

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30, 2025

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY Nocturne in D-Flat Major, Op. 27, No.2 Frédéric Chopin
Joseph Babcanec, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. C.E. “Smoke” Kanipe, Jr.

MINISTRY MOMENT Freddie Strange, *The Free Medical Clinic*

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 144 This Is My Father’s World Terra Beata

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Eternal and all-gracious God,
whose Word never returns to you empty,
but accomplishes that for which you send it:
quiet within us every voice but your own,
so that by the power of your Holy Spirit
the good news of your grace might make us new. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:11-32

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 74

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Cari Treece

SERMON

“The Waiting Father”

Rev. C.E. “Smoke” Kanipe, Jr.

*HYMN 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

*AFFIRMATION FROM ROMANS 8:35, 37-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?

No!

**In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither
death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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

To give online: shandonumc.org/give

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

OFFERTORY

(8:45 a.m.)

Assurance

arr. John Ness Beck

Gali Ramos-Bruno, Soprano

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
(Refrain) This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;
Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (R)*

(11:00 a.m.)

Thou God of Truth and Love

Malcolm Archer

*Thou God of truth and love, we seek thy perfect way,
ready thy choice to approve, thy providence to obey;
enter into thy wise design, and sweetly lose our will in thine.
Why has thou cast our lot in this same age and place; and why together
brought to see each other's face; to join in loving sympathy, and
mix our friendly souls in thee?
Didst thou not make us one, that we might one remain?
Together travel on, and bear each other's pain; 'til all thy utmost goodness
prove and rise renewed in perfect love.
O may thy Spirit seal our souls unto that day; with all thy fullness fill,
and then transport us away, away to our eternal rest,
our Redeemer's breast. Amen.*

*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

*HYMN 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

*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.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Jason D. Payne

* Congregation standing

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Keith and Dorethea Phillips by Melissa Phillips Fritz and Walker Fritz Pernell.*

*The flowers at the altar are given in honor of Watson Bradley in celebration of his
upcoming 1st birthday on April 4, 2025,
with much love by his grandparents, Cathy and Cal Watson.*

IN THE SEASON OF LENT

LENTEN OFFERING: This Lent, we're supporting three nonprofits that make a positive impact in our community—The Free Medical Clinic, The Cooperative Ministry, and Transitions. Contribute to our Lenten offering online at shandonumc.org/give/lenetext 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.

THE ST. NICHOLAS AND CHERUB CHOIRS will present their Spring Program on **Wednesday, April 2, at 6:15 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. The St. Nicholas Choir will perform the musical *Easter: The One Where Jesus Lives*. The dialogue, written by St. Nicholas Choir Director Amy Martin, talks about the events of Holy Week. The Cherub Choir will sing some of their favorite songs. Each member of the choirs will be recognized for their participation in 2024-25. Everyone is invited to attend.

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 before and after worship; they will collect the filled bags as a part of worship on **April 6**. Read more in [*The Voice*](#) about items that are most needed.

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.

GREENING OUR FAITH—LENT: Learn about Lenten traditions while creating a beautiful greenery cross for your door. Join us on **Wednesday, April 9, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**, or **Thursday, April 10, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**, in Wesley Hall.

Spaces are limited to 24 participants per session, with a \$35 registration fee. A waiting list will be available if sessions fill. Don't miss this opportunity to reflect on the season of Lent through a meaningful hands-on activity. Sign up today at shandonumc.org/register.

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 (April 1, 8)**

High schoolers on **Thursdays (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! 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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS! We welcome Rachel and Matt Littlejohn into the Shandon UMC family today. They are transferring from another denomination and from another UMC, respectively. Rachel and Matt just completed the March TREK to Membership Course. Interested in TREK? A new session starts in May. Sign up at shandonumc.org/trek

THANK YOU to our middle and high school students serving as Youth Ushers today. To learn more about our student ministry and ways to get involved, contact Director of Student Ministries Andy Morris at amorris@shandonumc.org or visit shandonumc.org/youth.

PLANNING A MEETING AT SHANDON? To better serve all the groups here at Shandon who need space to meet, we are now using an online room reservation request system. You can find it at shandonumc.org/reserve-a-room. If you need help submitting your request, you may contact Sarah Conrad at sconrad@shandonumc.org or (803) 722-1032.

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 **Tuesday, April 1, 2025**. The application and explanation of the grant are on our website at shandonumc.org/allenfund.

MORE JUSTICE—WE NEED YOU! Please join Shandon members who are already involved in MORE Justice for a rally at Shandon Presbyterian Church on **April 7 at 6:00 p.m.** to prepare and motivate for the Nehemiah Action Assembly. And please join us on **May 12** for the Nehemiah Action Assembly. These events are critical to our support of MORE Justice and its goals. If you have questions, please contact Biff Sowell, Smoke Kanipe, or Claire Manning.

JOIN US FOR THE EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP! Shandon United Methodist Church invites you to be a part of our El Salvador Mission Trip, happening **July 27 – August 3**. This is a life-changing opportunity to serve, build relationships, and share God's love with communities in need. Whether you're called to construction, teaching, or simply offering a helping hand, your presence will make a difference! Don't miss out. The deadline to sign up is **April 15**. For more details or to sign up, contact Candler or Geoff Rhodes, (candlerh@hotmail.com, geoffrhodes@hotmail.com) or Brian Ingram (ingrambenefits@gmail.com).

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY: To honor our graduating high school seniors at Shandon UMC, we will hold a unique service for them on **Sunday, May 11th, at the 8:45 a.m.** traditional service. After the service, we will hold a reception in Player Hall for our seniors and their families. If your high school senior would like to participate, email Andy Morris at amorris@shandonumc.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS 2025: We need amazing adult and youth volunteers to help make VBS a fun and faith-filled adventure for our children! Whether you can serve all week, a few days, or behind the scenes, we'd love to have you! Visit shandonumc.org/register for more info and to sign up!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION DINNER: The United Women in Faith Special Mission Recognition Dinner will be **Tuesday, May 6th, at 6:30 pm** in Player Hall. The UWF will recognize church members who have made a significant contribution to missions. Beth Irick, Chief Executive Officer of The Cooperative Ministry, will be the speaker. The cost is \$10 and reservations should be made with Jennifer Parker at jpclemsongirl@gmail.com or (770) 301-6376 by **May 2nd**.

SUMMER AT SHANDON UMC

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025—ROAD TRIP: ON THE GO WITH GOD!

Get ready for a week of faith-filled adventure as Shandon UMC presents Vacation Bible School (VBS): Road Trip – On the Go With God! Join us from **June 2–6, from 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m. each day**, as we explore God’s love through engaging lessons, music, crafts, and fun activities. VBS is open to children who have completed 3-year preschool (age 3 by 9/1/2024) through current second-grade students (for the 2024–2025 school year). Shandon UMC members receive priority registration until **April 15**, at shandonumc.org/register.

SHANDON UMC DAY CAMP

Students who will have completed any of grades 3-12 are invited to join us for Day Camp on the campus of Heathwood Hall Episcopal School during the week of **June 2-6, 2025**. Students will enjoy art, music/songs, Bible study, paddling, ropes courses, Gaga Ball, and initiative games. Eighth grade students and older will serve as counselors. Shandon UMC members receive priority registration until **April 15**, at shandonumc.org/register.

2025 SHANDON CUP

We are excited to announce that our sports and recreation program, Shandon Cup, will return on **Wednesday evenings** this summer starting **May 21**! Members, visitors, and friends aged 18 years or older are invited to participate. This summer's primary activity will be volleyball—all skill levels are welcome! The cost for participating is \$10 per person, which includes all activities, equipment, and a hot dog cookout at the season’s end. Childcare is available for infants through rising 6th graders but must be requested. Register at shandonumc.org/register.

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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