

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2026

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY Am I a Soldier of the Cross arr. Carolyn Hamlin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT Danielle Floyd, Senior Resources

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 127 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah *CWM Rhondda*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy God, we know we have fallen short.

We turn our backs when we could embrace.

We remain silent when we could speak.

We speak when we could listen.

We close the door when we could fling it wide open.

We judge when we could seek understanding.

We cling when we could give.

Forgive us, O God, for being so very human at times, and help us to continue to grow into the people you created us to be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

(8:45 A.M.) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
(Hymnal, pg. 33)

We celebrate the sacrament of baptism today with **Luke Robert Shilling**. Joining our congregation along with Luke is his fiancée, **Maggie Elizabeth Reynolds**.

(11:00 A.M.) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *(Hymnal, pg. 39)*

Thomas Bennett Crawford, son of Thomas and Catherine Crawford, was born on March 24, 2025.

(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

**God, source of living water,
by your Word you quench the thirst of our souls.
Pour out on us, now, your Spirit of wisdom and understanding
that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

Pew Bible, O.T. pg. 61

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Susan Curran

*Following the Children's Sermon, childcare is available for 4 and 5-year-olds
in Room 115 of the Knox Building.*

SERMON

"Is the Lord Among Us or Not?"

Rev. Maggie Cantey

* HYMN 361

Rock of Ages

Toplady

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

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To give by text: Text SUMC to 73256

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(8:45 A.M.)

Lead Me, Lord
Celebration Choir

arr. John Leavitt

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness;
make your way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
that makes me dwell in safety*

(11:00 A.M.)

Offertory
Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before Him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give Him my first born for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God.*

*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.**

* HYMN 413

A Charge to Keep I Have

Boylston

* BENEDICTION

Go now, not relying on your own strength,
but on God who brings forth living water in the wilderness.
Trust that God is among us.

The Lord who turns our fear into praise is among us.

May the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always.

Thanks be to God, Amen!

* (11:00 A.M.) CHORAL RESPONSE Hide Me Under the Shadow of Your Wings John West

*Hide me under the shadow of your wings, O Lord,
and give your angels charge concerning me:
That I may lie down in peace, and take my rest,
for it is you, Lord, only, who makes me to dwell in safety.*

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in D Minor

J.S. Bach

* Congregation standing

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

*The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of Margaret Morgan "Peggy"
Tarr by William Bennett Tarr, and Kurt, Paige & Ceci Haas, and Frank & Joan Munn.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN OFFERING: This Lent, we are supporting three nonprofits that serve our community: Senior Resources, The Cooperative Ministry, and Transitions. You can give online at shandonumc.org/give/lent, text SUMC and your amount to **73256**, or mail a check to Shandon UMC. Please write “Lenten Offering” on your check or select it from the dropdown menu when giving online. Your generosity makes a difference.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: We are pleased to welcome Shandon’s newest members: Maggie Reynolds and Luke Shilling. They recently completed our pathway-to-membership course TREK. If you are ready to become a member of Shandon, the next TREK course starts TODAY, **March 8**, at 3:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Learn more and register at shandonumc.org/TREK.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP: Please bring your non-perishable, unexpired food items to help replenish the emergency food pantry at The Cooperative Ministry. You may place your donations in the collection bin in the Great Hall in the Bruner Building or in the entrance to the Dunn-Smith Ministry Center.

EASTER LILIES: Honor or remember a loved one by sponsoring an Easter lily for our worship spaces. Each plant is \$17. You may also make a donation to the Landscaping Fund. The deadline to order is Sunday, **March 15**. Order online at shandonumc.org/lily.

MYF: Methodist Youth Fellowship is the place for 7th through 12th graders to fellowship, play games, and grow in their relationship with Christ. **March 8** - How can silence be so loud? Invite a friend and join us as we talk about the distractions of our lives and the good instructions God gives us. Students will meet in the Youth Zone from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for games, dinner, open gym, and Bible study.

WEDNESDAY MANNA: Join us in Player Hall on **March 11**, from 5:00-6:00 p.m., for fellowship and a delicious meal. This week’s menu features Greek chicken, roasted red potatoes, sauteed green beans, cucumber salad, mixed green salad, rolls, and dessert. The children’s menu for March is buttered noodles, yogurt, fruit, and a cookie. The prices for meals are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Reservations need to be made by 8:00 a.m. Tuesday at shandonumc.org/manna.

SHANDON SISTERS: Women (25ish-45ish) are invited to a casual gathering at the home of Lori Yandle on **March 11**, from 6:00-7:00 p.m., to connect with mature women who are ahead of you in life’s journey. Our time together will include fellowship, light refreshments, conversation, and reflection time. Childcare available. Details at shandonumc.org/events.

GREENING OUR FAITH: Lent is a time of reflection and penitence, and visual reminders of the season help us to stay faithful to those purposes. Join us in Wesley Hall on Wednesday, **March 18**, 6:00-7:00 p.m. (childcare provided), or Thursday, **March 19**, 10:30 -11:30 a.m. We will create two items: a wreath and a cross, both made from dried boxwood branches. Friends are welcome, but space is limited. The fee is \$35. Register at shandonumc.org/events.

SHANDON UMC BOOK CLUB: Join the Shandon UMC Book Club on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in Bruner 224 as we discuss titles across a diverse range of topics. **March 19:** *House of Smoke* by John T. Edge. To receive the book list and get meeting reminders, please email Gera Singletary at davegera4@icloud.com.

POWER IN CHANGING: The Journey Sunday School class is collecting donations of diapers and wipes to benefit Power in Changing, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving women and families in the Midlands. The organization seeks to empower families and help provide essential supplies for women and babies. If you, too, would like to donate to Power in Changing, there is a collection station in the foyer outside Player Hall on Sundays through **March 29**.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: VBS at Shandon UMC is coming June 1-5, and we need amazing adult and youth volunteers to help make it 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 join us for this exciting journey of faith! Learn more about why you should volunteer and sign up at shandonumc.org/events.

UWF CLOTHING AND BOOK SALE

It's finally here! The United Women in Faith Clothing and Book Sale is Friday, **March 13**, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Saturday, **March 14**, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Donation drop-off is Tuesday and Wednesday, March 10 and 11, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the Adger Street driveway loop. Please bring hanging clothes on hangers, jewelry in individual bags if possible, and boxes. Empty hangers are available in the Great Hall of the Bruner Building if needed.

Volunteers are needed Tuesday through Saturday for sorting and for packing up at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Cash only. All proceeds go to missions. For questions, contact Jennifer Parker at jpclemsongirl@gmail.com or by text at (770) 301-6376, or contact Bobbie Moore at bobbiamoore0529@gmail.com or by text at (803) 728-7255.

LENT LAB - CREATE, PRAY, PREPARE: Families with children are invited to join us for our Lent and Easter family event on Sunday, **March 22**, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the gym. Activities are planned for children ages 3 year old preschool to 5th grade, but younger children may follow along with parents. Childcare will also be available upon request for infants through 2-year-olds. Please remember that children must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration is required at shandonumc.org/events.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SPRING PROGRAM: Everyone is invited to attend as the St. Nicholas Choir presents their spring program, “Fruit of the Spirit,” on Wednesday, **March 25**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Cherub Choir will also sing some of their favorite songs, and both choirs will be recognized for their participation this year.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY IN GUATEMALA: Healing Guatemala is a non-profit organization based in the U.S. that aims to provide physical, social, and spiritual healing to those who live in Guatemala. It is operated by the Rev. Dr. Luke Rhyee, a pastor in the South Carolina Annual Conference. Medical and construction teams are needed. If you are interested in learning more about this mission opportunity and being a part of an UMVIM team, please contact Jennifer Parker at jpclemsongirl@gmail.com or Sue Haddock at ksuehaddock@gmail.com. Tentative trip dates are October 11-20, 2026.

VBS AND DAY CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 15

Join us for **Vacation Bible School on Monday, June 1, to Friday, June 5**, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day. This year’s theme is “Snowball Mountain Challenge,” an exciting winter sports event, where children will find their strength in God through frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith.

VBS is open to children who have completed 3-year-old preschool (age 3 by September 1, 2025) through children who have completed 2nd grade in the 2025–2026 school year.

Fee: \$25 per child

Students who have completed any of the grades 3rd through 12th by the summer of 2026 are invited to join us for **Shandon UMC Day Camp, held on the Heathwood Hall School campus from Monday, June 1, to Friday, June 5.**

Students are invited to join us for the week as we enjoy art, music and songs, Bible study, paddling, ropes courses, Gaga Ball, and initiative games. Current eighth-grade students and older will serve as counselors.

Fee: \$125 per camper (grades 3-7).

Registration is open from Sunday, March 15, to Wednesday, April 15. Shandon UMC members receive priority registration. Non-members will be placed on a waitlist and will receive spots based on grade-level availability at the close of registration. Registration fees are non-refundable.

SIGN UP AT [SHANDONUMC.ORG/REGISTER](http://shandonumc.org/register)

COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Kairos needs cookies and you can help!

The Kairos Prison Ministry for McCormick Correctional Institution in McCormick, SC, is having its next encounter on **March 17-20**. We need homemade cookies. A typical Kairos “Weekend” will go through 5,000 dozen cookies, which are distributed to residents, correction officers, support staff and volunteers. The impact your cookies make on the residents is overwhelming.

VERY IMPORTANT:

Be sure to pray over the cookies and for those who will be receiving them. Cookies that are uniform in size (no larger than 2 ½”) pack best and resist breakage. No icing, sprinkles, or powdered sugar. Cool cookies completely before packaging. If possible, roll cookies on their side (like a row of Ritz crackers) in wax paper or plastic wrap and twist ends to close. No staples, tape, or twist ties to seal. Please bring them to Wesley Hall **during the week starting March 9 but no later than Sunday, March 15**. There will be a table with a Kairos sign on it. Email John Saine at saine59@gmail.com for more info.

Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation

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

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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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