



LIFELINE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 7, 2025 | 11:05 a.m.

Order of Worship

Opening Song **Don't Ever Stop | Chris Tomlin**

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Wreath **The Pat & Ginny Kirk Family**

Ministry Moment **Dr. Hal Crosswell, Haiti Missions**

Song **People Get Ready | Curtis Mayfield**

Prayers of the People

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 **I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day | Casting Crowns**

Scripture **Proverbs 11:24-25**

Sermon **Refreshing Generosity | Rev. James Grubb**

Communion

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

**All children are invited to come forward.*

Benediction

Shandon Serves: To date, we have received 241 pledges totaling \$2,112,257.12 to support our 2026 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 visit shandonumc.org/pledge.

Announcements

Welcome New Members: Nathan and Sabrina Berry are joining today at the 11 a.m. Traditional service.

2025 Advent Offering: Supports Haiti Missions, Homeless No More, and Habitat for Humanity—initiatives chosen by our Outreach Committee to transform lives and strengthen communities. Your generosity makes a difference. You can give online at shandonumc.org/give 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.

Advent Devotional Guide for Children and Adults: Be sure to pick up your Advent devotional and optional coloring booklet at the welcome table.

Manna: December 10: Grilled Greek chicken, roasted red potatoes, sauteed green beans, cucumber salad, mixed green salad, homemade bread, fruit, and dessert. Pre-orders for meals are required at shandonumc.org/manna.

Connections Christmas Party: Adults 65 and older are invited to the Connections Christmas Party on Friday, **December 12**, in Player Hall at 11:30 a.m. Dress in your most festive holiday attire and join us for some games, musical entertainment, and a buffet lunch. Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 9, to Susan Curran at scurran@shandonumc.org or 803-466-1344.

Seekers Christmas Gathering: Young professionals ages 23 to 30 seeking fellowship and community are invited to join the Seekers group for their annual Christmas gathering on **December 16th** at 6:00 p.m. at Publico in Five Points. Please email Rev. Maggie Cantey to RSVP. Rev. Maggie is partnering with this group and is seeking input regarding ideas. Please contact Rev. Maggie for a conversation or complete the interest form at shandonumc.org/seekers to be added to the group email list.

Men's Prayer Breakfast: All men are invited to join us Thursday, **December 18**, from 7:30–8:15 a.m. in Player Hall for our Men's Prayer Breakfast. Chef Tim will be providing a delicious breakfast, followed by a short program led by Gene Watts. Please join us and bring a friend to be filled with food, fellowship and faith.

Shandon UMC Book Club: Thursday, **December 18**, from 5:30–6:30 p.m. in Room 224 of the Bruner Building. *Beaver Girl* by Cassie Premo Steele is this month's book.

Lifeline Christmas Stories and Songs Service: Lifeline's alternative to a Christmas Eve Service will be held on Sunday, **December 21**, during our regular worship service. It is a time when we will prepare for the blessed holiday by sharing the story of Jesus' birth through songs and scripture readings. We hope you will join us for this meaningful service.

Serving Dinner at Transitions: Five to six volunteers are needed to serve dinner at Transitions on Monday, **December 22**, from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. Contact Sue Haddock with questions or to volunteer at ksuehaddock@gmail.com or 803-206-3787.

2026 Winter Doorways: Beginning the week of **January 4**, 2026, we will offer 12 Bible Study classes covering an array of topics, available during the day and after work, with a variety of teaching styles. Have questions or need help deciding which class is just right for you? Call Ruthie Taylor (803) 318-7484. Registration is available at shandonumc.org/events.

Pathway to Membership-TREK: Shandon's new member path, begins again in **January**. For more information about TREK, please contact Rev. James Grubb at jgrubb@shandonumc.org. Sign up at shandonumc.org/trek. Childcare is available at registration.

January 2026 Course Schedule

Sunday, January 11, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 25, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Mission Opportunity in Guatemala: Healing Guatemala is a non-profit organization based in the US that aims to provide physical, social, and spiritual healing. It is operated by the Rev. Dr. Luke Rhyee, a pastor in the South Carolina Annual Conference. Medical and construction teams are needed. If you are interested in learning more about this mission opportunity, please contact Jennifer Parker at jpclemsongirl@gmail.com or Sue Haddock at Ksuehaddock@gmail.com. Tentative trip dates are **April 20th–30th**, so don't delay!

Christmas Eve Schedule:

Wednesday, December 24

2:00 p.m. Communion Service

4:00 p.m. Child-Friendly Service with Live Nativity

*6:00 p.m. Child-Friendly Service with Live Nativity

*9:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

(*Services will be live-streamed)

Children & Students

Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF): December 7: Advent Craft Night for MYF. Join us for dinner, a short Bible study, and a special Christmas craft activity. We will meet from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Zone.

Christmas Caroling: Children and their parents are invited to join us for Christmas Caroling on Sunday, **December 21**, at 4:00 p.m. (Optional: arrive at 3:30 p.m. in Player Hall to make a simple ornament to give to the homes we visit.) We'll meet in the church parking lot to travel to the homes of Shandon members for a joyful evening of singing familiar Christmas favorites, no rehearsal needed. Please sign up in advance so we can plan for transportation and supplies. Shandonumc.org/events Questions? Contact Cari at ctreece@shandonumc.org.

Live Nativity Volunteers Needed: Be part of the live nativity on **Christmas Eve!** Help bring the Christmas story to life—complete with live animals! We're seeking volunteers to portray nativity characters during one of two shifts.

- During and after the 4:00 p.m. Child-Friendly Service
- Before and during the 6:00 p.m. Child-Friendly Service

For more details and to sign up, visit [**shandonumc.org/events**](http://shandonumc.org/events).



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