

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Andante Grazioso

Kristen Harris, violin

Gaston Dethier

Gabriel's Oboe

Orchestra

Ennio Morricone

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Dr. Hal Crosswell, Haiti Missions

(11:00 A.M.) RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CHORAL INTROIT

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Chancel Choir

Es Ist Ein Rose

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!

Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.

It came a flower bright,

Amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(stanzas 1-4)

Veni Emmanuel

ANTHEM

Behold a Star from Jacob Shining

Felix Mendelssohn

Chancel Choir and orchestra

Behold a star from Jacob shining, and a scepter from Israel rising.

To reign in glory over the nations.

Like some bright morning star is he, the promise of the coming day, beyond the night of sorrow.

Break forth, O Light!

We, our joyful hearts uplifting with thanksgiving, hail the brightness of Thy rising.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Adam and Joanna Hart and family (8:45 a.m.)

Chad and Frances Clark Johnston and family (11:00 a.m.)

ANTHEM

Sussex Carol

Elaine Hagenberg

Chancel Choir and orchestra

*On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring:
news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.*

*Then why should folk on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad;
when from our sin He set us free, all for to gain our liberty.*

When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place;

Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:

"Glory to God in highest heaven. Now and forevermore." Amen!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1: 46-55

Pew Bible, N.T. pgs 53-54

ANTHEM

Magnificat

George Dyson

Chancel Choir and organ

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is His name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with His arm;

He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away.

*He remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel,
as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.*

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.

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.**

ANTHEM

Love's Pure Light Elaine Hagenberg
Chancel Choir and orchestra
Silent night, holy night. All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night, holy night. Son of God, love's pure light.

THE OFFERING

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To give by text: Text SUMC to 73256

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High arr. Mack Wilberg
Bradley Fuller and Kipp Gill, piano
Ding! dong! Merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing!
Ding! dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angels singing.
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!
E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,
and "I-o i-o, i-o!" by priest and people sungen!
Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers!
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers!
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12

Pew Bible, N.T. pgs 2-3

ANTHEM

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Chancel Choir and orchestra

Adeste Fideles

arr. Dan Forrest

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, to Bethlehem.

Come and behold Him, born the King of angels. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exaltation! Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.

Glory to God, all glory in the highest. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning. Jesus, to Thee be all glory given.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

* BENEDICTION

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the Wise Men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ Child be yours at this holy season.

Alleluia!

And may the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be with you always.

Alleluia! Amen.

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Brass and organ

arr. Lloyd Larsen

* Congregation standing

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members, Nathan and Sabrina Berry, who completed our TREK class in November. If you are ready to take the next step on the pathway to membership at Shandon UMC, a new session of TREK begins January 11. Sign up at shandonumc.org/trek.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Soprano

Anna Flynn
Sara Walden Hanna
Evans Kish
Eleni Nicholas
Ashley Oakey
Katie Pryor
Becky Sutusky
Leah Tudor
Cathryn Whittington
Gigi Woods

Alto

Stephanie Black
Nancy Coombs
Linda Foy
Lynne Griggs
Sue Haddock
Amy Martin
Tricia Meadors
Holly Neuffer
Ann Philbeck
Santee Plocharczyk
Tamara Silva
Myriam Sollman
Rosi Swan

Tenor

Link Graham
Charles Huff
Kaleb King
Mark McWilliams
Brian Smith

Bass

Marvin Boyd, III
David Coward
Grant Ebert
John Grantland
Bruce Isley
Ed McCravy
Donald Tudor

ORCHESTRA

Robyn Doherty, *flute*

Rebecca Schalk Nagel, *oboe*

Amanda Pike, *clarinet*

Peyton Mann, *bassoon*

Holly Beeson, *horn*

Collin Roebuck, *trumpet 1*

David Leadbitter, *trumpet 2*

David Newcomb, *trombone*

Brian Wargel, *trombone*

Kristen Harris, *violin 1*

Catherine Galon, *violin 2*

Brent Hooper, *viola*

Claire Bryant, *cello*

Avea Diamond, *double bass*

Paul Kelly, *timpani*

Bradley Fuller, *piano*

WINTER DOORWAYS CLASSES BEGIN IN JANUARY

Experience the warmth of community and deepen your faith through our Doorways adult classes. These sessions offer space to learn, grow, and connect with others. 13 different opportunities await. Learn more and register for a class at shandonumc.org/events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHANDON SERVES: So far we have received 241 pledges for \$2,112,257 to support our 2026 budget. Thank you to all who have made a pledge! If you have not yet submitted your pledge, you can mail in your Commitment Card or simply go to shandonumc.org/pledge.

ADVENT OFFERING: The 2025 Advent Offering supports Haiti Missions, Homeless No More, and Habitat for Humanity -- initiatives chosen by our Outreach Committee to transform lives and strengthen communities. Your generosity makes a difference. You can give online at shandonumc.org/give and select Advent Offering from the dropdown list, or write "Advent Offering" on your check. Let's share the spirit of the season through acts of hope and compassion.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (MYF): December 7 - Advent Craft Night
Join us for dinner, a short Bible study, and a special Christmas craft activity. We will meet from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Zone.

WEDNESDAY MANNA: The menu for **December 10** is grilled Greek chicken, roasted red potatoes, sauteed green beans, cucumber salad, mixed green salad, homemade bread, fruit, and dessert. Pre-order of meals is required at shandonumc.org/manna. The deadline to order each week is Monday at 5:00 p.m. Meals are served from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Player Hall, and are \$9.00/adult and \$4.00/ child. Children may choose a portion of the weekly meal or a children's plate.

CONNECTIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY: Adults 65 and older are invited to the Connections Christmas Party on Friday, **December 12**, in Player Hall at 11:30 a.m. Dress in your most festive holiday attire and join us for some holiday games (with prizes), musical entertainment, and a buffet lunch. Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 9, to Susan Curran by email (scurran@shandonumc.org) or text (803-466-1344) with your name and the number of guests.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: All men are invited to join us Thursday, **December 18**, from 7:30-8:15 a.m. in Player Hall for our Men's Prayer Breakfast. Chef Tim will be providing a delicious full breakfast, followed by a short program led by Gene Watts. Please join us and bring a friend to be filled with food, fellowship and faith.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL GUIDE: Be sure to pick up your Advent Devotional Guide at the sanctuary or LifeLine entrances. It includes six short devotions for both children and adults to guide us through the Advent and Christmas season. Each of the devotions contains a suggested scripture, a reflection geared toward youth and adults, a shorter reflection and questions for children, and a “Going Deeper” section with questions for all ages. A supplemental coloring page booklet is also available to take home.

SERVING DINNER AT TRANSITIONS: 5-6 volunteers are needed to serve dinner at Transitions on Monday, **December 22**, from 5:15-6:30 p.m. Contact Sue Haddock with questions or to volunteer (ksuehaddock@gmail.com or 803-206-3787).

MISSION OPPORTUNITY IN GUATEMALA: Healing Guatemala is a non-profit organization based in the U.S. that aims to provide physical, social, and spiritual healing to those who live in Guatemala. It is operated by the Rev. Dr. Luke Rhyee, a pastor in the South Carolina Annual Conference. Medical and construction teams are needed. If you are interested in learning more about this mission opportunity and being a part of an UMVIM team, please contact Jennifer Parker at jpclemsongirl@gmail.com or Sue Haddock at Ksuehaddock@gmail.com. Tentative trip dates are April 20-30, 2026, so don't delay!

SHANDON UMC BOOK CLUB: The Shandon UMC Book Club meets on the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is Thursday, **December 18**, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Room 224 of the Bruner Building. We are reading *Beaver Girl* by Cassie Premo Steele. Our selections span a wide range and are chosen six months at a time. To receive reminders, please email Gera Singletary at davegera4@icloud.com.

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN 2026-27 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Deadline for Church Member Priority on Waiting List: **December 31, 2025**

Church members receive priority status for enrollment for the 2026-27 school year only if the child's name is added to or confirmed on the waiting list by December 31, 2025.

If you would like to add your child's name to our waiting list, please visit our website at www.sumpk.org to find our waiting list form. To confirm your child's name is on the waiting list, please call (803) 256-1498 by December 31, 2025.

Registration for the 2026-27 school year will be held in February 2026.



CHRISTMAS AT SHANDON



As we prepare our hearts for the Advent season, we invite you to join us for the many celebrations and worship opportunities that make Christmas at Shandon so special. Mark your calendars and share in the joy of this meaningful season together.

Wednesday, December 10

6:00 p.m.

Children's Choirs
Christmas Program

Sunday, December 14

4:00 p.m.

Eddie Huss and Friends Annual
Christmas Benefit Concert

Thursday, December 18

6:00 p.m.

Blue Christmas Service

Thursday, December 24

2:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services

Traditional Communion Service

4:00 p.m.

Child-friendly Service

*(live nativity on the front lawn 20 minutes after the 4:00 p.m. service
and 20 minutes before the 6:00 p.m. service)*

6:00 p.m.

Child-friendly Service

9:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Service

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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