

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

8:45 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Simple Gifts

arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

* CALL TO WORSHIP

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.

**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

**I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.**

(Psalm 139: 16-18, 14)

* 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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Hymnal, pg. 39)

Elizabeth Harp Borthen, daughter of Spencer and Halley Borthen, was born October 3, 2025.

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

**Ever-living Spirit,
give us humility of mind and hospitality of heart
to receive your gracious Word
in ancient stories of your faithfulness.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

Pew Bible, O.T. pg. 581

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Cari Treece

SERMON

“Hevel”

Rev. Maggie Cantey

*HYMN 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

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

To give by text: Text SUMC to 73256

OFFERTORY

Rejoice, the Lord is King

arr. Pepper Choplin

* DOXOLOGY HYMN 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 438

Forth in Thy Name

Duke Street

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Mark Hayes

* *Congregation standing*

*The altar flowers are given in loving honor of our grandparents, Linda and Von Suber, by
Spire and Benjamin Wilson.*

*The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Frank and Martha Ogburn by Bill and
Kay Ogburn.*

*The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of Debbie Blair and
Jennie A. Eadon in celebration of their birthdays, with love by Margaret Miller.*

WELCOME VISITORS

*If you are visiting with us today, please stop by our Visitor Welcome Center just to the left
as you exit the sanctuary following the service. A Hospitality Team member will be there to
greet you with a welcome bag and to answer any questions you might have.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU, ANDY: It is with sadness that we announce the resignation of Andy Morris, our Director of Student Ministry, as of September 27. We are grateful for Andy's years of service alongside us in ministry, and wish him well in his new leadership role in student ministry at his next church. SPRC is seeking applicants for this open position. Please pray for Andy in his next role and for the person God sends to serve alongside us.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL SERIES: Our special series for families with 4-year-old Preschool, K5, and 1st-grade children students continues today and next week (**September 20 and 27**), during the 11:00/11:05 a.m. worship services. Sessions are stand-alone. Immediately after the Children's Sermon in worship, participants are invited to join Cari Treece in Player Hall to learn about worship in age-appropriate activities. Parents attend these sessions with their children.

BECOME AN ACOLYTE: There is a training session TODAY, **September 20**, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary for seventh through twelfth graders who are interested in serving as acolytes in our traditional worship services. Questions? Please contact Mason Gibbes at mgibblet28@aol.com or 803-238-1434.

MYF: Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) is the place for 7th through 12th graders to fellowship, play games, and grow in their relationship with Christ. **September 20:** Bring-a-Friend Game Night - Grab your smartest friend and join us for a night of trivia, laughs, and friendly competition. Whether you're a trivia pro or just here for the fun, there's a place for you. Bring a friend and let the games begin! Dinner, games, and Bible Study will be held in the Youth Zone Game Room from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

READY TO BECOME A MEMBER OF SHANDON UMC?: The first step to membership is our TREK class. We have two more sessions to choose from for 2026: **October 11, 14, and 18**, or **November 1, 4, and 8**. More details and registration at shandonumc.org/trek

WEDNESDAY MANNA: Make plans to join us for our weekly fellowship dinner with delicious, healthy meals for the whole family. Reservations are required and must be placed by 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings at shandonumc.org/manna. **September 23:** Italian Night – Bowtie Pasta with Italian Sausage, Cherry Tomatoes, Mushrooms and Spinach, Caesar Salad with freshly grated Parmesan Cheese, Garlic Bread and Dessert Children’s Menu: Buttered Noodles, Yogurt, Clementine

TEEN GIRLS’ BIBLE STUDY: All girls 6th through 12th grade are invited to Dunn-Smith 206 on Wednesdays beginning at 5:45 p.m. for a time to enjoy fellowship, study God’s Word, and grow together in faith.

TROOP 37 SCOUT MEETINGS: Scout Troop 37 meets weekly on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Knox 208. We have a busy fall schedule of outdoor adventures: camping, biking, climbing, and volunteering. We would love to have students in 6th-12th grade join us! Stop by any Wednesday to learn more or email Ryan (rdmartel@hotmail.com). No prior experience required.

SEEKERS LUNCH: Young professionals in their mid-20s to mid-30s seeking fellowship and community are welcome to join the Seekers group, which plans gatherings for Sunday lunch after the 11:00 a.m. and 11:05 a.m. worship services. The Seekers will meet **September 27** at Taziki’s. Please contact Rev. Maggie for a conversation or complete the interest form at shandonumc.org/seekers to be added to the group email list. Bring a friend, and we hope to see you there!

JOIN THE CUB SCOUTS: We are recruiting K-5th grade students to join our troop. Meetings are typically on Sunday afternoons about once a month during the school year, and we do all sorts of fun outdoor events. We will have our first meeting on **October 4**, starting with an ice cream social at 3:00 p.m. in the Dunn-Smith Courtyard, followed by our first meeting in Player Hall. No need to register; just show up.

YOUTH BASKETBALL: Registration is open through **October 15** for all 2nd-12th grade boys and girls at shandonumc.org/events

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Join us for Shandon UMC's annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, **October 4**, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in honor of St. Francis of Assisi Day, the patron saint of animals. Bring your leashed or caged pets to the East Lawn by the fountain for a special blessing. Children are welcome to bring a stuffed animal to be blessed, as well. If it rains, we will be in the gym. If you have questions, reach out to Rev. Maggie Cantey. We hope to see you there!

FEED THE HUNGRY THROUGH COOPERATIVE MINISTRY: Please remember our commitment to The Cooperative Ministry, which is to provide nonperishable food items. The need for food is very real, and we can help. A donation barrel is located in the Food Pantry Closet outside Wesley Hall (1st floor, Bruner Building). Shandon can make a difference through the ministry.

TRACKERS: "Trackers" is small group time created specifically for boys in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. Each week will include fun Bible lessons, games, and time to connect with friends. Trackers meets Wednesday nights from 6:00–6:45 p.m. in the 5th grade Sunday School classroom (DuBose 202). Meeting dates will follow the Manna meal schedule. Questions? Reach out to Cari Treece at ctreece@shandonumc.org.

TRIP TO MCCASKILL'S FARM: Connections (Older Adults Ministry) is heading to McCaskill's farm in Rembert for a delicious lunch on Friday, **October 9**. The meal is \$15 per person plus tax and gratuity. Space is limited. The bus departs at 10:30 a.m. and will return around 2:00 p.m. After lunch, you are invited to browse through the shop and the farm. Deadline for registration is Friday, October 2, 2026. To register, contact Susan Curran (scurran@shandonumc.org).

MAHJONG FOR MISSIONS - PLAY WITH PURPOSE: Save the date! Join us for Mahjong for Missions on **February 20, 2027**, from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. at Shandon UMC Gym for a fun tournament open to players of all levels. Friends and community members are always welcome. Registration opens November 1 at shandonumc.org/events.

WORSHIP NOTES

FREE VACCINE CLINIC

Thanks to Health and Wellness, through a partnership with students from the USC School of Medicine and Medicine Mart pharmacy, we will be offering vaccines at no cost to those with health insurance. There will be two clinics held in Player Hall: Tuesday, **September 22**, from 12:30-4:30 p.m., and Sunday, **October 18**, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Vaccines available include:

Flu (Standard & High Dose [age 65+])

COVID (2026-2027)

Shingles (age 50+)

Pneumonia (age 50+)

RSV (age 50+)

Hepatitis-B

Tetanus booster

HPV

Walk-ins will be accepted, but advanced registration is preferred. Please be sure to wear clothing that allows you to expose one of your arms up to the shoulder. Register at

shandonumc.org/events

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Our church family has grown since our 2023 directory. Make sure your household is included!

Photography sessions will be held in the Parlor (Bruner Bldg.) **October 12-15**. Additional times may be added if needed.

Register at shandonumc.org/directory using church code sc343 and password PHOTOS343.

If you are homebound, contact Pastor Will Harvey at wharvey@shandonumc.org about submitting a photo. All others are asked to schedule a session.

Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation

Senior Pastor: The Reverend C. E. Kanipe, Jr.

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Maggie Cantey

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Will Harvey

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

Organist and Music Associate: Kipp Gill

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