

# SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 28, 2025

8:45 AND 11:00 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Once in Royal David's City  
I Saw Three Ships  
Carol of the Bells

*Irby  
English Carol  
Ukrainian Carol*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 246

Joy to the World

*Antioch*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

**Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his host!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
Princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.

*(from Psalm 148:1-2, 11-13)*

\* 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.**

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(8:45 a.m.) Laura and Miller Ayn Smoak

(11:00 a.m.) Perry and Cindy Rainey

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Guide us, O God,  
by your Word and Spirit,  
that in your light we may see light,  
in your truth find wisdom,  
and in your will discover your peace,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:13-23

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 3

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lesli Wood

*Following the Children's Sermon, childcare is available for 4 and 5-year-olds  
in Room 115 of the Knox Building.*

## SERMON

"Another Way"

Rev. Maggie Cantey

\* HYMN 249

There's a Song in the Air

*Christmas Song*

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

**our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. 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.**

## THE OFFERING

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

To give by text: Text SUMC to 73256

## OFFERTORY

He Is Born

arr. Diane Bish

## \* 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 251

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

*Spiritual*

## \* 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

Deck the Halls

*Old Welsh Air*

\* Congregation standing

*The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of Marion and Rachel Knox  
by Barbara Cobb.*



Thanks to our Chancel Choir, Celebration Choir, Wesley Ringers, Youth Singers, St. Nicholas Choir and Cherub Choir for the beautiful music during Advent and Christmas.

Thanks also to Kipp Gill, Bradley Fuller, Amy Martin, Jamie Conrad, Grant Ebert, Bruce Isley, and Anna Flynn for their leadership in our music ministry.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHANDON SERVES:** So far we have received 258 pledges for \$2,229,542 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](https://shandonumc.org/pledge).

**POPCORN, MOVIE, & NATIVITY BINGO:** Today, **December 28**, the children's "Popcorn and Movie" will also feature Bible Bingo during the Sunday school hour in Player Hall for our 4-year-old to 5th-grade children.

**METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (MYF): December 28** - There will be no MYF meeting today. We will gather to celebrate the new year on January 4, 2026.

**NEW YEAR PRAYER WALK:** Bring the Light: Christians are asked to gather at Columbia UMC, 1830 Main Street, on Sunday, **January 4, 2026**, 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](https://shandonumc.org/calendar-of-events).

**TREK:** Ready to become a member of Shandon UMC? A new session of our pathway to membership course, TREK, begins **January 11, 2026**. Learn more about it and register at [shandonumc.org/TREK](https://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, 2026**, 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.

**WEDNESDAY MANNA:** Manna Refreshed will return on Wednesday, **January 21, 2026**. 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](https://shandonumc.org/manna). All are welcome.

# DOORWAYS TO GOD

## Adult Bible Studies

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.

- GriefShare
- The Chosen-Season 1
- The Chosen-Season 2
- Monday Men's Group: A Journey Through the Gospels
- Forgiving What You Can't Forget
- Prayer Group
- Simply Living Well
- Lessons from a Tree Farmer
- Ruth and Esther
- Iron Sharpens Iron: A Journey Through the Gospels
- When Women Pray
- Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus
- Behind the Scenes of the New Testament

Many classes begin in the first week of January, so sign up today at [shandonumc.org/events](https://shandonumc.org/events).

## 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](https://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.

*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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