

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 18, 2026

8:45 AND 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

There's a Balm in Gilead
Lift Every Voice and Sing

arr. Lloyd Larson
arr. Calvin Taylor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 712 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Grand Isle

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky. (*Psalm 85:8-11*)**

* 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

**O Lord our God,
your word is a lamp unto our feet and a light upon our path.
Open our minds and hearts this day to know your truth.
Strengthen us to follow the path you have set before us,
so that we may shine as a light for others. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7

Pew Bible, O.T. pg. 638

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

“The Servant of the Lord” Rev. C.E. “Smoke” Kanipe, Jr.

(8:45 A.M.) * HYMN 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

(11:00 A.M.) ANTHEM

Hear My Prayer
Chancel Choir

arr. Moses Hogan

*O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin' when I rise.
It's your servant bound for glory.
O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
When my work on earth is done, and you come to take me home.
Just to know I'm bound for glory, and to hear you say well done.
Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. Amen.*

We believe in the one God

**creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.**

We believe in Jesus Christ,

**God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins,

**in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.**

We believe in the Word of God

**contained in the Old and New Testaments
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.**

We believe in the church,

**those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.**

We believe in the reign of God

**as the divine will realized in human society,
and in the family of God,
where we are all brothers and sisters.**

We believe in the final triumph of righteousness

and in the life everlasting. 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.**

THE OFFERING

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

(8:45 A.M.) OFFERTORY

Assurance

arr. John Ness Beck

Caroline Hethcox, soprano

(11:00 A.M.) OFFERTORY My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord

arr. Moses Hogan

Chancel Choir

*In the Lord, my soul's been anchored in the Lord, Hallelujah.
Goin' shout-an' pray-an' never stop, my soul's been anchored in the Lord, Hallelujah.
Do you love Him? Oh yes! Are you anchored? Oh yes!
Will you serve Him? Oh yes! Will you praise Him? Oh yes!
Lord, I love you, Oh yes!
My soul's been anchored in the Lord.*

* 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 474

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord

* BENEDICTION

Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

We are sent in the name of the Lord.

May the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be with us all now and forever.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho

arr. Lloyd Larson

Kipp Gill and Mary Christian, piano

* Congregation standing

*The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Edwin Sr. and Brian C. Martin
by Janice Martin and family.*

THE MUSIC IN OUR WORSHIP

The opening voluntary begins with “There Is a Balm in Gilead,” a spiritual long associated with comfort and healing, and a favorite of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for its message of restoration. “Lift Every Voice and Sing” continues these themes of hope and confidence in God’s power.

We welcome Caroline Hethcox this morning at the 8:45am service. Caroline will sing “Assurance,” arranged by John Ness Beck, for the offertory. The song is based on the familiar hymn, “Blessed Assurance,” by Fanny Crosby. Caroline is a senior at River Bluff High School in Lexington and a member of Shandon.

Our Chancel Choir will sing two anthems at the 11am service arranged by American composer, Moses Hogan (1957-2003). “Hear My Prayer,” and “My Soul’s Been Anchored in the Lord,” are two of his most popular anthems based on spirituals. “My Soul’s Been Anchored in the Lord,” was composed for Sonja Sepulveda and the Sumter High School Concert Choir, Sumter, SC, in 1998.

The closing voluntary is a four-hands piano duet performed by Kipp Gill and Kipp’s friend Mary Christian. Mary Christian is an English professor at Middle Georgia State University who also enjoys playing piano and composing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY: We received **\$22,149** in donations during the December Advent Offering. This money will be put to work changing people's lives through the three ministries selected as recipients: Habitat for Humanity, Homeless No More, and missions in Haiti. Thank you to all who gave!

MYF: Methodist Youth Fellowship is the place for 7th through 12th graders to fellowship, play games, and grow in their relationship with Christ. **January 18** - MYF dinner out! Join us from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Groucho's on Forest Drive. Invite a friend and bring money for dinner.

TRACKERS: All 3rd-, 4th-, and 5th-grade boys are invited to join us for Trackers, a small -group Bible study designed specifically for boys who enjoy engaging and lively games. The group meets on **Wednesday evenings** from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. in the 5th-grade classroom (DuBose Rm. 202). No registration needed. For more information, reach out to Cari, ctreece@shandonumc.org.

POPCORN & MOVIE: This Sunday, **January 18**, children's "Popcorn and Movie" will be offered during the Sunday school hour in Player Hall for our 4-year-old—5th-grade Sunday school classes from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Children may be dropped off and picked up in Player Hall in the Dunn-Smith building.

MLK DAY: The church office will be closed on Monday, **January 19**, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. If you are looking for ways to serve in the community or thoughtfully observe the day, read Pastor Maggie's blog at shandonumc.org/blog/mlk-day.

WEDNESDAY MANNA: All are welcome as Manna Refreshed returns this week in Player Hall on **January 21**, from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. with a menu of salmon filet, whole baked sweet potato, roasted zucchini, mixed green salad, sour cream biscuits, fruit, and dessert. The children's menu for January is buttered noodles, yogurt, and a clementine. Due to the rising cost of food and supplies, the prices for meals will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Reservations need to be made by Monday at 5:00 p.m. at shandonumc.org/manna.

SEEKERS LUNCH: Young professionals ages 23 to 30 seeking fellowship and community are welcome to join the Seekers group, which plans dates to gather for Sunday lunch after the 11:00 a.m. worship services. The Seekers will meet on **January 25** at Taziki's. Please contact Rev. Maggie for a conversation or complete the interest form at shandonumc.org/seekers to be added to the group email list.

CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR: The Claflin University Concert Choir will present a program of "Sunday Melodies" at 3:00 p.m. on **January 25**, in the main sanctuary at Columbia United Methodist Church, 1830 Main Street.

THE WELL - WOMEN'S OLIVE OIL TASTING EVENT: Meet us at The Crescent Olive, 2901 Devine Street, on Thursday, **January 29**, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. We will taste, talk, and take time to catch up after the busy holiday season. Friends are welcome, but space is limited, so make your reservation now at shandonumc.org/events. The cost is \$15 per person, which includes a bottle of olive oil of your choice. Optional dinner afterwards at Cantina 76. Questions? Contact Ruthie or Susan.

FEBRUARY FELTING CLASS: Join us in Wesley Hall on Sunday, **February 8**, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. (childcare will be provided) as Rev. Maggie Cantey teaches another felting class. During our time together, materials will be provided for you to create a heart garland just in time for Valentine's Day. This is a great project for felting for the first time, and we look forward to seeing your creations! Register at shandonumc.org/events.

MEN'S WILD GAME DINNER: Shandon men are invited to a Wild Game Dinner on Thursday, **February 26**, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Longwood Plantation (off I-77/Bluff Road in Columbia). All are welcome. Participants may bring a favorite wild game dish to share, though it is not required. Registration is \$10 and is required to attend. Sign up at shandonumc.org/events.

MAHJONG FOR MISSIONS: Play with purpose! This fun tournament for players of all levels will be held in our gym on Saturday, **February 28**, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and will benefit our El Salvador Mission Team serving in Ahuachapán. Funds raised support our international outreach ministry through construction projects, a week-long Vacation Bible School, and food bag purchases. The cost is \$110 per person, with \$100 supporting the mission fund and \$10 covering lunch. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners, along with door prizes throughout the event. Sign up at shandonumc.org/events.

LIFELINE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Join us in the gym at 11:05 a.m. on **February 15, 2026**, for the LifeLine 25th Anniversary Celebration Service as we gather to honor God's faithfulness and the rich history of LifeLine. We are excited to welcome back many of the pastors, musicians, and volunteers who have been instrumental in the life and growth of this ministry, including Rev. Cam Treece, Rev. Todd Davis, Rev. Jonathan Tompkins, and Rev. Josh McClendon.

Following the service, we will enjoy a celebratory meal together. If you wish to attend the luncheon after the Celebration Service, please be sure to register in advance at **shandonumc.org/events** as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. Registration for lunch will close on **February 9**.

LifeLine Memories

We are collecting photos from the early years of LifeLine services, musicians, volunteers, and special moments. You are also invited to submit short video submissions (30–45 seconds) sharing what LifeLine means to you or what led you to this worship service. Upload your images/video through the link found on our LifeLine Celebration registration page at **shandonumc.org/events**.

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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