

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Angels From On High
Organ and Orchestra

Phillip Allen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MINISTRY MOMENT

Dr. Hal Crosswell, Haiti Missions

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

INTROIT

Carol of the Bells

Ukrainian Carol

Hark! how the bells, sweet silver bells, all seem to say, "throw cares away."
Christmas is here, bringing good cheer to young and old, meek and bold.
Ding, dong, that is their song, with joyful ring, all caroling.
One seems to hear words of good cheer, from everywhere filling the air.
O, how they pound, raising the sound, o'er hill and dale, telling their tale.
Gaily they ring, while people sing, songs of good cheer Christmas is here!
Merry Christmas! On they send, on without end their joyful tone to every home.
Ding, dong, ding, dong.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(stanzas 1-4)

Veni Emmanuel

ANTHEM

There Shall A Star Come Out of Jacob

Mendelssohn

There shall a star come out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel;
with might destroying princes and cities.
As bright the star of morning gleams,
so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams of light and consolation.
Thy Word, O Lord, radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation;
thine be praise and adoration!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(8:45 a.m.) Patrick and Shannon Hudson and Family
(11:00 a.m.) Patrick and Leslie Gibbons and Family

ANTHEM

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High

arr. Mack Wilberg

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing,
 Ding dong, verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing.
 Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
 E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,
 and "I-o, i-o, i-o," by priest and people sungen!
 Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;
 may you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers! Gloria, in excelsis!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:46-55

Pew Bible, N.T. pp. 53-54

ANTHEM

Magnificat

Charles Villers Stanford

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
 For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
 For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his name.
 And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
 He hath showed strength with his arm;
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seats and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
 as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.
 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.

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.**

ANTHEM

Silent Night

arr. Dan Forrest

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child,
 holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace.
 Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar,
 heavenly hosts sing alleluia! Christ the Savior is born.
 Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
 with the angels let us sing alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM Candlelight Carol John Rutter

How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother, or how can you write down a baby's first cry?
Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star glow shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.
Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him, seraphim round him their vigil will keep;
nations proclaim him their Lord and their savior, but Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep.
Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger: Christ our redeemer asleep in the hay.
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation: a child with his mother that first Christmas Day.
Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star glow shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.

SOLO Mary Did You Know Lowry & Greene
Grant Ebert, baritone

ANTHEM Joy to the World arr. John Rutter

Joy to the world the Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.
Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns; let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.
No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.

*HYMN 240 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing Mendelssohn

*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 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing arr. John Rutter
Organ and Orchestra

*Congregation standing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS ... Today at our 8:45 service we welcome into the Shandon family, by reaffirmation of faith, Anne Trent and James Bigby.

GUEST CONDUCTOR ... We welcome Brian Niu, guest conductor of the Chancel Choir, to our worship this morning. Brian holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Florida State University and is currently a doctoral student in choral conducting at the University of South Carolina. He is a husband and proud father of two children.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AND MUSICAL EVENTS IN OUR SANCTUARY

Wednesday, December 11 ... Children's Choirs Christmas Program, 6:15 p.m.

Sunday, December 15 Eddie Huss and Friends Annual Christmas
Benefit Concert, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 19 Blue Christmas Service, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services Traditional Communion Service, 11:00 a.m.
Family Services, 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
(Live Nativity after 3:00 service and before 6:00 service)
Candlelight Communion Service, 9:00 p.m.



ADVENT OFFERING ... Advent is the season for giving! Our 2024 Advent Offering supports Haiti Missions, Habitat for Humanity, and Homeless No More. Your generosity makes a difference. You can give online at shandonumc.org (select "Advent Offering" from the dropdown list), or write "Advent Offering" on your check. Thank you for sharing the gift of hope and love with our neighbors!

ALDERSGATE SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY FUNDRAISER ... LENTEN CROSSES for your yard can be ordered **December 8 and 15** in the Dunn-Smith Courtyard from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Each set includes a cross for yard mount, three sashes, instructions, and lessons for the Lenten season. Cross sets cost \$35 and will be ready for pickup on March 2. Or order online at shandonumc.org/register.

YOUTH GROUP ... Our MYF High School Christmas Party will be tonight from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Casa Linda on Beltline Blvd. All 9th-12th grade students are invited to join us and bring a gift of less than \$10 to exchange. Please email Andy by 2:00 p.m. at amorris@shandonumc.org if you plan to join us!

SHANDON CARES ... So far we have received 247 pledges for \$2,143,420 to support our 2025 budget. Thank you to all who have made a pledge! If you have not yet submitted your pledge, you can mail in your Commitment Card or simply go to shandonumc.org/pledge.

DOORWAYS TO GOD: The new year will be here before we know it! If you are considering investing time in your faith journey in 2025, be on the lookout for 10 new Bible studies that will be offered beginning the week of January 5th. Online registration will open December 1 at shandonumc.org/doorways.

SHANDON SISTERS – Connections for young women (ages 25ish – 45ish): Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, December 12, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Heather Mitchell. For more information, contact Anne Marie Crosswell at amacrosswell@gmail.com or Ruthie Taylor at (803) 318-7484. Friends are welcome.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS GATHERING: Young professionals (ages 23–30) are invited to join the Seekers group for fellowship and community. **Come celebrate Christmas with us on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Hunter Gatherer Brewery.** To RSVP for the Christmas gathering or share ideas for future events, email Rev. Maggie Cantey at mcantey@shandonumc.org or complete the interest form at shandonumc.org/seekers to join the email list.

ADVENT CALENDARS ... Get ready for a meaningful holiday season with our special Advent Calendars, available at the sanctuary and LifeLine entrances. Each day's activity is simple, purposeful, and designed to help families spend quality time together without added stress. These brief but impactful moments will help you embrace the spirit of the season in a fun, family-friendly way.

PECANS FOR THE HOLIDAYS ... The United Women in Faith are taking orders for pecans. There will be bags of pieces, halves and butter roasted. If you are interested, please call Ellen Burks for your order at 803-776-9054. We appreciate your support!

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN 2025-26 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Deadline for Church Member Priority on Waiting List: December 31, 2024

Church members receive priority status for preschool and kindergarten enrollment for the 2025-26 school year only if the child's name is added to or confirmed on the waiting list prior to December 31, 2024. If you would like to add your child's name to our waiting list, please visit our website at sumpk.org/waitlist to find our waiting list form. You can also access our page visiting the church's website, as well. The form must be submitted by December 31, 2024. To confirm your child's name is on the waiting list, please call 256-1498 by December 31. Registration for the 2025-26 school year will be held in February 2025.

Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation

Senior Minister: 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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