

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 29, 2024

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child
Nic Kanipe, oboe

Stan Pethel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 246

Joy to the World

Antioch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O Emmanuel,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Lord of might,
O Branch of Jesse's stem,
O Key of David,
O Bright and Morning Star,
O king of nations,

**We rejoice and are glad
on this bright Christmas morning,
for truly you have come,
full of grace and truth!**

Even now, come into our hearts again.
Show us the path of knowledge.
Comfort us in our mourning.
Save us from our sin.

Open wide our way to heaven.
**Turn our darkness into light.
End our sad divisions,
and be our King of peace,
so that every creature in heaven and on earth
will join in a chorus of praise,
and shout with joy to you, our Lord!**

*GLORIA (Hymn 238 Refrain)

Gloria

**Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CHRIST CANDLE

(8:45 a.m.) Allen and Tracy Young and Family

(11:00 a.m.) Robert and Kathy Lentz

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of grace and God of glory,
in the birth of your holy child Jesus
your Light dawned on our darkness.
Like the shepherds of old,
may we welcome the tidings of great joy
which you bring to us this day. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26

Pew Bible, O.T. p. 235

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Susan Curran

SERMON

"What Now?"

Rev. James Grubb

*HYMN 249

There's a Song in the Air

Christmas Song

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED No. 880

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. 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.**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM O Come, Little Children Stan Pethel
Nic Kanipe, oboe

***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 *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

***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**

On Christmas Night
Organ

Michael Burkhardt

*Congregation standing

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

Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation

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

Associate Pastor: The Rev. James Grubb

Associate Pastor: The Rev. Maggie Cantey

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

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