

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 23, 2025

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557 J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 88 Maker, in Whom We Live *Diademata*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
**It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.**

(Psalm 133)

*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.**

COMMISSIONING OF NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

(11:00 a.m.) SOLO

Prayer for Humility
Kaleb King, tenor

Mark Patterson

*Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation,
how we long to know you, how we strive to serve you,
help us now to love you even more.
Give us humble hearts to praise you and listening ears to hear your voice,
willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice.
Lord of all, we adore you, and we bring this prayer before you.
Create in us humble hearts.
When our thoughts turn proud, remind us of the grace you freely give.
When we lose our way, Lord, find us, draw us close to you again.
Give us humble hearts to praise you and listening ears to hear your voice,
willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice.
Lord of all, we adore you and we bring this prayer before you.
Create in us humble hearts. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord Jesus, you are the Vine, and we are the branches.
May we find our life in you
as we hear your word this day.
In your precious and holy name we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 45:1-15

Pew Bible, O.T. pp. 40-41

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Susan Curran

SERMON

"I Am Your Brother, Joseph"

Rev. C. E. "Smoke" Kanipe, Jr.

*HYMN 375

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Balm in Gilead

*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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(8:45 a.m.)	Prayer for Humility Kaleb King, tenor	Mark Patterson
(11:00 a.m.)	For He Is Our Peace Chancel Choir	Philip Stopford

*For this cause I bow my knee unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named:
that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory,
to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;
that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;
that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
may be able to comprehend with all saints
what is the breadth and length and depth and height;
and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge,
that ye may be filled with the fullness of God.
For he is our peace who hath made both one.*

*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 420 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

*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**

Toccata

Eugene Gigout

***Congregation standing**

*The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wall
and Mr. and Mrs. Heyward Young, by Jim and Betsy Young; and in loving memory of Ed
and Inez Watson by Janice, Harry, and Kyle Brown.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIX NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS are being commissioned today 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.

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 **TODAY 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.

JOURNEY TO INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS ... Join us in **Player Hall on Sunday, 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.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Next Sunday, March 2, in LifeLine

LOOKING AHEAD ...

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.

UWF CLOTHING AND BOOK SALE

- **Dates:** Friday, March 14, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **Drop-off:** Tuesday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 12 until 7:00 p.m.
Please bring hanging clothes on hangers and jewelry in individual bags, if possible.
- **Boxes are desperately needed** for packing up.
- **Volunteers are needed** all week for setup.
- **For questions, contact** Jennifer Parker at jpclemsongirl@gmail.com or text (770) 301-6376
Bobbie Moore at bobbie.moore0529@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.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MISSIONS!

CREATING CHRISMONS ... Are you just recovering from taking down your Christmas tree? Now it's time to join us for the first of four Chrismon workshops on **Sunday, March 9, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.** In each session we will create two different Chrismons, so by Christmas time you will have plenty to appoint your tree! Space is limited. Cost is \$20 per session. Everything you need will be provided at the workshop. Register at shandonumc.org/register.

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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING

A Note to Worshipers

Leader: Every Christian is called to care for others. Stephen Ministry is a powerful way that several of us have committed to live out that care. It is our privilege to recognize and affirm Stephen Ministry and our new Stephen Ministers: David Adams, Lilla Ann Briggs, Patricia Cloninger, Link Graham, Hunter Griffin, and Buster Yandle.

Presentation

Leader: David, Lilla Ann, Patricia, Link, Hunter, and Buster, you have been trained and asked to serve as Stephen Ministers at Shandon United Methodist Church. You are a gift of God to us in this ministry of caring. Because of your gifts, your calling, and your training, we charge you with these responsibilities:

As Christ took the burdens of the world on his shoulders and has been a friend to you in troubled times, we ask you to care for those who are burdened and troubled.

As Christ patiently listens when you turn to Him, we ask you to be a patient listener in a hurried world.

As the Spirit of Christ has given you gifts for service, we ask you to use your skills, talents, and prayers to help the people whom you serve.

As Christ has shown His care to you, we ask you to help this congregation grow as a caring community through your own caring ministry.

As Christ has revealed his presence to you through faith, we ask you to share your personal experiences of faith with those around you.

Vows

Leader: (addressing the Stephen Ministers) Are you prepared to meet those requests we ask of you? If so, respond, Yes, with the help of God.

Answer: Yes, with the help of God.

Leader: Will you nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others—to support, encourage, and build up people, and to enable excellent care while trusting in God’s healing?

Answer: Yes, with the help of God.

Leader: Are you prepared to serve as Stephen Ministers at Shandon United Methodist Church?

Answer: Yes, with the help of God.

Leader: (addressing the congregation) Now, we ask you, members of Shandon United Methodist Church, to open your hearts to the ministry of these brothers and sisters and to pray for them, that they may be effective servants of Christ. Are you prepared to meet this request? If so, answer, “Yes, with the help of God.”

Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.

Leader: Will you accept their ministry when you need help and allow these individuals to work with you as you face struggles in your life, that you might receive support and help from your Christian brothers and sisters?

Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.

Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, we ask you to take our sisters Lilla Ann and Patricia and our brothers David, Link, Hunter, and Buster into your care. You have blessed them with gifts and talents and have provided them with an opportunity to learn more about helping people. May they serve you with the power of the Holy Spirit; may they be quick to serve, patient in listening, willing to share themselves with people. Give to us thankful hearts for them, and show them in times of stress and satisfaction a special measure of your mercy and joy. Keep them strong in the faith you have given them for the sake of Jesus, who cares for all of us in every way forever. Amen.

Leader: Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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.

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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