

# SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**Shandon**  
UNITED METHODIST

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

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

JANUARY 4, 2026

8:45 AND 11:00 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

The Three Kings

Wilbur Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Ruthie Taylor

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 254

We Three Kings

*Kings of Orient*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

**A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.**

*(from Isaiah 60)*

\* 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.**

## PRAAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of all nations,  
whose light led wise men from the East to worship the Christ Child,  
illumine our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that your Word might be born in us this day. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible, N.T. pgs. 1-2

*(In celebration of our Lord's birth, please stand for the reading of the Scripture.)*

### SERMON

“Magi”

Rev. C.E. “Smoke” Kanipe, Jr.

### THE OFFERING

To give online: [shandonumc.org/give](http://shandonumc.org/give)

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

### (8:45 A.M.) OFFERTORY

Prelude on “St. Elizabeth”  
*piano*

arr. Mark Patterson

### (11:00 A.M.) OFFERTORY

The Work of Christmas  
*Chancel Choir*

Dan Forrest

*When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock,  
the work of Christmas begins.*

*To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry,  
to release the pris'ner, to rebuild the nations.*

*To bring peace among brothers, to make music from the heart.*

*When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock,  
the work of Christmas begins.*

\* 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!**

## PRAAYER OF CONFESION

**God of all the nations,  
you sent a star to guide wise men from the East to the child Jesus.  
We confess that we have not followed the light of your Word,  
nor searched for signs of your love in the world.  
We have failed to praise your Son's birth  
and refused his peace on earth.  
We have expected little and hoped for less.  
Forgive our doubt,  
and renew in us all right desires,  
that we may rejoice in the gift of a Savior for all the nations. Amen.**

## \* SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Musical Setting A, Hymnal p. 17)

*Minister*      The Lord be with you.

***People*      And also with you.**

*Minister*      Lift up your hearts.

***People*      We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Minister*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People*      It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks and praise to God the Father, concluding:*

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*(all singing)      Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*The pastor gives thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, concluding:*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer you ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*(all singing)      Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

*The pastor prays for the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit, concluding:*

All honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

(all singing) **Amen, amen, 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.**

#### \*BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*Our Communion offering each month goes to the Harvest Hope Food Bank.  
Thank you for your generosity!*

#### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (all singing)

HYMN 620	One Bread, One Body	John Foley
HYMN 179	O Sing a Song of Bethlehem	<i>Kingsfold</i>
HYMN 641	Fill My Cup, Lord	<i>Fill My Cup</i>
HYMN 628	Eat This Bread	<i>Berthier</i>

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious Lord, we are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table. But it is your nature always and everywhere to have mercy, and on that we depend. As you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, may he forever live in us and we in him. Amen.**

\* 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

Prelude in F Major

J.S. Bach

\* Congregation standing

*The flowers at the altar are in loving memory of Shirley McCue Knox, Jim McCue, Jamey McCue, and Thomas P. Knox, Jr. Given by the McCue family.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW YEAR PRAYER WALK:** Bring the Light: Christians are asked to gather at Columbia UMC, 1830 Main Street, TODAY, **January 4**, at 3:00 p.m. to walk to the steps of the S.C. State House as they pray for collaboration, connection, and community in our city and state. Those who cannot walk may stay and pray in the sanctuary. The Keynote Speaker and Prayer Leader at the State House will be Rev. Leonard Fairley, Bishop of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. Participants are encouraged to wear yellow and white. More details at [shandonumc.org/calendar-of-events](http://shandonumc.org/calendar-of-events).

**MYF: January 4** - Join us as we celebrate the new year and look ahead to 2026. We will meet from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Youth Zone for dinner, fellowship, open gym, and time to write a prayer letter for the new year, as part of our new teaching series, "All Things New."

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** The Church Council will meet in Wesley Hall at 6:00 p.m. on **January 7**.

**TREK:** Ready to become a member of Shandon UMC? A new session of our pathway to membership course, TREK, begins **January 11**. Learn more about it and register at [shandonumc.org/TREK](http://shandonumc.org/TREK).

**UWF READING PROGRAM:** "Nurturing for Community" All members of UWF Circles, Shandon UMC, and guests are invited to join Betty Neal in Player Hall on Monday, **January 12**, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. for a discussion of the book *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. The book is available at major online retail outlets and All Good Books (AGB) in Five Points. Mention Shandon UMC UWF Reading Program at AGB at checkout for a 10% discount.

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

**SHANDON UMC BOOK CLUB:** Join us Thursday, **January 15**, at 5:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall (new location this month only) for a discussion of *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. The Shandon UMC Book Club meets each month to discuss a range of diverse titles, which are chosen in advance. To get the book list and receive reminders, please email Gera Singletary at [davegera4@icloud.com](mailto:davegera4@icloud.com).

**WEDNESDAY MANNA:** Manna Refreshed will return on Wednesday, **January 21**. We will continue to serve the meal each Wednesday from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in Player Hall. 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](http://shandonumc.org/manna). All are welcome.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT:** 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](http://shandonumc.org/events). The cost is \$15 per person, which includes a bottle of olive oil of your choice. Questions? Contact Ruthie or Susan.

# DOORWAYS TO GOD

WINTER 2026

## Behind the Scenes of the New Testament

Leader: Rev. Smoke Kanipe

One Thursday a month - 6 p.m.

*Dive into the everyday lives of ordinary people in the New Testament world through historical fiction. Attend any session that interests you.*

- *January 15: A Week in the Life of a Roman Centurion*
- *February 19: A Week in the Life of a Greco-Roman Woman*
- *March 19: A Week in the Life of the Fall of Jerusalem*
- *April 23: A Week in the Life of Ephesus*

## The Chosen - Season 1 (FULL)

Leaders: Julie Allen and Ashley

Brantley

Mondays - 6 p.m.

*Curious about The Chosen? Want a study without homework? Enjoy watching all 8 episodes with a small group of women, followed by thoughtful conversation. A light meal is provided each week. <Waiting list>*

## The Chosen - Season 2

Leaders: Linda Foy and Sue Haddock

Mondays - 6 p.m.

*Continue the journey through Season 2. Whether you're watching for the first time or returning to notice new details, you're welcome.*

## Forgiving What You Can't Forget

Leader: Tiffany Anderson

Mondays - 6:15 p.m.

*Learn a biblical approach to forgiveness and how to quiet the emotional triggers that keep you stuck.*

## GriefShare

Leaders: Susan Brant and Hunter

Griffin

Sundays - 2:30 p.m.

*Loss brings deep grief. If you need a safe place to talk through sadness, loneliness, fears, anger, regrets, or questions for God, this group offers support and guidance from Shandon's Stephen Ministers.*

## A Journey Through the Gospels

Leader: Rev. James Grubb

### Iron Sharpens Iron

Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

### Monday Men's Group

Mondays - 6 p.m.

*Walk through Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John with Pastor Grubb and other men as you explore Jesus' life and teachings.*

## Lessons from a Tree Farmer

Leader: Ruthie Taylor

Wednesdays - 10:30 a.m.

*Dig into eight agricultural scriptures and learn practical lessons from God the Gardener—green thumb not required.*

## Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus

Leader: Lilla Ann Briggs

Thursdays - 3 p.m.

*Discover the mission, message, and miracles of Jesus, whether you are new to faith or have walked with Him for years.*

## Prayer Group

Leader: Lilla Ann Briggs

Tuesdays - 10 a.m.

*Join this group of prayer warriors via Zoom to share concerns and pray together. "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." Colossians 4:2 NIV*

## Ruth and Esther

Leader: Terry Goodfellow

Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

*Study two courageous women whose faithfulness played a role in God's larger plan.*

## Simply Living Well

Leader: Lesli Wood

Tuesdays - 11:30 a.m.

*Explore what it means to "live well" through faith, nutrition, movement, purpose, and community. Each week includes a simple plant-based meal and an invitation to reflect on life habits.*

## When Women Pray

Leader: Katie Dalenburg

Tuesdays - 11:30 a.m.

*Explore the stories of ten faithful women and the power of prayer in shaping lives and communities.*

Many classes begin this week - go to [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events) to register today!

## Shandon UMC Children's and Student Ministry

### SAVE THE DATE

Please be sure to mark your calendars for these activities your family won't want to miss!

February 7	MYF Snow tubing trip <i>(for all 7th-12th graders)</i>
February 8	Children's Sunday at 11 a.m. traditional worship
February 17	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper <i>(sponsored by 5th Grade Sunday School class)</i>
February 18	Beginning of weekly Lenten Breakfast Bible Study
March 1	Three-Year-Old Sunday School Bible presentation
March 15	VBS/Day Camp registration opens
March 22	Family Lenten/Easter event
May 10	Graduate recognition service at 8:45 a.m. traditional worship
May 24	Popcorn and a Movie
May 31	VBS Volunteer Orientation luncheon
June 1-5	VBS (at Shandon) and Day Camp (at Heathwood Hall)

*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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