord!

May Jesus Christ, who was put to death for our sins, bless you and keep you!

Amen!

May Jesus Christ, who was raised to life for our salvation, let light shine upon you!

Amen!

May Jesus Christ be your life, your peace, and your joy now and forever!

Amen! Thanks be to God!

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in B Major, Op. 7, No. 1

Marcel Dupré

*Congregation standing

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and
to the memory of Kemper Zeigler by her family.*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Curtis and Mamie
Coleman, and Marion and Rachel Knox, by Lex and Cathy Knox.*

We welcome Bishop Leonard E. Fairley to Shandon!

Bishop Fairley is the resident bishop of the South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church. He was elected at the 2016 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and served eight years as leader of the Louisville Episcopal Area before being assigned to South Carolina in 2024.

Bishop Fairley is married to Dawn Sparks Fairley. Between them, they have four adult children and 10 grandchildren.

Today Is Confirmation Sunday

The church rejoices in the affirmations of Christian faith made by these 21 young people today. We welcome our new members into our Shandon family and join them in a lifetime of spiritual growth. Immediately following the service, everyone is invited to greet our confirmands out front.

Anne McLaney Boozer	Heathley Lancaster Folsom	James Lee McQueen, Jr.
Reeves Cullen Bryant	Julia Catherine Free	Robert Hamilton Meetze
Samantha Rose Carroll	Mary Dubose Gamble	William Tate Sartin
Charles Owen Dennis	Harper Lillie Grillo	Henry Bostain Sweatman
Piper Weston Donley	Loitton Owens Hardison, III	Evangeline Ray Valdes
Mary Alton Fiffick	Julia Theodore Kirk	Harper Grace Scarlet Walker
Virginia Elaine Flowers	James Wolfe Marshall	Ella Hammond Wynn

Confirmation Mentors:

Katherine Bryant	Cristi Marshall
Alyssa Gamble	Ashley Walker
Pat Kirk	Donald Wynn

6th Grade Sunday School Teachers:

Margaret Hays	Kevin Watts
Twyla Stowe	Stan Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MYF: Methodist Youth Fellowship is the place for 7th through 12th graders to fellowship, play games, and grow in their relationship with Christ. **April 19** - EX-CON Night! Invite a friend and help us welcome our newly confirmed 6th graders to their first MYF. We will have dinner, then head to our black-light-covered gym for glow-in-the-dark Nerf and silent disco! It's going to be unforgettable, so join us in the Youth Zone from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

AN UNEXPECTED CALLING: Adults are invited to Player Hall during the Sunday School hour, beginning at 9:45 a.m., Sunday, **April 26**, as we host Corinna Barrett Lain for her personal story of Faith, Redemption, and Death Row. Join us as Lain shares how God called, encouraged, paused, and led her to write a book, *Secrets of the Killing State*, that she didn't desire to write. Lain will remain after the presentation to answer questions about the book, but the presentation will focus on God's hand in guiding her to write the book and in growing her faith through that journey.

“BUDS” IN SEATS: At many places, we recognize our physical presence is impactful and important, so we show up. There is a place, however, where your presence is incredibly impactful and needed, but you may not know it. On Monday, **April 27**, at 6:00 p.m., at the Pastides Alumni Center (900 Senate Street), our congregation’s MORE Justice Team invites you to the Nehemiah Action Assembly, at which your physical presence will be noted by local politicians as we advocate for more local, affordable housing and other positive changes to social injustices in our community.

Mark your calendar and prayerfully invite a buddy to join you. To effect change, we need many “Buds” in seats. Meet at 5:15 p.m. in the church’s overflow parking lot to carpool to the event. Contact Biff Sowell (bsowell@sowelldurant.com) or Claire Manning (clairemanning01@gmail.com) for more information. We’ll save a seat for you because your seat counts.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY: To honor our graduating high school seniors at Shandon, we will hold a unique service for them on Sunday, **May 10**, at the 8:45 a.m. traditional service. After the service, we will hold a reception in Player Hall for our seniors and their families. If you have a student who would like to participate, please get in touch with Andy Morris at amorris@shandonumc.org to complete an information form. All information needs to be submitted by April 29.

ALLEN FUND SCHOLARSHIPS: Applications will be accepted until **April 30** for grants of up to \$1,000 to assist Shandon members, Epworth students, and children of Methodist missionaries with higher education expenses. Apply online at shandonumc.org/allenfund.

GRIEFSHARE-LOSS OF A SPOUSE: Sunday, **May 3**, 2026, in Knox 214, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. \$10 materials cost. Register at griefshare.org or contact LillaAnn Briggs at forgiventoo7@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE:

April 19 | Chrismon Workshop (*space still available*)

April 19 | Youth Choir (6th-12th grade)

April 26 | Seekers (Young Professionals) Lunch at Taziki’s

April 27 | Serve at Transitions (*4th Monday of the month*)

May 3 | Lions and Giants (Children) - 2:00 p.m.: 3&4K; 3:00 p.m.: 5K-5th Grade

May 5 | UWF Special Mission Recognition Dinner - Reservations due May 1

May 7 | Connections Trip to Laura’s Tea Room in Ridgeway

May 14 | Men’s Golf Outing at Northwoods - Registration deadline May 1

July 26-August 2 | El Salvador Mission Trip

Learn more and sign up at shandonumc.org/events

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

If you've ever considered volunteering with Children's Sunday School, I'd love to have coffee and a conversation with you to answer questions and discuss opportunities. Each class has a teaching team, providing flexibility and built-in support. It's a wonderful opportunity to build meaningful connections with children and their families.

We have needs across a variety of age groups, from two years and up. You can serve where you feel most comfortable. Please reach out to start the conversation.

Blessings,

Cari Treece

Director of Children and Family Ministries

ctreece@shandonumc.org

CALLING ALL BAKERS

Refreshed Manna was a huge hit. Thank you to all who enjoyed Tim's wonderful meals and the many Shandon members who shared their culinary talents. Shout out to Daphne Blackstone, Mallory Campbell, Susan Curran, Jennifer Davis, Mary Hellams, Stefanie Hughes, Joanna Kleckley, Bobbie Moore, Debra Rountree, Steve Smith, Liz Thomas and Lori Yandle. If you would be willing to make bread or provide a homemade dessert on a Wednesday in September - December, please contact Ruthie Taylor at (803) 318-7484 or Susan Curran at scurran@shandonumc.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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