

LifeLine

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Sunday, December 22, 2024 11:05 a.m. | Gym

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LIFELINE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 22, 2024 11:05 a.m.

Order of Worship

Welcome, Announcements, Opening Prayer

Ministry Moment Lila Anna Sauls - Homeless No More

Lighting the Advent Wreath William and Anna Strauss and Family

Offering

We worship God through our gifts and tithes. Give online at **shandonumc.org/give** or via the Realm App (**onrealm.org/shandonumc**)

Offertory Song

It's Christmas | Chris Tomlin

Children's Moment Cari Treece
Following the Children's Sermon, childcare is available for 4 & 5 year olds in Room

115 of the Knox Building.

Christmas Stories and Songs

First Reading The Morning After The Arrival Song Make Room | Casting Crowns

Second Reading God Entered the World as a Baby Song Breath of Heaven | Amy Grant

Third Reading

A More Lowly Birthplace Could Not Exist

and Shepherds and Angels

Song

Oh What A Claricus Night | Sidowalk Brankets

Song Oh What A Glorious Night | Sidewalk Prophets

Fourth Reading An Ecstatic Mother and Exhausted Father Song Joseph's Lullaby

Fifth Reading Mary Holding God
Song Light of The World | Sang by Anna Claire Sanders

Sixth Reading Majesty in the Midst of the Mundane
Song Silent Night | Mercy Me

Benediction

news & notes

SHANDON CARES: So far we have received 257 pledges for \$2,223,444 to support our 2025 budget. (Numbers for 2024 at this point were 271 pledges for \$2,185,586.) Thank you to all who have made a pledge! If you have not yet submitted your pledge, you can mail in your Commitment Envelope or simply go to **shandonumc.org/pledge.**

ADVENT OFFERING: The 2024 Advent Offering supports Haiti Missions, Habitat for Humanity, and Homeless No More—initiatives chosen by our Outreach Committee to transform lives and strengthen communities. Your generosity makes a difference. You can give online at **shandonumc.org** and select Advent Offering from the dropdown list, or write "Advent Offering" on your check. Let's share the spirit of the season through acts of hope and compassion.

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE Tuesday, December 24

11:00 a.m. Communion Service

3:00 p.m. Family Service - Sanctuary

Live Nativity after 3:00 p.m. Family Service and 20 mins before the 6:00 p.m. Family Service

6:00 p.m. Family Service – Sanctuary & **youtube.com/shandonumc**

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service – Sanctuary & **youtube.com/ shandonumc**

Childcare for children ages 0-3 will be available for our Family Services. The nursery will be available for you to drop off your child 15 minutes before the scheduled service begins. Registration is required at **shandonumc.org/ register**.

There will be no LifeLine Service on Sunday, December 29. Join us for our Traditional services at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

CHILDREN'S "POPCORN AND MOVIE" on Sunday, December 29, will also feature Bible Bingo during the Sunday school hour in Player Hall for our 4-year -old—5th grade.

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 5. Register online: **shandonumc.org/doorways**.

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY: Have you been wanting to invite a friend, coworker or neighbor to experience the fellowship, love and faith you found at Shandon UMC. If so, mark your calendar for January 12 for our Bring A Friend To Church Sunday. Now is a great time to start planting seeds to have them join you at one of our worship services and your Sunday School class. This is also a great day to encourage someone you know who has fallen out of the habit of attending church to get back into the practice and rhythm of worship. Let's help people keep their commitment to get back into church this new year. You never know what a simple invitation might bring.

TREK—PATHWAY TO MEMBERSHIP: Are you ready to become a full member of Shandon UMC? TREK is Shandon UMC's pathway to membership. Our next course is set to begin on **January 12, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** It is designed to help you connect with our ministers, staff, ministries, and one another. For complete details and to register for the course, go to **shandonumc.org/trek**.

HEALTHY EATING IN TODAY'S BUSY WORLD: Kick off the new year with Health and Wellness's Refresh and Renew series. The first session will be held **Tuesday, January 14, 2025, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** in Player Hall. Join Emilie Blanchard, founder of Tasty as Fit, for a Lunch and Learn as she shares practical tips for maintaining healthy eating habits in today's busy world. Enjoy a \$15 plant-based, gluten-free meal catered by Tasty as Fit. Register online by January 7, at **shandonumc.org/register**.

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN 2025-26 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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 by visiting the church's website, as well. The form must be submitted by December 31, 2024.

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