

# SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

JANUARY 5, 2025

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Entrance of the Kings

Gian-Carol Menotti

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

*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.**

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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible, N.T. pgs. 1-2

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

SERMON

"Which Comes First?"

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

THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(8:45 a.m.)      Glory to God in the Highest  
   Organ

Giovanni Pergolesi

(11:00 a.m.)      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 the 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 prisoner, to rebuild the nations;  
to bring peace among brothers, to make music from the heart.  
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.*

\*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!*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn 189	Fairest Lord Jesus
Hymn 184	Of the Father's Love Begotten
Hymn 186	Alleluia

*St. Elizabeth*  
*Divinum Mysterium*  
Jerry Sinclair

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord Jesus,  
long ago the Wise Men were blessed to kneel in your presence;  
this day we have been blessed to feast at your table.  
As you have fed us with your body and blood,  
may you forever live in us and we in you. Amen.**

\*HYMN 245                      The First Noel

*The First Noel*

## \*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.**

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

Go Now in Peace

Robert Lau

*Go now in peace and may God's peace go with you.  
Believe, and trust his holy word. Amen.*

## \*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts

Camille Saint-Saens

\*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.*

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE MUSIC IN OUR WORSHIP ...** We are celebrating the season of Epiphany in our worship this morning. The opening voluntary, “Entrance of the Kings,” is taken from the opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, which was composed by Gian Carlo Menotti in 1951 for the NBC Television Opera Theater in New York. The 11:00 offertory anthem, “The Work of Christmas,” was composed by South Carolina native Dan Forrest with words written by theologian Howard Thurman. Forrest writes about the text, “Its beautiful lines call us not to merely take in the sights and sounds of the Christmas celebration, but to respond by doing our part in working toward the *peace on earth* that we so often sing about.”

**BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY: JANUARY 12 ...** Have you been feeling the urge to invite a friend, co-worker, or neighbor to experience the fellowship, love, and faith you’ve found at Shandon UMC? If so, next Sunday is the time – “Bring a Friend to Church Sunday.” Many people make a “new year’s resolution” to get back into church, and you could be helping your friends keep that commitment. You never know what a simple invitation might bring!

**TREK: PATHWAY TO MEMBERSHIP ...** Are you ready to become a full member of Shandon UMC? TREK, Shandon’s pathway to membership, will help you connect with our pastors, staff, ministries, and one another. **Our next course is set to begin on January 12, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. For complete details and to register, go to [shandonumc.org/trek](http://shandonumc.org/trek).**

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**HEALTHY EATING IN TODAY’S BUSY WORLD ...** Kick off the new year with Health and Wellness’ “Refresh and Renew” series. The first session will be held **Tuesday, January 14 from 12:30-1:30 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 [www.shandonumc.org/register](http://www.shandonumc.org/register).

**DOORWAYS TO GOD ...** The new year is here! Perhaps you’re one of many who made “new year’s resolutions” to invest in your spiritual life. If so, our new Doorways classes are about to begin. To register, go to [www.shandonumc.org/doorways](http://www.shandonumc.org/doorways).

## **LIONS AND GIANTS ...**

**5K-5TH GRADE on Sunday, January 12, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.** Children in grades 5K-5th are invited for an exciting time of fellowship, games, and Bible time. Noodle Tag, Gaga Ball, and Capture the Flag are just some of the games we may play. This gathering is a drop-off event, and no registration is necessary. If you can stay and help, contact Cari at [ctreece@shandonumc.org](mailto:ctreece@shandonumc.org).

**\*\*NEW for 3 & 4K (Age 3 by September 1, 2024):** Join Ms. Cari for a fun-filled preschool version of “Lions and Giants” on Sunday, January 12, from 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in the gym! We will play games and have a special Bible time designed just for little ones.

This is a drop-off event, and no registration is required. If you can stay and help, please contact Cari at [ctreece@shandonumc.org](mailto:ctreece@shandonumc.org). We hope to see you there!



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