

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 16, 2025

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Am I a Soldier of the Cross

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. C.E. “Smoke” Kanipe, Jr.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM Rhondda

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God our Father, you have set forth the way of life for us in your beloved Son.

**We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him,
our failure to follow him, our reluctance to bear the cross.**

**We confess the poverty of our worship,
our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace,
our hesitating witness for Christ,
our evasion of responsibilities in your service,
our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (sung responsively)

Dan Schutte

Kyrie eleison; Lord have mercy on us.

Kyrie eleison; Lord have mercy on us.

Christe eleison; Christ have mercy on us.

Christe eleison; Christ have mercy on us.

Kyrie eleison; Lord have mercy on us.

Kyrie eleison; Lord have mercy on us.

(11:00 a.m.) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Hymnal, pg. 39)

James Harris Krouse, son of Paul Joseph Krouse, Jr. and Elizabeth Munn Krouse, was born on September 18, 2024.

(11:00 a.m.) 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

**Eternal God,
in the reading of your scriptures, may your word be heard;
in the meditations of our hearts, may your word be known;
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your word be shown. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Pew Bible, O.T. pg. 11

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Cari Treece

SERMON

"Covenant"

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

*HYMN 415

Take Up Thy Cross

Germany

*(8:45 a.m.) A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE KOREAN METHODIST CHURCH

**We believe in the one God
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**

**We believe in the forgiveness of sins,
in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.**

**We believe in the Word of God
contained in the Old and New Testaments
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.**

**We believe in the church,
those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.**

**We believe in the reign of God
as the divine will realized in human society,
and in the family of God,
where we are all brothers and sisters.
We believe in the final triumph of righteousness
and in the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

THE OFFERING

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To give by text: Text **SUMC** to **73256**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(8:45 a.m.)

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

Austin Lovelace

Celebration Choir

(Refrain) I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me with his arms.

In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

*Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace,
streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.*

*Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. (R)*

(11:00 a.m.)

Not Unto Us, O Lord

Donald Busarow

Chancel Choir

(Refrain) Not unto us, O Lord, but to your name give glory.

The Lord our God is in our midst, he is our helper who gives us victory.

He will rejoice over us with gladness, he will renew us in his love. (R)

For the sake of your steadfast love, O Lord, for the sake of your faithfulness.

*He will exalt us with loud singing as in the day of the festival,
and at that time he will bring us home when he gathers us together. (R)*

*DOXOLOGY

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.

(8:45 a.m.) THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BENEDICTION

Go in peace to walk the way of the cross.

We are sent in the name of the Lord.

May Jesus Christ, who was put to death for our sin,
bless you and keep you.

Amen.

May Jesus Christ, who was raised to life for our salvation,
let light shine upon you.

Amen.

May Jesus Christ be your life, your peace, and your joy,
now and forever.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

*(11:00 a.m.) 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.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in D Minor, BWV 554

J.S. Bach

* Congregation standing

*The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of our brothers,
Brian Martin and Larry Foster, and our parents, Ed Martin, and Sonny and Jerry Foster
by Amy and Edwin Martin and family.*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of David Murday,
and Donald and Dorothy Baker Snow,
by Deborah Snow, Elspeth Snow Murday, and Alanna Snow Murday.*

*The flowers in the narthex are given in celebration of today's baptism
of James Harris Krouse, son of Elizabeth and Paul Joseph Krouse,
with love by his grandparents, Connie and Rhett Munn.*

HAPPENING TODAY AT SHANDON UMC

LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION: Last year, The Cooperative Ministry provided food boxes and snack packs to 2,193 people. During Lent, we ask that you help meet this need by providing items for their emergency food pantry. Members of the Outreach Committee will hand out empty bags and lists of needed items **TODAY, Sunday, March 16**, and will collect the filled bags on **Sunday, April 6**. Read more in *The Voice* about items that are most needed.

TAKE THE TREK TO MEMBERSHIP: Are you ready to become a full member of Shandon UMC? TREK is Shandon UMC's pathway to membership. Our next course begins **TODAY, Sunday, March 16, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.** It is designed to help you connect with our ministers, staff, ministries, and one another. There's still time to become part of this TREK class. To register for the course, come to the first session this afternoon in Wesley Hall. Sign up at shandonumc.org/trek.

Schedule of Sessions

Sunday, March 16, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 23, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

LIONS AND GIANTS: 3 & 4K (Age 3 by September 1, 2024): Join Ms. Cari for a fun-filled preschool version of "Lions and Giants" **TODAY, Sunday, March 16, from 2:00 to 2:45 p.m.** in the gym! We will play games and have a special Bible time designed for little ones.

5K-5TH GRADE: Join Ms. Cari for "Lions and Giants" **TODAY, Sunday, March 16, from 3:00 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.

Both events are drop-off, and no registration is required. We hope to see you there!

THE CHOIRS OF SHANDON: "*Hymns and Anthems: Advent-Pentecost*"

Join us for a service of music, scripture, and prayer in the sanctuary **TODAY, Sunday, March 16 at 6:00 p.m.** The service will feature music by the Chancel Choir, Wesley Ringers, St. Nicholas Choir, Youth Singers, and organist Kipp Gill.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS SURVEY: Health and Wellness is busy planning programming for 2025, and we want your input. So that our programming can best meet your interests and needs, please share your thoughts with us by **TODAY, Sunday, March 16**, via an online survey. This survey can be accessed at shandonumc.org/hwsurvey. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS! We welcome Will and Haley Stevenson into the Shandon UMC family today. They are transferring their membership from First Presbyterian Church in Starkville, MS.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rev. Maggie Cantey, her husband Rev. Mason Cantey, and their family on the birth of Millie Frances Cantey on March 11, 2025.

CLOTHING AND BOOK SALE: Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered to make this weekend's Clothing and Book Sale a great success! All proceeds will benefit local nonprofits.

DONATIONS NEEDED: Please donate empty egg cartons and empty egg-size plastic Easter eggs during the month of March. (Pre-filled eggs or larger plastic eggs won't work.) Donation barrels are located in the Great Hall of the Bruner building and inside the entrance of the Dunn-Smith (gym) building.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: One of the times the men of Shandon UMC gather to fellowship and grow our faith is at our Men's Prayer Breakfast on the third Thursday of each month. This month's Prayer Breakfast will occur on **Thursday, March 20, from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m.** in Player Hall. Wesley Peel will be providing the program. Please mark your calendar, invite a friend or two, and plan to join us.

SHANDON UMC BOOK CLUB: SUMC Book Club meets each month on the third Thursday in the Bruner Building, Room B221 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. | **March 20:** *The Last Trial* by Scott Turow. To be on the mailing list and receive reminders, contact Anne Cox at anne41450@aol.com.

SHANDON SISTERS: Shandon Sisters provides connections for young women (ages 25ish - 45ish). Join us for a casual gathering to connect with mature women 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. Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 20, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Ashley Brantley. For more information, contact Anne Marie Crosswell by email at amacrosswell@gmail.com or Ruthie Taylor at (803) 318-7484. Friends are welcome.

SEEKERS LUNCH: Young professionals aged 23 to 30 seeking fellowship and community are welcome to join the Seekers group, which plans dates to gather for Sunday lunch after the 11:00 a.m. worship services. The next Seekers Lunch will be on **Sunday, March 23**, at Taziki's. Feel free to bring friends, and we hope to see you there!

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD: Make plans to drop by the courtyard outside the gym **Sunday, March 30**, for coffee, juice, and biscuits from **9:30-10:00 a.m.** Stop by, meet a few new people, and enjoy some food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

APPLY FOR AN EDUCATIONAL GRANT: The Allen Fund Committee is accepting applications for the Allen Grant. The number of grants awarded will depend upon the availability of funds. Shandon UMC members, children of Methodist missionaries in foreign lands that are supported by Shandon UMC, and Epworth Children's Home students may apply for such awards to the Allen Fund Committee. The deadline for submitting an application is **April 1, 2025**. The application and explanation of the grant are on our website at shandonumc.org/allenfund.

SPONSOR AN EASTER LILY: Sponsor an Easter lily for our worship spaces in honor or memory of your loved one. Each plant is \$20. You can also give a donation to our Landscaping Fund. Order online by **April 6** at shandonumc.org/register. You can also fill out an order form located in the pew rack and place it along with a check in the collection plate during worship.

LENTEN OFFERING: This Lent, we're supporting three nonprofits that make a positive impact in our community—Free Medical Clinic, The Cooperative Ministry, and Transitions. Contribute to our Lenten offering online at shandonumc.org/give/lent, text SUMC with your offering amount to 73256, or send checks to Shandon UMC. Please write "Lenten Offering" on your checks and select it from the dropdown when giving online. Your generosity makes a difference.

STUDENT LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS: Lent can be a powerful season for Christians as we meditate and fast in preparation for Easter. To encourage middle and high school students in their faith, we will host weekly Prayer Breakfasts in Player Hall from **6:45 until 7:30 a.m.**

Middle schoolers meet on **Tuesdays (March 18, 25; April 1, 8)**

High schoolers on **Thursdays (March 20, 27; April 3, 10)**

We will also have food for parents and a separate place for you to catch up on emails or connect with other parents.

FAMILY EASTER EVENT: Join us on **Sunday, April 6**, from **3:00 - 4:30 p.m.** for a special Easter event designed for all ages! As you move through the stations, you'll experience the Easter story while creating your own set of Resurrection Eggs—a hands-on way to learn about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. In addition, enjoy a meaningful prayer bead station and a cookie-decorating station, making this a wonderful afternoon of faith, fun, and fellowship.

Each family will take home their Resurrection Eggs and prayer beads to use for years to come. If you cannot attend, you can still register, and we will prepare a set of eggs and prayer beads for you to pick up. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate the story of Easter together!

Register at shandonumc.org/register.

SIGN UP FOR SUMMER: Registration for Shandon UMC Vacation Bible School and Day Camp is now open. Please see the latest issue of [*The Voice*](#) for full details.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 13

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. | Traditional services in the Sanctuary
11:05 a.m. | LifeLine Contemporary Service in the Gym

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 p.m. | Communion service in the Sanctuary with music by the Chancel Choir

Good Friday, April 18

12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary open for meditation
7:00 p.m. | Service in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 20

7:00 a.m. | Easter Sunrise Service on the East Lawn—please bring your own lawn chair
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. | Traditional Services in the Sanctuary
11:05 a.m. | LifeLine Contemporary Service in the Gym

Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation

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

Associate Pastor: The Reverend James Grubb

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Maggie Cantey

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

Organist and Music Associate: Kipp Gill

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