

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 2026

8:45 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude Op. 29 No. 1

Gabriel Pierné

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Rev. Susan Ulmer

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 92

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Why, O LORD, do you stand far off?

Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

**Rise up, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand;
do not forget the oppressed.**

Why do the wicked renounce God,

and say in their hearts, "You will not call us to account"?

**But you do see! Indeed you note trouble and grief,
that you may take it into your hands;
the helpless commit themselves to you;
you have been the helper of the orphan.**

Break the arm of the wicked and evildoers;

seek out their wickedness until you find none.

**O LORD, you will hear the desire of the meek;
you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear
to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed,
so that those from earth may strike terror no more.**

(from Psalm 10)

**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, Amen.**

(11:00 A.M.) RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Joining our congregation today are Patrick and Lindsey Westbury with their daughter Lilly.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O God who comes to us in surprising and unexpected ways,
give us grace this day
to be prepared to hear your word
with expectant hearts and open minds.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Esther 4:1-17

Pew Bible, O.T. pg. 425

(11:00 A.M.) THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Cari Treece

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

SERMON

"Where Is God?"

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

*HYMN 88

Maker, in Whom We Live

Diademata

*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

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

(8:45 A.M.)

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

organ and piano

Hayes and Gaspard

OFFERTORY
(11:00 A.M.)

Non Nobis, Domine
Chancel Choir

Roger Quilter
Words by Rudyard Kipling

*Non nobis Domine! Not unto us, O Lord!
The Praise or Glory be of any deed or word;
For in Thy Judgment lies to crown or bring to nought
all knowledge or device that Man has reached or wrought.
And we confess our blame—How all too high we hold
that noise which men call Fame, that dross which men call Gold.
For these we undergo our hot and godless days,
But in our hearts we know not unto us the Praise.
O Power by Whom we live—Creator, Judge, and Friend,
Upholdingly forgive nor fail us at the end:
But grant us well to see in all our piteous ways—
Non nobis Domine!—not unto us the Praise!*

* DOXOLOGY HYMN 95

Old 100th

**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 452

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Olivet

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in A

David N. Johnson

* *Congregation standing*

*The altar flowers are given in celebration of the first birthday of George 'Buck' Trammell
with love by his parents.*

*The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Allyson Kreps Hearn (G'Ma) and Cheryl
Martin Bass Rhodes (Oma) by Candler, Geoff, Sam, Hearn, and Asa Rhodes.*

WELCOME VISITORS

If you are visiting with us today, please stop by our Visitor Welcome Center just to the left as you exit the sanctuary following the service. A Hospitality Team member will be there to greet you with a welcome bag and to answer any questions you might have.

THIRD GRADE STUDENTS RECEIVING BIBLES

Each year, our congregation presents Bibles to students in the Third Grade Sunday School class. This year's recipients are:

Penelope Rose Brock	Beverly Julia Gore	Adaline Leigh Roberts
Finley Dawn Campbell	Margaret Sophie Gregory	Thomas Chalmers Ruff, IV
Charlotte Marie Clark	James Roberts Hammond	Oscar William Schmolze
Louise Middleton Crosswell	Addison Cook Hart	Caroline Palmer Spring
Mary Elizabeth DuBose	Frances Claiborne Johnston	Ann Malone Summers
McNeil Emery Eddins	William Blake Kaliher, IV	Helen Louise Thompson
Ann Lawrence Evers	Annie Dubose Keisler	Noah Enright Todd
James Fant	Sara Catherine Mauney	Brenda Jane Voignier
Robert Miller Garriss	James William Mote	Annabelle Winn
Eleanor Virginia Gibbons	Stella Rose Parker	William Jacob Wynn
	William Ellis Ragley	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: We are pleased to welcome the Westbury family as the newest members of Shandon UMC. They are transferring from St. Paul UMC in St. Matthews, SC.

SEPTEMBER TREK AT CAPACITY: The September session of our pathway-to-membership course, TREK, is full. We encourage those interested in becoming members of Shandon UMC to sign up for the November session at shandonumc.org/trek

MYF: Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) is the place for 7th through 12th graders to fellowship, play games, and grow in their relationship with Christ. **August 30:** Meet us for dinner at Groucho's on Forest Drive from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Bring a friend and money for food.

FALL DOORWAYS CLASSES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER: Registration is now open for our adult Bible studies and classes. With more than a dozen options to choose from, there's something for everyone. Learn more and sign up at shandonumc.org/doorways

FIND YOUR FIT: All members are asked to complete Find Your Fit, Shandon's new approach to the annual Ministry Interest Questionnaire, by TODAY, **August 30**. Review current volunteer opportunities or take a 5- to 10-minute spiritual gifts assessment to explore where God may be calling you in this season. Complete the form at: shandonumc.org/fyf

YOUTH SUNDAY: Youth Sunday, the day our youth will lead worship, is **September 20**, at the 11:00 a.m. traditional worship service. If you are a youth interested in participating, please contact Andy Morris at amorris@shandonumc.org

THANK YOU: Tim Scott, John Whetstone, and other kitchen helpers prepared 216 casseroles in just a few days to support the Guatemala Mission Team fundraiser! Truly a heroic effort and the Mission Team members want to recognize our outstanding and dedicated staff. We hope everyone who purchased a casserole is enjoying the delicious food!

POPCORN AND A MOVIE: Children's "Popcorn and Movie" will be offered during the Sunday school hour for our 4-year-old through 5th-grade Sunday school classes on Sunday, **September 6**, from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Children may be dropped off and picked up in Player Hall.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS: Children are invited to join our music ministry when Wednesday evening rehearsals begin on **September 9**. Our Cherub Choir (5K-1st grade) meets from 6:00-6:30 p.m. and the St. Nicholas Choir (2nd-5th grade) meets from 6:00-6:45 p.m. Register at shandonumc.org/events.

FAMILY BINGO: Join us for bingo, prizes, devotion, and dinner on Sunday, **September 13**, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in Player Hall. All families are invited. Bring your friends, too! Chicken fingers and french fries will be served—\$5 per person (2 & under eat free). Registration is required. No childcare is provided. Children are to be accompanied by an adult. Register online at shandonumc.org/register.

YOUTH CHOIR: Sixth through twelfth grade students are invited to join the Youth Choir, led by Rev. Eddie Huss. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays in the choir room (2nd floor, Bruner Building) from 4:30-5:00 p.m. beginning **September 13**.

COOKIES FOR KAIROS: The Kairos Prison Ministry will be having its next encounter at McCormick Correctional Institution September 15-18. A key element of this experience is providing homemade cookies for residents, corrections officers, support staff and volunteers. If you can help, please deliver your cookies to Wesley Hall beginning **September 7**. Details on how to package the cookies and other specifications are available at shandonumc.org/events.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL SERIES: Join us on Sundays, **September 13, 20, and 27**, during the 11:00/11:05 a.m. worship services as we embark on the Children’s Chapel Series. This special series is designed for families with 4-year-old Preschool, K5, and 1st-grade children. Sessions are stand-alone. Immediately after the Children’s Sermon in worship, participants are invited to join Cari Treece in Player Hall to learn about worship in age-appropriate activities. Parents attend these sessions with their children.

CALLING ALL BAKERS: Many thanks to our super talented bakers who shared their gifts with us at Wednesday Manna last spring. If you would be willing to make bread or provide a homemade dessert on any given Wednesday during September – December, please contact Ruthie Taylor at (803)318-7484 or Susan Curran at scurran@shandonumc.org.

BECOME AN ACOLYTE: Seventh through twelfth graders who are interested in serving as acolytes in our traditional worship services are asked to attend either of the two training sessions scheduled for **September 13**, and **September 20**, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Questions? Please contact Mason Gibbes at mgibblet28@aol.com or 803-238-1434.

PARENT ORIENTATION FOR SIXTH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Parents of sixth graders are invited to join us on Sunday, **September 13**, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in Bruner Room 220 for our Parent Orientation for Sixth Grade Confirmation. We will review the content and schedule of the Confirmation Preparation classes and share with the group ways that parents may invest in the process. Student registration for Confirmation Preparation is open at shandonumc.org/register.

SIXTH GRADE FELLOWSHIP: Sixth Graders are invited to join us for “6F” (Sixth Grade Fellowship) on Friday, **September 18**, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the gym. Our time together will include games, snacks, and a time of devotion and songs. Register by Wednesday, September 16, at shandonumc.org/register. Friends are welcome. Questions? Please contact Lesli Wood (lwood@shandonumc.org). Future 6F events will be held on October 16, and November 13.

WOMEN’S DINNER AT THE MILLPOND STEAKHOUSE IN BOYKIN, SC: Join us for fellowship and great food in an historic setting on Thursday, **September 24**. We will gather at the church or meet at the restaurant for a delicious dinner. Space on the bus is limited to 14. The bus will depart at 5:00 p.m. and return by 11:00 p.m. Go to shandonumc.org/events for event prices and registration. Deadline for registration is September 11. Call Susan Curran (803-466-1344) or Ruthie Taylor (803-318-7484) with questions.

You are needed to support MORE Justice in Columbia!

Please join us for a kickoff meeting on September 14, at 6:00 p.m. in Knox 204

What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

Shandon is involved in many ministries that “love mercy.” Our partnership with MORE Justice gives us the opportunity to comply with God’s directive to “do justice.” We join 27 congregations in the Columbia area to address serious community-wide problems.

MORE Justice has made progress this year! Thank you to 39 Shandon members and 600 Midlands individuals who attended the Nehemiah Action in April. It was a powerful meeting as our community members came together to stand for justice and change. Eleven elected officials heard our collective voices.

- Legislation was passed in South Carolina this year that eliminates eviction filings after five years. The City of Columbia plans to continue and expand the mobile food market initiative that reaches “food desert” areas in our community.
- Richland County continues to discuss a Housing Trust Fund as a dedicated source of funding to support housing for low-income individuals.

It is time to kick off the new cycle for MORE Justice, and we need you! Politicians respond to numbers of individuals who collectively voice their concerns. Please talk to Biff Sowell, Claire Manning, Sue Kanipe or Rev. Smoke Kanipe if you have questions. And please join us for this important meeting.

Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation

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

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Maggie Cantey

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Will Harvey

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

Organist and Music Associate: Kipp Gill

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