



## LIFELINE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

First Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 1, 2024  
11:05 a.m.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Opening Song**     *Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)* | Chris Tomlin

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Lighting the Advent Wreath**     Creston Brown Family

**Song of Praise**     *When Hope Came Down* | Kari Jobe

**Affirmation of Faith**     Apostles' Creed

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering**

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

**Offertory Song**     *If We Are The Body* | Casting Crowns

**Scripture**     Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Sermon**     "Coming Together in Hope"  
Rev. James Grubb

**Communion**

**Song of Celebration**     *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

\*All children are invited to come forward.

# news & notes

**SHANDON CARES:** So far we have received 245 pledges for \$2,137,120 to support our 2025 budget. Thank you to all who have made a pledge! If you have not yet submitted your pledge, you can mail in your Commitment Card or simply go to [shandonumc.org/pledge](https://shandonumc.org/pledge).

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS:** Today we welcome into the Shandon family Trey and Cassidy Murphy and their son, Barratt and David and Mimi Williams who joined in our traditional services.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS:** If you would like to place a poinsettia in our worship spaces this holiday season or donate to the Landscape Fund in honor or memory of a loved one, please sign up at [shandonumc.org/plant](https://shandonumc.org/plant) by **Wednesday, December 4**. The cost is \$15.

**FAITHFUL FAMILIES:** Get your copy for only \$6! If you ordered Advent in a Bag last year, you already have this book. Faithful Families offers practical ways to create "Holy Moments" out of everyday activities like decorating your Christmas tree or receiving cards. Books are available in the foyer of the Dunn-Smith Building (gym). A QR code is provided for easy payment.

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS GATHERING:** Young professionals (ages 23–30) are invited to join the Seekers group for fellowship and community. The group meets for Sunday lunch after the 11:00 a.m. service and will gather **today, Sunday, Dec. 1** at Midwood Smokehouse. Celebrate Christmas with us on **Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 6:00 p.m.** at Hunter Gatherer Brewery. To RSVP for the Christmas gathering or share ideas for future events, email Rev. Maggie Cantey at [mcantey@shandonumc.org](mailto:mcantey@shandonumc.org) or complete the interest form at [shandonumc.org/seekers](https://shandonumc.org/seekers) to join the email list.

**ART SHOW OPENING RECEPTION** for Artist Irene Tyson: Please join the Shandon UMC Arts Council for an Art Show Opening Reception, Ode to Dogwood Hill, featuring a collection of paintings by Irene Dumas Tyson. **Wednesday, December 4, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** in the Patricia Beckler Art Gallery at Shandon. The reception is free and open to the public. Artwork will be on display from November 26, 2024 through February 23, 2025.

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CHRISTMAS DINNER** will be **Monday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m.**, in Player Hall with a special guest speaker – Comedian Lesli Wood. The UWF Woman of the Year will be honored, and a memorial will be held for members and Special Friends who passed this year. Reservations are due by November 27 and can be made with Jennifer Parker at [jpclemsongirl@gmail.com](mailto:jpclemsongirl@gmail.com) or by phone/text at 770-301-6376. Cost is \$10, payable at the door. Membership in UWF is not required to attend this dinner.

**CONNECTIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Adults 65 and older are invited to the Connections Christmas Party on **Friday, December 6, in Player Hall at 11:30 a.m.** Dress in your most festive holiday attire and join us for some holiday games (with prizes), musical entertainment, and a lunch buffet. Please RSVP by Wed., December 4 to Susan Curran by email ([scurran@shandonumc.org](mailto:scurran@shandonumc.org)) or text (803-466-1344) with your name and the number of guests.

**LENTEN CROSSES** for your yard will be on sale **December 8 and 15.** Find us at a table in the Dunn-Smith Courtyard between Sunday School and 11:00 service. This is a fundraiser by the Committed Disciples Sunday School class and all proceeds will benefit the Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry. The cost is \$35.00 and will be ready for pickup on March 2 and includes a cross for yard mount, three sashes, instructions, and lessons for the Lenten season to enjoy each year. Register online at [shandonumc.org/register](http://shandonumc.org/register).

**JOIN US FOR SWEET ADVENT: CANDY CRECHE EVENT** on **Sunday, December 8, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.** in the gym! This fun, family-friendly event invites all ages to create a nativity scene made entirely from candy. A nursery for infants through 2-year-olds is available with reservations. The fee is \$16 per Candy Creche. Optional dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m., featuring chicken fingers, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls, and dessert. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children (2 and under eat free). End the evening with s'mores in the courtyard! Register at [shandonumc.org/register](http://shandonumc.org/register). For questions, contact Cari Treece at [ctreece@shandonumc.org](mailto:ctreece@shandonumc.org).

**SHANDON SISTERS – CONNECTIONS FOR YOUNG WOMEN** (ages 25ish – 45ish): Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, December 12, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Heather Mitchell. For more information, contact Anne Marie Crosswell at [amacrosswell@gmail.com](mailto:amacrosswell@gmail.com) or Ruthie Taylor at (803) 318-7484. Friends are welcome.

## **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](https://youtube.com/shandonumc)

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service – Sanctuary & [youtube.com/shandonumc](https://youtube.com/shandonumc)

# SHARING GOD'S LOVE

**ADVENT OFFERING:** The 2024 Advent Offering begins today, supporting 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. Starting next Sunday, give online at [shandonumc.org](http://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.

**VOLUNTEER FOR OUR LIVE NATIVITY ON CHRISTMAS EVE!** Join us as we bring the Christmas nativity to life with live animals! We're looking for volunteers to portray nativity characters during two shifts: after the 3:00 p.m. and before the 6:00 p.m. service. To participate, email [ctreece@shandonumc.org](mailto:ctreece@shandonumc.org). Slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and children are welcome to volunteer alongside adults.

**VOLUNTEER PREPARERS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING TAX SEASON:** The Cooperative Ministry needs volunteers to assist clients through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program for the 2025 tax year. Volunteers don't need prior tax preparation experience; The Cooperative Ministry provides complete training and certification. Volunteers can serve from home or with friends at a location near home. For more information, please visit [www.coopmin.org/vita](http://www.coopmin.org/vita) or contact Michelle Blackman, VITA coordinator, at [mblackman@coopmin.org](mailto:mblackman@coopmin.org).

**EPWORTH CHRISTMAS GIFT COLLECTION:** Epworth is currently collecting Christmas gifts for their residential children and Epworth foster children in the midlands. If you are interested in donating a Christmas gift, 1) go to [www.epworthchildrenshome.org/christmas/](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org/christmas/), 2) click on the wish list of your choosing and sign up for the gift you would like to donate, 3) purchase the gift and bring it to Maggie's office UNWRAPPED and labeled "residential" or "foster" before the end of the day December 3!

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