

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 2023

11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. Paul Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 234

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(stanzas 1-4)

Adeste Fideles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

**like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.**

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

**Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;**

then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

**For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;**

the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

**the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.**

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;

**everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,**

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. *(from Isaiah 35)*

*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.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Beau and Alle Kaneft & family

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Hymnal, pg. 39)

Alston McIver “Mac” Adams, son of A.J. and Alexis Adams, was born on December 21, 2022.
William Waylon Carter, son of Keith and Lauren Carter, was born on January 2, 2023.

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

**Gracious Father, for whose word the world ever waits and hopes,
pour out on us your Holy Spirit,
that as your scriptures are read and proclaimed this day
we may hear with joy and respond in faith;
through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

Pew Bible, O.T. pgs. 602-603

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Susan Curran

SERMON

“Let the Earth Rejoice”

Rev. C. E. “Smoke” Kanipe, Jr.

CAROL MEDLEY (*Congregation may remain seated.*)

Hymn 227: The Friendly Beasts

Orientis Partibus

Hymn 218: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

Hymn 224: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

In dulci jubilo

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

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Chancel Choir

arr. John Rutter

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.
O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

*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.**

*HYMN 236

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Christmas

*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

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

J. S. Bach

*Congregation standing

MANY THANKS to our performers in our “Eddie & Friends” Benefit Concert: Annette Matthews, Anna Flynn, Debbie Bauer, Bradley Fuller, Johnnie Felder, and Eddie Huss, and to all those who contributed to the offering. We received over \$2,800 for the El Salvador Mission Project this summer.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE: A Time of “Sabbath” for Our Church Staff - The church buildings and ministry areas will be closed for a week of Sabbath from **Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1, and will reopen Tuesday, January 2.** If you need to reach the ministers during this time, please leave a message at 803-256-8383. The voicemail will be monitored periodically, and someone will be in touch as soon as possible. The Business Office will be open for limited hours during that same period. Please contact Nancy Probst, Business Administrator, at (803) 722-1037 for assistance from the Business Office.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service

4:40 - 5:00 p.m. Live Nativity

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6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service

9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

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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Our parents by Jim & Susan Brant
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Mrs. Gina Crosswell by the family
Mr. & Mrs. Hal H. Crosswell, Sr. by the family
Fran Hall DiBiase by Margaret DiBiase
Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Dorman by the family

Eddie Dunlap by his parents, Carole & Bruce
Lynda Ferguson by Carolyn Hall
Bud Foy by the Foy family
Sara Foy by the Foy family
Elga Goodman by her granddaughter Shawn Haynes
Mr. & Mrs. Sanders Gray by Terry Gray Goodfellow
Bennett Griffin, Sr. by Barbara, Bennet, Jr., Will, and their
families
Marcia Hall by Carolyn Hall
Robert & Dorothy Hammond by Carol & Tom Hammond
Allyson “G’ma” Hearn by Sam, Hearn, and Asa Rhodes
Michael Helmly by Jennifer, Hunter, and Lucy Gray Helmly
Charles & Josephine Huffman
by Jo Lynn Allen & family
George Huggins by the George Huggins Upper Room
Sunday School Class
Deidre D. Kleckley by John, Joanna, Athena,
Daniel, and Will Kleckley
Marion & Rachel Knox by Lex & Cathy Knox
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Our Grandparents by Lex & Cathy Knox
Mr. & Mrs. Alton Madden by Rick, Dee, & Robin Morgan;
and Chris, Megan, Griffin, & Morgan Burgoyne
Frances R. McDonald by Mac & Kit Stewart
Dr. & Mrs. Wm. C. McLain, Jr. by Cam & Sandra McLain
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Jimmy & Barbara Adams

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**Our grandchildren, Rosie & June Carnahan
and Rae & Andrew Knox** by Lex & Cathy Knox

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Jane Marshall by K. Sue Haddock

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Wells, Madison, and Shelly Parker by Hart Parker

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Harry and Jane Ward by their children and grandchildren

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Gina Crosswell by Holland, Jill, Anne, and Hal Crosswell

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