

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 7, 2024

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. C. E. "Smoke" Kanipe, Jr.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*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.**

PRAYER 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.**

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

SERMON

"Kneel, Give, and Go"

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

THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Beautiful Savior

arr. F. M. Christiansen

Chancel Choir with Robin Price, alto

*Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!*

*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.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**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!*

ANTHEM

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.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

**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 now and always!

Alleluia!

And may the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be with you always.

Alleluia! Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be In My Head

John Rutter

*God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and in my departing.*

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Congregation standing

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

Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation

Senior Minister: The Reverend C. E. Kanipe, Jr.
Minister of Assimilation & Discipleship: The Reverend James Grubb
Minister of Music & Arts: The Reverend D. Edwin Huss, Jr.
Music Associate & Organist: Deborah K. Bauer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 7, 2024

DOORWAYS TO GOD—WINTER 2024: Registration is now open for Winter Adult Christian Education classes. Connect with fellow Christians and deepen your faith. Classes begin this week! Register online at shandonumc.org/doorways.

SHANDON SISTERS: Connections for Young Women ages 25ish-45ish. Join us for a casual gathering to connect with mature women who are ahead of you in life's journey. Our time together will include fellowship, light refreshments, conversation, and a brief reflection with "pearls of wisdom" from one of our facilitators. Come **Monday, January 8**, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. to the home of Rami McCutchen. For more information contact Anne Marie Crosswell at amacrosswell@gmail.com, Taylor White at tmunnwhite@gmail.com, or Ruthie Taylor at 803-318-7484. Friends are welcome.

FOOD INSECURITY is ongoing in our community. During the next year the Outreach Commission requests that each month you bring an item that will go to Cooperative Ministries. We will collect the food on the second Sunday of the month or in the week before the second Sunday. Each month we will designate a "food of the month." For **Sunday, January 14**, please bring grits or mac & cheese.

SUMC BOOK CLUB meets on 3rd Thursdays, in Rm. B-221 (5:30-6:30 p.m.). **January 18:** *Black Cake*, by Charmaine Wilkerson. To be on the mailing list and receive reminders, contact Anne Cox at anne41450@aol.com.

NEXT TREK CLASS: Are you ready to become a member of Shandon UMC? The next TREK Course, Shandon's Pathway to Membership, begins on **Sunday, January 21**. The course will meet on January 21, 24, and 31. Childcare is available. Go to shandonumc.org/trek to learn more and sign up today.

FOR 6TH GRADERS: Confirmation Preparation Classes for church membership begin on **Sunday, January 21**, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. To register your 6th grader, visit shandonumc.org/register. For more information, please contact Lesli Wood, Director of Christian Education, at lwood@shandonumc.org or 803-256-8383.

GOOD NEWS CLUB: Do you want to make a lasting impact on children's lives by sharing the truth about Jesus? Join the Good News Club at Shandon UMC! We meet after school at Rosewood Elementary for six Thursdays, 2–4 p.m., starting **February 8, 2024**. Enjoy fun games, songs, Bible lessons, and memory verses with others who love Jesus. Join our team and contact us for more info: Joykstone@gmail.com or 803-354-0903.

MUSIC DURING WORSHIP

The Chancel Choir will be singing several anthems this morning in our worship. “Beautiful Savior” will be sung during the offering and will feature Robin Price, alto. Composed by Felix Christiansen for the St. Olaf Choir from St. Olaf Township, Minnesota, the anthem is based on a Silesian folk tune. During communion, the Choir will sing “The Work of Christmas” by Dan Forrest from Greenville, South Carolina. The text is from a poem written by Howard Thurman. The closing choral response, “God Be in My Head” is set to music by British composer, John Rutter. The text comes from a 13th century collection of prayers, Sarum Primer, developed in Salisbury, England.

The Opening and Closing Voluntaries are celebrated organ works by the Danish-German composer Dietrich Buxtehude whose works represent a central part of the standard Baroque organ repertoire and are frequently performed at recitals and in church services. The chorale fantasia based on our Hymn 247 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* explores contrasting musical textures based on the words of the hymn. The multiple organ divisions located in the front and back of our church provide an exciting medium for exploiting Buxtehude’s creative variations. Listen for the echo effect created by the organist’s hands when they alternate between the three keyboards. The closing Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C Major is probably the most famous of Buxtehude’s organ works. His skills were so celebrated in his day that other accomplished musicians like Bach and Handel made pilgrimages to hear him play. A young Bach is said to have walked 250 miles and spent three months attending the famous evening concert series at the Marienkirche in Lübeck in order to listen and learn from Buxtehude.

NEW ART EXHIBIT

Shandon United Methodist Church will host an exhibition of paintings by artist Kennedy Lambe beginning January 9 and continuing through the month of February. The works on display at the church’s Patricia Beckler Art Gallery are a collection of her recent work. An Opening Reception will be held in the gallery on **Wednesday, January 17**, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and the public is invited.