

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2023

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Piano Duet

arr. Norman Dello Joio

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MINISTRY MOMENT FOR HARVEST HOPE

Mardellina Marqueze

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 240

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;

and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,

and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. *(from Isaiah 9)*

*GLORIA PATRI NO. 71

Greatorex

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.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(8:45 a.m.) Link Graham and Stephanie Thomas & family
(11:00 a.m.) John and Hanna Estill & family

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Hymnal, pg. 39)

(8:45 a.m.) **James (“Jack”) Paul Porter, Jr.**, son of Paul and Ashley Porter, was born on June 27, 2023.

(11:00 a.m.) **Graham Harding Wade**, son of Ben and Caroline Wade, was born on June 24, 2023.

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.**

PRAAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious Father, for whose word the world ever waits and hopes,
pour out on us your Holy Spirit,
that as your scriptures are read and proclaimed this day
we may hear with joy and respond in faith;
through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 1:1-17

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 1

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lesli Wood

SERMON

“The Family Tree”

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

ANTHEM

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon

Ana Player Murray, soprano

*When blossoms flowered mid the snows upon a winter's night,
was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful Earth rejoiced,
and at His blessed birth, the stars, their exultation voiced.
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
Again, the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night
that gave the world its Christmas Rose, its king of Love and Light.
Let every voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell.
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

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 To give online or by text: www.shandon-umc.org/give
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM	(8:45 a.m.)	God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen <i>Piano Duet</i>	arr. Norman Dello Joio
	(11:00 a.m.)	The First Noel <i>Chancel Choir</i>	arr. John Rutter

*The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

(Refrain) *Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. (R)*

*And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. (R)*

*Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood mankind hath bought. (R)*

*DOXOLOGY NO. 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 219

What Child Is This

Greensleeves

***BENEDICTION**

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the Wise Men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ Child
be yours at this holy season!

Alleluia!

And may the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be with you always.

Alleluia! Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

16th c. French tune

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing.

Ding dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing. Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

16th c. French tune

*Congregation standing

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Harry and Jane Ward and their family
in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Wade F. Ward, Senior;
and by Susan and Jim Brant
to honor the season.*

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Sometimes the holiday season is difficult for those experiencing grief or loss. Join us on **Thursday, December 21** at 6:00 p.m. for a time of worship which is sensitive to the needs of those with heavy hearts this Christmas.

NATIVITY STICKER SHEETS for children are available at both entrances of the Sanctuary while supplies last.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE: A Time of "Sabbath" for Our Church Staff - The church buildings and ministry areas will be closed for a week of Sabbath from **Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1, and will reopen Tuesday, January 2.** If you need to reach the ministers during this time, please leave a message at 803-256-8383. The voicemail will be monitored periodically, and someone will be in touch as soon as possible. The Business Office will be open for limited hours during that same period. Please contact Nancy Probst, Business Administrator, at (803) 722-1037 for assistance from the Business Office.

Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation

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

Minister of Assimilation & Discipleship: The Reverend James Grubb

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

Music Associate & Organist: Deborah K. Bauer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 17, 2023

ADVENT OFFERING: The Outreach Commission has selected the following for the Advent Offering this year: Haiti, Harvest Hope, and Habitat. Speakers will provide more information in the Mission Moment during Advent. Please consider a generous donation to support these important missions.

THE EDDIE HUSS & FRIENDS BENEFIT CONCERT will be held this afternoon, **December 17** at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Music for two pianos by Rachmaninoff and Liszt will be performed by Annette Matthews, Debbie Bauer, Bradley Fuller, and Eddie Huss. Vocalists Johnnie Felder and Anna Flynn will also perform. An offering to help our El Salvador Mission Trip for the summer of 2024 will be taken. Everyone is invited to attend this annual Shandon Christmas Concert event.

SUMC BOOK CLUB meets on 3rd Thursdays, in person (5:30-6:30 p.m.). **December 21:** *The Vanishing Half*, by Britt Bennett. To be on the mailing list and receive reminders, contact Anne Cox at anne41450@aol.com.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: Need volunteer tax preparers for 2024 season. The Cooperative Ministry is asking for volunteers to assist low-income individuals/families at various sites around the midlands. No prior experience necessary. Training will be done in **December and January**. For more information, please visit www.coopmin.org/vita or contact Michelle at VITA@coopmin.org.

DOORWAYS TO GOD—WINTER 2024: Registration is now open for Winter Adult Christian Education classes. Connect with fellow Christians and deepen your faith. Classes begin the week of **January 7, 2024**. Register online at shandonumc.org/doorways.

SHANDON SISTERS: Connections for Young Women ages 25ish-45ish. Join us for a casual gathering to connect with mature women who are ahead of you in life's journey. Our time together will include fellowship, light refreshments, conversation, and a brief reflection with "pearls of wisdom" from one of our facilitators. Come **Monday, January 8**, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. to the home of Rami McCutchen. For more information contact Anne Marie Crosswell at amacrosswell@gmail.com, Taylor White at tmunnwhite@gmail.com, or Ruthie Taylor at 803-318-7484. Friends are welcome.

FOOD INSECURITY is ongoing in our community. During the next year the Outreach Commission requests that each month you bring an item that will go to Cooperative Ministries. We will collect the food on the second Sunday of the month or in the week before the second Sunday. Each month we will designate a "food of the month." For **Sunday, January 14**, please bring grits or mac & cheese.

NEXT TREK CLASS: Are you ready to become a member of Shandon UMC? The next TREK Course, Shandon's Pathway to Membership, begins on **Sunday, January 21**. The course will meet on January 21, 24, and 31. Childcare is available. Go to shandonumc.org/trek to learn more and sign up today.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

SHANDON STUDENTS: MYF will be headed off campus tonight to serve at EMS Closet. We will be helping organize clothing to serve Richland 1 and 2 schools. We will meet in the gym at 5:00 p.m. to leave on the church buses and will be back for student pick up at 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH SINGERS: We will offer music by our Youth Singers on Christmas Eve at the 4pm and 6pm services. All Youth are invited to participate. We will meet this **Wednesday, December 20** from 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. in the Choir Room.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE: Please note that we will not host Sunday school on Christmas Eve, **Sunday, December 24**. Please plan to join us for one or more of our five services of worship that day. Our live nativity with animals will be on the church lawn from between the 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. "Family" services. Please plan to enjoy the live nativity from 4:40-5:00 p.m. and from 5:40-6:00 p.m.

NURSERY REGISTRATION ON CHRISTMAS EVE: Because of the limited number of nursery staff, registration is required for childcare on Christmas Eve. Childcare for children ages 0-3 will be available for the 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family services. The nursery will be available for you to drop off your child 15 minutes before the scheduled service begins. Register your child at shandonumc.org/register.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - SERVICE SCHEDULE

(NO 8:45 A.M. SERVICE)

(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)

11:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent Traditional Worship Service

11:05 a.m. LifeLine Worship Service

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service

4:40 - 5:00 p.m. Live Nativity

5:40 - 6:00 p.m. Live Nativity

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service

9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion