

# SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

MAY 11, 2025  
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Brother James Air

arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 577

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM Rhondda

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

**Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

(from Psalm 25)

\* 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.**

(8:45 a.m.) THE GRADUATES' PRAYER

**Dear God,**

**Thank you for all of our blessings. We are thankful for our home, family, health, friends, and food. We are also thankful for our church, opportunities for education, and our community.**

**Lord, help us to be patient. Be with us during our difficult days and decisions.**

**Help us to focus and keep us from putting too much pressure on ourselves.**

**Please be at the center of our relationships and remind us that you are in control.**

**Please forgive our sins. Thank you for showing us grace, mercy, and love so that we can show that to other people.**

**We pray for others we know that are hurting or need your help.**

**We believe in the power of prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**In your name we pray, Amen**

(8:45 a.m.) RECOGNITION OF 2025 GRADUATES

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

**Kathryn Hutcheson Priddy**, daughter of Sam and Ella Priddy, was born on April 4, 2024.

**Daniel Bray Hale**, son of Gregory and Kathryn Hale, was born on February 21, 2025

(11:00 a.m.) 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

**In this hour, in this place,**

**may only God's word be spoken,**

**may only God's word be heard. Amen.**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 7:13-29

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 7

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Susan Curran

## 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: [shandonumc.org/give](http://shandonumc.org/give)

To give by text: Text SUMC to 73256

## OFFERTORY (8:45 a.m.)

Amazing Grace

arr. Craig Courtney

*Gali Ramos-Bruno, soprano*

*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 and yet 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 and yet so free.*

*The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.*

## OFFERTORY (11:00 a.m.)

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

*Chancel Choir*

*O Love, that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;*

*I give thee back the life I owe,*

*that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;*

*I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,  
 that morn shall tearless be.*

**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 732

Come, We That Love the Lord

St. Thomas

\*BENEDICTION

\*(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

O Day of Peace

arr. Charles Callahan

\* Congregation standing

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of our mothers,  
Rachel S. Knox and Mamie F. Coleman. Given by Cathy and Lex Knox.*

*The flowers at the altar are given in honor of my daughters,  
who are both wonderful mothers! Given by Patti Shelley.*

*The flowers in the narthex today are given to the glory of God and  
in honor of the Reverend Smoke Kanipe  
from the May 9 wedding of Kathleen Edith Meyers and Gregory Peyton Pryor.*

# ***Congratulations 2025 Graduates!***

**Killian L. Baldwin-Voignier**

*Blythewood High School*

**Sarah Elizabeth Burt**

*South Carolina Connections Academy*

**James Owen Cameron**

*Sandhills School*

**John Edwin Croft**

*Hammond School*

**Charles Stewart Durham**

*A.C. Flora High School*

**Grier Faulks Eaddy**

*Hammond School*

**Noah Matthew Goddard**

*Hammond School*

**John William Griggs**

*Heathwood Hall Episcopal School*

**James Davis Hughes**

*Heathwood Hall Episcopal School*

**Quentin Douglas Hilley**

*Dreher High School*

**Ellison Lilly Ingram**

*Hammond School*

**Elizabeth Bethea Jeffords**

*Cardinal Newman High School*

**Natalie Kate Johnson**

*Heathwood Hall Episcopal School*

**Amelia Curtis Jones**

*Dreher High School*

**James Adams Lay**

*Hammond School*

**Emma Caroline Linfert**

*Cardinal Newman High School*

**Frank Cameron Manning IV**

*A.C. Flora High School*

**Isabella Mackey McCarley**

*A.C. Flora High School*

**Anne Elise Nidiffer**

*A.C. Flora High School*

**George Thomas Oliver**

*Cardinal Newman High School*

**Maddox Fordham Render**

*Cardinal Newman High School*

**Michael Blair Rice Jr.**

*Hammond School*

**Anna Katherine Snyder**

*Gray Collegiate Academy*

**Joseph Porter Sorrell**

*Gray Collegiate Academy*

**Parker Randolph Tyner**

*Dreher High School*

**Samuel Sawyer Wren**

*A.C. Flora High School*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY WE GIVE TO THE EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING!** Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering to provide loving care, safety, and services for the children at Epworth Children's Home. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry, so please give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at [epworthchildrenshome.org](http://epworthchildrenshome.org) where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation or enroll for monthly contributions.

**STAND FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY:** Shandon UMC is a member of the interfaith coalition Midlands Organized Response for Equity and Justice (MORE Justice). Please join us for the **2025 Nehemiah Action on Monday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m.** in the auditorium at Eau Claire High School, 4800 Monticello Road. Hundreds of community members will gather and ask public officials to take measurable action steps to implement a solution to our community's most pressing problems.

**MOBILE FOOD MARKET:** One of MORE Justice's key concerns during the last year has been food insecurity for many of our neighbors. The city has established several mobile markets to serve those who live in "food deserts," including one at the corner of Gervais and Millwood on **Thursdays from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** Your support for these mobile markets will allow them to continue to serve our neighbors in need. Thank you for your support!

**BLOOD DRIVE:** We will host a Red Cross Blood Drive in Player Hall on **Sunday, May 18,** from **9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Participants will receive a \$20 e-gift card and get a chance to win a USA trip of their choice. Sign up at [shandonumc.org/redcross](http://shandonumc.org/redcross).

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU:** The Task Force for Stewardship and Budgeting is seeking your input as it reviews our budgeting, operations, stewardship, and planning processes. Read more about the task force and this process in the latest issue of *The Voice*. Respond anonymously by **May 16** at [shandonumc.org/survey25](http://shandonumc.org/survey25).

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** There's one more opportunity to participate in the current Habitat for Humanity Faith Build on **Saturday, May 17,** from **8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** Volunteers should be 18 years old and should register online at [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events).

**TREASURED - FOR MOMS AND TWEEN DAUGHTERS:** This 6-session faith-based study is designed for moms and daughters to help them connect and talk about topics critical to the preteen years: identity, body, emotions, friendships, technology, and faith. If you have a 4th–6th-grade daughter and would like to participate in this study over the summer, please email Cari Treece at [ctreece@shandonumc.org](mailto:ctreece@shandonumc.org). Days and times are flexible and will be determined by the group.

**COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD:** Make plans to drop by the courtyard outside the gym **Sunday, May 18**, for coffee, juice, and biscuits from **9:30-10:00 a.m.** Stop by, meet a few new people, and enjoy some food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

**CHRISMON CLASS:** Join us for the second of four quarterly Chrismon workshop events on Sunday, June 8, in the Conference Room. The first session will be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., and the second session will be from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. While getting to know fellow church members, you will learn the meaning and craft of Chrismon making. All materials are provided, and space is limited. Register at [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events)

**SHANDON CUP STARTING SOON:** Members, visitors, and friends aged 18 years or older are invited to participate. This summer's primary activity will be volleyball—all skill levels welcome! We will gather on **Wednesday evenings** from **6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** in the Gym. The program will run from **May 21 to July 30** (excluding June 4 for VBS). Childcare is available. Register online: [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events)

**YOUTH TRIP TO CAROWINDS:** Mark your calendars for our annual MYF Trip to Carowinds on **Tuesday, June 17!** Registration opens May 12, and is \$60 per person, which includes a park ticket and one meal voucher. All current 6th–12th graders and their friends are invited. Space is limited. Register at [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events)

**FRIDAY EVENING FUN FOR WOMEN:** Ladies, plan to join us on Friday evenings (**May 16 – June 27**) at the home of Lilla Ann Briggs from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** for small group fellowship, food, laughter, and genuine conversation as a part of the 7-week Bible study *Seamless* by Angie Smith. RSVP at [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events) to let Lilla Ann know that you will be joining the group.

**SHANDON BOOK CLUB:** The SUMC Book Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Rm. 221 of the Bruner Bldg. Newcomers are warmly welcomed any time. To be on the mailing list and receive reminders, contact Anne Cox at [anne41450@aol.com](mailto:anne41450@aol.com).

**May 15:** *The Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult

**LOSS OF A SPOUSE:** The death of a spouse brings a unique kind of pain. In addition to losing a loved one, traditions and a couple's lifestyle have been lost. If you know this kind of pain, you are invited to join us on **Sunday, May 18**, from **3:00 - 5:00 p.m.** as Lilla Ann Briggs hosts GriefShare's Loss of a Spouse class in Knox Room 214. All materials will be provided. Please register by contacting Lilla Ann Briggs ([forgiventoo7@gmail.com](mailto:forgiventoo7@gmail.com)).

## 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.

5. **Please respect our business neighbors.** The businesses near our campus (Exxon, CVS, EarthFare, Dunkin) have limited parking available for their customers. Please do not park in any of the spots that are intended for their customer use.

*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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