

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 23, 2025

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

The God of Abraham Praise

Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. C.E. “Smoke” Kanipe, Jr.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Barrie Wilson, *Transitions*

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 295

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Rathbun

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God our Father, you have set forth the way of life for us in your beloved Son.

**We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him,
our failure to follow him, our reluctance to bear the cross.**

**We confess the poverty of our worship,
our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace,
our hesitating witness for Christ,
our evasion of responsibilities in your service,
our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, we pray. 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 (Hymnal, pg. 39)

John Rush Olsgaard, son of Neal and Elizabeth Olsgaard, was born on November 12, 2024.

(8:45 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.**

(11:00 a.m.) ANTHEM

Let This Mind Be in You

Craig Courtney

Let this mind be in you, which was in Lord Jesus Christ.

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.

But made himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in human likeness: And being found in human fashion, he humbled Himself, became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Wherefore God has raised Him up, and given Him a name above all names; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, whether in heaven or earth or under the earth; that every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Let this mind be in you, which was in Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God whose word is as old as Creation, yet fresh as tomorrow,
pour out on us your Holy Spirit,
that the covenants of the patriarchs,
the visions of the prophets,
and the testimonies of the apostles
might be for us the way of life. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 72

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lesli Wood

SERMON

"On Probation"

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

*HYMN 121

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Wellesley

*(11:00 a.m.) A MODERN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

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

To give online: shandonumc.org/give

To give by text: Text **SUMC** to **73256**

OFFERTORY

(8:45 a.m.)

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Organ and Piano

Hayes/Gaspard

(11:00 a.m.)

Concerto in B Flat Major

Annette Matthews and Eddie Huss, piano

G.F. Handel

***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 534**

Be Still, My Soul

Finlandia

***BENEDICTION**

Go in peace to walk the way of the cross.

We are sent in the name of the Lord.

May Jesus Christ, who was put to death for our sin,
bless you and keep you.

Amen.

May Jesus Christ, who was raised to life for our salvation,
let light shine upon you.

Amen.

May Jesus Christ be your life, your peace, and your joy,
now and forever.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

***(11:00 a.m.) CHORAL RESPONSE**

God Be in My Head

John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in mine heart and in my thinking.

God be at my end and in my departing.

***CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543

J.S. Bach

* Congregation standing

*The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of Bill Dunn,
Joe W. and Roberta S. Dunn, and Harriet Faust by Gessner S. Dunn and children.*

*The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of George and Carrie White,
and Harry and Isabel Snider by Sylvia and Tom Snider.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU! The UWF cannot say thank you enough for your support in the recent Clothing and Book Sale. With your support, we were able to raise over \$22,000 to give to MANY non-profits, almost all in the Columbia area. Also, the following were able to collect in-kind donations to help their charities: Cooperative Ministry, EMS Closet, Keepin' It Real, State Street Baptist Church Shoe Ministry and His House. Without you, this would not have been possible.

SEEKERS LUNCH: Young professionals aged 23 to 30 seeking fellowship and community are welcome to join the Seekers group, which plans dates to gather for Sunday lunch after the 11:00 a.m. worship services. The next Seekers Lunch will be held **TODAY, Sunday, March 23**, at Taziki's. Feel free to bring friends, and we hope to see you there!

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD: Make plans to drop by the courtyard outside the gym **Sunday, March 30**, for coffee, juice, and biscuits from **9:30-10:00 a.m.** Stop by, meet a few new people, and enjoy some food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION: Last year, The Cooperative Ministry provided food boxes and snack packs to 2,193 people. During Lent, we ask that you help meet this need by providing items for their emergency food pantry. Members of the Outreach Committee will hand out empty bags and lists of needed items; they will collect the filled bags on Sundays after worship until **April 6**. Read more in ***The Voice*** about items that are most needed.

JOIN US FOR THE EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP! Shandon United Methodist Church invites you to be a part of our El Salvador Mission Trip, happening July 27 – August 3. This is a life-changing opportunity to serve, build relationships, and share God's love with communities in need. Whether you're called to construction, teaching, or simply offering a helping hand, your presence will make a difference! Don't miss out, the deadline to sign up is April 15!

For more details or to sign up, contact Candler or Geoff Rhodes or Brian Ingram.
candlerh@hotmail, geoffrhodes@hotmail.com & ingrambenefits@gmail.com

STUDENT LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS: Lent can be a powerful season for Christians as we meditate and fast in preparation for Easter. To encourage middle and high school students in their faith, we will host weekly Prayer Breakfasts in Player Hall from **6:45 until 7:30 a.m.**

Middle schoolers meet on **Tuesdays (March 25; April 1, 8)**

High schoolers on **Thursdays (March 27; April 3, 10)**

We will also have food for parents and a separate place for you to catch up on emails or connect with other parents.

APPLY FOR AN EDUCATIONAL GRANT: The Allen Fund Committee is accepting applications for the Allen Grant. The number of grants awarded will depend upon the availability of funds. Shandon UMC members, children of Methodist missionaries in foreign lands that are supported by Shandon UMC, and Epworth Children's Home students may apply for such awards to the Allen Fund Committee. The deadline for submitting an application is **April 1, 2025**. The application and explanation of the grant are on our website at **shandonumc.org/allenfund**.

FAMILY EASTER EVENT: Join us on **Sunday, April 6**, from **3:00 - 4:30 p.m.** for a special Easter event! As you move through the stations, you'll experience the Easter story while creating your own set of Resurrection Eggs—a hands-on way to learn about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. In addition, enjoy a meaningful prayer bead station and a cookie-decorating station, making this a wonderful afternoon of faith, fun, and fellowship.

Each family will take home their Resurrection Eggs and prayer beads to use for years to come. If you cannot attend, you can still register, and we will prepare a set of eggs and prayer beads for you to pick up. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate the story of Easter together!

Register at shandonumc.org/register.

SPONSOR AN EASTER LILY: Sponsor an Easter lily for our worship spaces in honor or memory of your loved one. Each plant is \$20. You can also give a donation to our Landscaping Fund. Order online by **April 6** at shandonumc.org/register. You can also fill out an order form located in the pew rack and place it along with a check in the collection plate during worship.

LENTEN OFFERING: This Lent, we're supporting three nonprofits that make a positive impact in our community—Free Medical Clinic, The Cooperative Ministry, and Transitions. Contribute to our Lenten offering online at shandonumc.org/give/lent, text SUMC with your offering amount to 73256, or send checks to Shandon UMC. Please write "Lenten Offering" on your checks and select it from the dropdown when giving online. Your generosity makes a difference.

GREENING OUR FAITH: LENT: Learn about Lenten traditions while creating a beautiful greenery cross for your door. Join us on **Wednesday, April 9**, from **6:00-7:30 p.m.**, or **Thursday, April 10**, from **10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**, in Wesley Hall.

Spaces are limited to 24 participants per session, with a \$35 registration fee. A waiting list will be available if sessions fill. Don't miss this opportunity to reflect on the season of Lent through a meaningful hands-on activity. Sign up today at shandonumc.org/register.

DONATIONS NEEDED: Please donate empty egg cartons and empty egg-size plastic Easter eggs during the month of March. (Pre-filled eggs or larger plastic eggs won't work.) Donation barrels are located in the Great Hall of the Bruner building and inside the entrance of the Dunn-Smith (gym) building.

LIFT EVERY VOICE - A REVIVAL OF PRAISE AND PURPOSE: The Columbia District of the United Methodist Church invites you to an evening of district-wide worship and revival, on **Thursday, March 27, at 6 p.m.**, Francis Burns United Methodist Church (5616 Farrow Road). All are invited.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION DINNER: The United Women in Faith Special Mission Recognition Dinner will be **Tuesday, May 6th, at 6:30 pm** in Player Hall. The UWF will recognize church members who have made a significant contribution to missions. Beth Irick, Chief Executive Officer of The Cooperative Ministry, will be the speaker. The cost is \$10 and reservations should be made with Jennifer Parker at jpclemsongirl@gmail.com or (770) 301-6376 by **May 2nd**.

SUMMER AT SHANDON UMC

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025—ROAD TRIP: ON THE GO WITH GOD!

Get ready for a week of faith-filled adventure as Shandon UMC presents Vacation Bible School (VBS): Road Trip – On the Go With God! Join us from **June 2–6, from 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m. each day**, as we explore God's love through engaging lessons, music, crafts, and fun activities. VBS is open to children who have completed 3-year preschool (age 3 by 9/1/2024) through current second-grade students (for the 2024–2025 school year). Shandon UMC members receive priority registration until **April 15**, at shandonumc.org/register.

SHANDON UMC DAY CAMP

Students who will have completed any of grades 3-12 are invited to join us for Day Camp on the campus of Heathwood Hall Episcopal School during the week of **June 2-6, 2025**. Students will enjoy art, music/songs, Bible study, paddling, ropes courses, Gaga Ball, and initiative games. Eighth grade students and older will serve as counselors. Shandon UMC members receive priority registration until **April 15**, at shandonumc.org/register.

2025 SHANDON CUP

We are excited to announce that our sports and recreation program, Shandon Cup, will return on Wednesday evenings this summer starting May 21! Members, visitors, and friends aged 18 years or older are invited to participate. This summer's primary activity will be volleyball—all skill levels are welcome! The cost for participating is \$10 per person, which includes all activities, equipment, and a hot dog cookout at the season's end. Childcare is available for infants through rising 6th graders but must be requested. Register at shandonumc.org/register.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 13

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. | Traditional services in the Sanctuary
11:05 a.m. | LifeLine Contemporary Service in the Gym

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 p.m. | Communion service in the Sanctuary with music by the Chancel Choir

Good Friday, April 18

12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary open for meditation
7:00 p.m. | Service in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 20

7:00 a.m. | Easter Sunrise Service on the East Lawn—please bring your own lawn chair
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. | Traditional Services in the Sanctuary
11:05 a.m. | LifeLine Contemporary Service in the Gym

Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation

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

Associate Pastor: The Reverend James Grubb

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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