



## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND RITE OF CONFIRMATION

## CONFIRMANDS’ PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
reject the evil powers of this world,  
and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord,  
in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

According to the grace given to you,  
will you remain a faithful member of Christ’s holy church  
and serve as Christ’s representative in the world?

**I will.**

## CONGREGATION’S PROMISE OF SUPPORT

Do you, as Christ’s body, the church,  
reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life  
and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God’s help, we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that they may grow to love God and their neighbors.**

**We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples,  
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

\*CREED FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

For the Confirmation Class of 2024

**We believe in God the Father, in His only son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit.**

**We believe that as disciples of Jesus Christ, our choices and actions should reflect this  
discipleship each day.**

**We believe that as disciples of Jesus Christ, we should pray every day just as Jesus taught us to pray the Lord's Prayer and showed us to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. Through prayer, we grow closer to God, and we should intentionally set aside time to pray and listen to Him each day.**

**We believe that as disciples of Jesus Christ, we should worship and praise God on the Sabbath. Just as Jesus purposefully spent time in the temple, we should prioritize time to be in church and to praise and worship God with others.**

**We believe that as disciples of Jesus Christ, we should forgive others who hurt us just as Jesus forgave those who crucified Him. We should also ask God to forgive us for the times we disobey Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds.**

**We believe that as disciples of Jesus Christ, we should care for all of God's creation, by working together to preserve the beauty of the earth and the resources God has entrusted to us.**

**We believe that as disciples of Jesus Christ, we should serve and care for others, just as Jesus demonstrated to us when He washed the feet of the disciples. We must open our eyes to see people in need... sick, poor, lonely, or afraid. We must also open our eyes to seeing injustice, inequality, and oppression, and we must be willing to act to right these wrongs. We must open our hearts to ways that we can help others and share the Gospel and God's love with them. We should remind ourselves each morning to share God's love through our words and our actions, loving our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH

As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? **I will.**

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness? **I will.**

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church  
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service,  
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**



*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Kemper Zeigler by her family  
and in loving memory of Curtis & Mamie Coleman and Marion & Rachel Knox  
by Lex & Cathy Knox.*

### **Today Is Confirmation Sunday**

The church rejoices in the affirmations of Christian faith made by 32 young people at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We welcome these new members into our Shandon family and join them in a lifetime of spiritual growth. Immediately following the service, everyone is invited to greet our confirmands out front.

Lillian Harper Ardis  
Allie Louise Atkinson  
Harriet James Barnes  
Hampton Mote Bell  
Graham Sinclair Bowers  
Hayworth Kenneth Brooks  
Harrison Williams Bruner  
Jackson Alexander Bryant  
Collins Olivia Buchanan  
Allyn Isabelle Buscher  
Brooks Neely Cathcart  
Caroline Florence Cohn  
Nathaniel Brock Conrad  
Pearson Sue DiBiase  
Andrew James Fiffick  
Elizabeth Spencer Gibbons

Anna Rogers Haile  
Shelton McEntyre Haile  
Gibbs McClintock Hammond  
Laurel Fair Hilley  
Chloe Garner Howie  
Katherine Scott Jeffords  
Isabelle Parks Johnson  
Finley Alexander Kaneft  
John Gustainis May  
Caroline Elizabeth Munn  
Carter Williams Peele  
Elizabeth Noelle Thompson  
Creswell Briggs Todd  
Margaret Carter Warren  
Carter David Wessinger  
Benjamin Charlton West

#### **Confirmation Mentors:**

Emily Barnes  
Caitlin Bruner  
Angelo DiBiase  
Patrick Gibbons  
Clint Hammond  
Amanda Hilley  
Carter Jeffords  
Sue Kanipe  
Emily Thompson  
Carter Warren

#### **6th Grade Sunday School Teachers:**

Jon Davis  
Margaret Hays  
Kevin Watts  
Stan Wood

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 21, 2024

**SHANDON SISTERS:** Connections for Young Women. We meet **today** from at 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the home of Pam Gillam. For more information contact Anne Marie Crosswell at [amacrosswell@gmail.com](mailto:amacrosswell@gmail.com), Taylor White at [tmunnwhite@gmail.com](mailto:tmunwhite@gmail.com), or Ruthie Taylor at 803-318-7484. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, May 13**, at the home of Kathy Lentz. Friends are welcome.

**PLEASE PARK PROPERLY:** Our church is very much alive on Sunday mornings, which means that parking is sometimes a challenge. Please keep yourself and others safe by parking only in authorized spaces. It's especially important that we keep our handicap spaces open for our friends who need them, and that we do not park by the yellow curb where Adger runs into Millwood/Devine. Thank you!

**CONNECTIONS (ADULTS 55+)** TRIP to the South Carolina State Museum: Come join us for a trip to the State Museum on **Tuesday, April 23**. We will depart the church at 9:30 a.m. and return around 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person and please bring money for lunch. Please sign up by contacting Susan Curran at [scurran@shandon-umc.org](mailto:scurran@shandon-umc.org) or sign up across from the reception desk in the Bruner Building. Space is limited.

**THE WELL AT HIGH PASTURES:** Join us for a women's retreat in the mountains outside of Burnsville, North Carolina for our first gathering at High Pastures Retreat Center. Hiking, outdoor experiences, good food, prayer, reflection, and Bible study will all be a part of our weekend together. Come **April 26-28** ready to rest and renew amid God's natural creation. Find more information and register at [shandonumc.org/register](http://shandonumc.org/register).

**MUSIC MINISTRY EVENTS:** We will celebrate “Music Sunday” on **April 28** at both Traditional services. Members from the Chancel and Celebration Choirs will sing John Rutter’s *This Is the Day* and Mack Wilberg’s *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*, and Owen Connolly will sing Paul Creston’s *Psalm 23*. Members from our Chancel and Celebration Choirs will also be singing for the 2024 General Conference that will be held this month at the Charlotte Convention Center. The Choir will sing for the final worship service on **Friday, May 3**, at 8:00 a.m.

**The UWF SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION SUPPER** is set for **Wednesday, May 1**, at 6:30 pm. Our speaker is Susan Sirmons, Ex Dir of Killingsworth. Four persons will be acknowledged for their tireless work with missions. Cost is \$10 payable at the door. We hope that you will be able to attend. RSVP by **Friday, April 26**, to Jennifer Parker at [jpcllemsongirl@gmail.com](mailto:jpcllemsongirl@gmail.com) or 770.301.6376.

**BROADWAY SHOW TUNES AND MORE:** Join us for an evening of Broadway show tunes on **Sunday, May 5**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dunn-Smith Courtyard. Everyone is invited to bring a lawn chair and enjoy this outdoor concert. For more information please contact Susan Curran at [scurran@shandonumc.org](mailto:scurran@shandonumc.org).

**NEW ART EXHIBIT:** Many thanks to artist, Linda Burnside, for her beautiful art exhibit in the Pat Beckler Art Gallery. Please take a moment to view her artwork during April and May.

**EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY!** Last year Epworth Children's Home served over 1,400 children and families through their statewide programs. Each of these children had this opportunity because of churches in South Carolina who embrace and provide for this ministry. On **Sunday, May 12**, we will participate in the annual Mother's Day Offering to benefit the children who call Epworth home, as well as each child and family touched by Epworth's ministries. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

**CONNECTIONS (55+) TRIP:** Let's head outdoors to Landsford Canal State Park on **Tuesday, May 14**, to see the largest known stand of the Rocky Shoals Spider Lily, a flower species found predominantly in the Southeast. This trip will be approximately 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. from start to finish, and the cost is \$20, which includes a box lunch. Contact Susan Curran at [scurran@shandonumc.org](mailto:scurran@shandonumc.org) or 803-466-1344 to register.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on **Sunday, May 19**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Player Hall. Sponsored by Health and Wellness, the blood drive needs you! Although walk-ins are welcome, we encourage you to reserve your time slot in advance at [shandonumc.org/redcross](http://shandonumc.org/redcross).

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY**, celebrating our High School graduates and their accomplishments, will be held on **May 12** at the 8:45 a.m. Sanctuary service. The deadline to submit information for graduating High School seniors for this service is **April 28**. To submit information, please email [amorris@shandonumc.org](mailto:amorris@shandonumc.org).

**LIONS & GIANTS:** Mark your calendars for the next LIONS & GIANTS: **Sunday, May 5**, 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., in the gym. Children in grades 5K-5th grades 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. This gathering is a drop-off event with no registration necessary. If you can stay and help, contact Cari at [ctreece@shandonumc.org](mailto:ctreece@shandonumc.org).

**DAY CAMP 2024:** The dates for Day Camp this year will be **June 10-14**, and registration is now open. Day Camp is a Bible camp hosted by SUMC at Heathwood Hall for students who have completed any of the 3-12 grades by the 2024 summer. For more information, visit [shandonumc.org/register](http://shandonumc.org/register).

**YOUTH MISSION PROJECT:** Registration is now open for the 2024 Youth Mission Project (YMP)! YMP will be back in Hollywood, SC, from **July 14-20** this year, and all students in 9th-12th grade are invited. You can find more information and registration at [shandonumc.org/register](http://shandonumc.org/register).

*Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation*

Senior Minister: The Reverend C. E. “Smoke” Kanipe, Jr.  
Minister of Assimilation & Discipleship: The Reverend James Grubb  
Minister of Music & Arts: The Reverend D. Edwin Huss, Jr.  
Music Associate & Organist: Deborah K. Bauer

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