

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune

Michael McCabe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

5th Grade Sunday School
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

(11:00 a.m.) THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 66 Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.**
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name. (Psalm 63:1-4)

*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.**

(11:00 a.m.) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Hymnal, pg. 39)

Avery Jo Huggins, daughter of Gunner and Savannah Huggins, was born on December 21,
2022.

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

**Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find wisdom,
and in your will discover your peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(11:00 a.m.)

Amazing Grace
Anna Flynn, soprano

Craig Courtney

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
Amazing grace so vast so free!
The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.
‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.
Amazing grace, so vast so free,
the son of God the righteous One is crucified for me.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 6:17-26

Pew Bible, N.T. p. 60

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Cari Treece

SERMON

“Blessed to Be a Blessing”

Rev. Maggie Cantey

*HYMN 337

Only Trust Him

Stockton

(8:45 a.m.) *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881: THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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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Text 73256 and enter SUMC

(8:45 a.m.) Amazing Grace Craig Courtney
Anna Flynn, soprano

(11:00 a.m.) Blessed Are They Lee Dengler
Chancel Choir (Tamara Silva, guest conductor)

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are all those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are they who make peace, for they shall be children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of God.
If for Jesus' sake, people insult you and persecute you,
falsely accuse you, rejoice, be glad;
great is your reward which now awaits you in heaven. Blessed are they.*

**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 374 Standing on the Promises

Promises

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Jane Marshall

*And now may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and abide with you now and forevermore. Amen.*

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY Sinfonia in C Major

J. S. Bach

*Congregation standing

The altar flowers are given by Frances Tompkins in loving memory of her mother, Lola Tompkins, and her sister, Margaret Tompkins Bass, and in honor of her sister, Marilyn Barnhill; and in memory of Jerry and Sonny Foster and Larry Foster, and in honor of their great-grandchildren, Ruth Kay Johnson, Winston James Gordner, and Evangeline Day Gordner with love by Amy and Edwin Martin and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS! Today at our 11:00 service we welcome into the Shandon family Gunner and Savannah Huggins, who join by profession of faith, and their daughter, Avery, who is receiving the sacrament of Holy Baptism. We also welcome the Fritts family — Brien (profession of faith), Katherine (transfer from another UMC), and their son Britton.

SIX NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS will be commissioned on Sunday, February 23 at all 3 services:

David Adams

Lilla Ann Briggs

Patricia Cloninger

Link Graham

Hunter Griffin

Buster Yandle

Having completed 50 hours of training over the past five months, we welcome these new Stephen Ministers, who will join our Stephen Ministry team to serve our church family, friends, and community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEMENTIA ...

WHAT IS IT? HOW DO YOU KNOW? WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

Please join Health and Wellness for the final session of its Renew and Refresh series on **Sunday, February 23 in Player Hall at 9:45 a.m. (during the Sunday School hour)**. This session will explore the important topic of dementia, including the types, stages, warning signs, risk factors of dementia, navigating a dementia diagnosis, the current treatments for dementia, and the care planning and support resources in South Carolina. Our guest speaker will be Tori Anderson, Dementia Care Specialist from the South Carolina Department of Aging.

SHANDON SISTERS provides connections for young women (ages 25ish-45ish). Join us for a casual gathering to connect with mature women who are ahead of you on life's journey. Our time together will include fellowship, light refreshments, conversation, and a brief reflection with "pearls of wisdom" from one of our facilitators. Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Kathy Lentz. For more information, contact Anne Marie Crosswell at amacrosswell@gmail.com or Ruthie Taylor at (803) 318-7484. Friends are welcome!

THE ALLEN FUND COMMITTEE is accepting spring applications for Allen Grants. The number of grants awarded will depend upon the availability of funds. Shandon UMC members, children of Methodist missionaries in foreign lands that are supported by Shandon UMC, and Epworth Children's Home students may apply for such awards to the Allen Fund Committee. The deadline for submitting an application is **April 1, 2025**. The application and explanation of the grant is on the Shandon UMC website.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY ... The South Carolina United Methodist Advocate is accepting applications for one \$1,000 scholarship, which will go to a United Methodist student enrolled at one of the four United Methodist colleges in South Carolina: Claflin University, Columbia College, Spartanburg Methodist College or Wofford College. Applications are now being accepted for the 2025-2026 academic year. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2025. To apply, fill out the scholarship application found at <https://advocatesc.org/scholarships>.

LOOKING AHEAD ...

JOURNEY TO INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS ... Join us in Player Hall on March 2 at 9:45 a.m., as previous El Salvador missionaries share their journeys in the family decision making and planning process to go on this international mission trip. For more information, please contact Candler Rhodes at 803-727-0077.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER ... Shrove Tuesday (a.k.a. Mardi Gras) is traditionally the last day of celebration before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Join us on **Tuesday, March 4, from 5:15 -6:30 p.m.** for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Our 5th grade Sunday School class will host dinner in the gym, with all proceeds going to Homeless No More and EMS Closet. Dinner includes pancakes, sausage, grits, fruit, and drinks. Adult tickets are \$9, and children's meals are \$4. Please purchase your tickets in advance at shandonumc.org/register. Donations may be made at shandonumc.org/give - choose "pancake supper" from the dropdown list.

THE UWF CLOTHING & BOOK SALE IS COMING MARCH 14 & 15. We need your clothing, accessories, jewelry, shoes and books. Drop-off will be held Tues. and Wed., March 11-12. We will need volunteers to help all week for set-up, boxes for pack-up on Sat., and donations of snacks and/or lunches for the volunteers. Questions, contact: Jennifer Parker jpclemsongirl@gmail.com or text 770.301.6376 or Bobbie Moore bobbiamoore0529@gmail.com or text 803.728.7255. If you are interested in donating lunches for our volunteers, contact Carolyn Hall at 803.422.0951 or mchajcek@gmail.com.

PAPER BAGS NEEDED: The Outreach Committee needs paper grocery bags for our Lenten food collection for The Cooperative Ministry. Please leave bags in the food pantry closet in the Bruner Building by February 23.

MUSIC NOTES

HANDBELL FESTIVAL ... On February 22 Shandon will host the annual handbell festival sponsored by the South Carolina chapter of the Fellowship in Music and Worship Arts. The festival will include 75 handbell ringers from throughout South Carolina. Our director will be Brian Childers, who serves as the director of handbells at Myers Park UMC in Charlotte and directs the professional handbell choir *Charlotte Bronze*. **Everyone is invited to the Festival Concert at 12:45pm, February 22, in the Dunn-Smith Center.**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SAVE THE DATES

Children's Sunday (in LifeLine) ... March 2

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper ... March 4

VBS and Day Camp Registration Opens for Church Members ... March 15

Lions and Giants ... March 16, May 4

Easter Family Event ... April 6

VBS and Day Camp ... June 2-6

WWJP? (WHERE WOULD JESUS PARK?)

Well, of course, Jesus walked everywhere, so he wouldn't actually have to deal with the parking challenges we face on Sundays! But seriously, we need to be *very* careful and considerate in our parking habits. A few friendly suggestions ...

1. **The lot beside the church** is important for those with mobility challenges, young children, and our first-time visitors. Please pay careful attention to handicap parking signs, including those for handicap accessible vans.
2. **The lot across Devine Street** is our largest parking lot. On most Sundays we have an off-duty police officer to assist us in crossing the street. On the relatively rare occasions when no officer is available, please be sure to use the crosswalks.
3. **Our friends at Dreher** kindly share their front lot with us. Please do not park on the grass anywhere on the Dreher property.
4. **There are a number of parking spaces on Adger Road.** Please do not park by the yellow curb sections of Adger Road, especially close to the intersection.

Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation

Senior Minister: The Rev. C. E. Kanipe, Jr.
Minister of Assimilation & Discipleship: The Rev. James Grubb
Associate Minister: The Rev. Maggie Cantey
Minister of Music & Arts: The Rev. D. Edwin Huss, Jr.
Organist and Music Associate: Kipp Gill

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