

# SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2024

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Noel

Louis Daquin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. C. E. “Smoke” Kanipe, Jr.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Emily Fernald, Habitat for Humanity

RECOGNITION OF ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 220

Angels From the Realms of Glory

*Regent Square*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;**

authority rests upon his shoulders;

and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**His authority shall grow continually,**

**and there shall be endless peace**

**for the throne of David and his kingdom.**

He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time onward and forevermore.

**The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.** *(from Isaiah 9)*

\*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.**

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(8:45 a.m.) John and Joanna Kleckley  
(11:00 a.m.) David, Erin, and Parks Johnson

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Hymnal, pg. 39)

(8:45 a.m.) **Ann McKenzie Catalano**, daughter of Joe and Marianne Catalano and sister of Maureen, was born on August 7, 2024.

(11:00 a.m.) **Madeline Kay Inabinet**, daughter of Ben and Morgan Inabinet, was born on June 12, 2024.

## THE 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

**Gracious Father, for whose word the world ever waits and hopes,  
pour out on us your Holy Spirit,  
that as your scriptures are read and proclaimed this day  
we may hear with joy and respond in faith;  
through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Zephaniah 3:11-20

Pew Bible, O.T. pp. 826-827

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Cari Treece

## SERMON

"Going Home"

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

## \*HYMN 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*Houston*

## 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.**

## THE OFFERING

To give online or by text: [www.shandon-umc.org/give](http://www.shandon-umc.org/give)  
Text 73256 and enter SUMC

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Song of Mary  
Gali Ramos Bruno, soprano

Buryl Red

*Sing my soul, the greatness of the Lord.  
Rejoice my spirit in God, my Savior.  
So tenderly has he regarded me,  
so wondrously has he exalted me.  
All generations shall call be blest.  
For his name is holy, he is the Mighty One.  
His mercy is ever sure.  
Sing my soul the greatness of the Lord.*

\*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*HYMN 221

In the Bleak Midwinter

Cranham

\*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.**

\*(11:00 a.m.) CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

*The Lord bless you and keep you,  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.*

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Pat-a Pan

arr. Diane Bish

\*Congregation standing

*The flowers in the narthex are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Wade F. Ward, Sr.  
by Harry and Jane Ward and the family.*

# ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AND MUSICAL EVENTS

## IN OUR SANCTUARY

Sunday, December 15 ..... Eddie Huss and Friends Annual Christmas Benefit Concert, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 19 ..... Blue Christmas Service, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services ..... Traditional Communion Service, 11:00 a.m.

Family Services, 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

(Live Nativity after 3:00 service and before 6:00 service)

Candlelight Communion Service, 9:00 p.m.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE ...** Sometimes the holiday season is difficult for those experiencing grief or loss. Join us on **Thursday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m.** for a time of worship which is sensitive to the needs of those with heavy hearts this Christmas.

**ADVENT OFFERING ...** Advent is the season for giving! Our 2024 Advent Offering supports Haiti Missions, Habitat for Humanity, and Homeless No More. Your generosity makes a difference. You can give online at [shandonumc.org](http://shandonumc.org) (select "Advent Offering" from the dropdown list), or write "Advent Offering" on your check. Thank you for sharing the gift of hope and love with our neighbors!

**ALDERSGATE SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY FUNDRAISER ... LENTEN CROSSES** for your yard, made by our Committed Disciples Sunday School class, can be ordered today from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the SC Conference's Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry. Each set includes a cross for yard mount, three sashes, instructions, and lessons for the Lenten season. Cross sets cost \$35 and will be ready for pickup on March 2. Or order online at [shandonumc.org/register](http://shandonumc.org/register).

**SHANDON CARES ...** So far we have received 254 pledges for \$2,186,136 to support our 2025 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](http://shandonumc.org/pledge).

**DOORWAYS TO GOD:** The new year will be here before we know it! If you are considering investing time in your faith journey in 2025, take a look at 10 new Bible studies that will be offered beginning the week of January 5th. Online registration is now open at [shandonumc.org/doorways](http://shandonumc.org/doorways).

**ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND ...** Set up to honor Dr. Harvey A. and Judy M. Allen for their years of service in teaching at Shandon UMC, the Allen Fund is supported by the congregation through memorials and honoraria. The Allen Fund Committee is pleased to award grants to ten qualified students for the spring semester 2025. To qualify, students must be members of Shandon UMC, children of missionaries whom Shandon UMC supports, or residents of Epworth Children’s Home. Our spring 2025 recipients are ...

Liddy Grantland	Maddy Curran	Brant Hagler
Carlisle Benson	Davis Dunlap	Amelia Hanshaw
Sarah Daniels	Kathleen Conrad	Michael Graf
Elizabeth Coleman		

Congratulations to each of these students!

**SHANDON UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN  
2025-26 REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Deadline for Church Member Priority on Waiting List: December 31, 2024**

Church members receive priority status for preschool and kindergarten enrollment for the 2025-26 school year only if the child’s name is added to or confirmed on the waiting list prior to December 31, 2024. If you would like to add your child’s name to our waiting list, please visit our website at [sumpk.org/waitlist](http://sumpk.org/waitlist) to find our waiting list form. You can also access our page visiting the church’s website, as well. The form must be submitted by December 31, 2024. To confirm your child’s name is on the waiting list, please call 256-1498 by December 31. Registration for the 2025-26 school year will be held in February 2025.

**MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST:** One of the times the men of Shandon UMC gather to fellowship and grow our faith is at our Men's Prayer Breakfast on the third Thursday of each month. This month's Prayer Breakfast will occur on **Thursday, December 19, from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m.** in Player Hall. Please mark your calendar, invite a friend or two, and plan to join us. Scott Crisler will lead the program.

**TREK—PATHWAY TO MEMBERSHIP:** Are you ready to become a full member of Shandon UMC? TREK is Shandon UMC's pathway to membership. Our next course is set to begin on January 12, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is designed to help you connect with our ministers, staff, ministries, and one another. For complete details and to register for the course, go to [shandonumc.org/trek](https://shandonumc.org/trek). If you still have questions, please contact Pastor James Grubb at [jgrubb@shandonumc.org](mailto:jgrubb@shandonumc.org) or call the church office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY:** Have you been wanting to invite a friend, co-worker or neighbor to experience the fellowship, love and faith you found at Shandon UMC. If so, mark your calendar for January 12 for our Bring A Friend To Church Sunday. Now is a great time to start planting seeds to have them join you at one of our worship services and your Sunday School class. This is also a great day to encourage someone you know who has fallen out of the habit of attending church to get back into the practice and rhythm of worship. Let's help people keep their commitment to get back into church this new year. You never know what a simple invitation might bring.

**HEALTHY EATING IN TODAY'S BUSY WORLD:** Kick off the new year with Health and Wellness's Refresh and Renew series. The first session will be held **Tuesday, January 14, 2025, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** in Player Hall. Join Emilie Blanchard, founder of Tasty as Fit, for a Lunch and Learn as she shares practical tips for maintaining healthy eating habits in today's busy world. Enjoy a \$15 plant-based, gluten-free meal catered by Tasty as Fit. Register online by January 7, at [shandonumc.org/register](https://shandonumc.org/register).



*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 Rev. Maggie Cantey

Minister of Music & Arts: The Reverend D. Edwin Huss, Jr.

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