



SHandon

UNITED METHODIST

LIFELINE CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Shandon United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 3, 2023

11:05 a.m.



Order of Worship

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 3, 2024

Opening Song

It's Christmas | Chris Tomlin

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Sloan & Robbie Birnie & Family

Ministry Moment

Hal Crosswell

Song of Praise

Do It Again | Elevation Worship

Reception of New Member

Melissa Fritz

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

When Hope Came Down | Kari Jobe

Scripture

Isaiah 64:1-9

Sermon

"The Potter and The Clay"
Rev. James Grubb

Communion

Song of Celebration

Born is the King | Hillsong

*All children are invited to come forward.

News and Notes



THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER is available online! For a complete listing of December events, Christmas Eve worship services and concerts, please scan the QR code or visit shandonumc.org/news.

ADVENT OFFERING: The Outreach Commission has selected the following for the Advent Offering this year: Haiti missions, Harvest Hope, and Habitat for Humanity. Please consider a generous donation to support these important missions. You can give online or on your offering envelope—please note “advent” in the memo line. Send a Gift Acknowledgement Card to a special person to let them know you’ve made a gift to our Advent Offering in their honor. You may pick up cards from an usher or outside worship spaces.

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 fill out the order form from the ushers or sign up at shandonumc.org/register by **Wednesday, December 6**. The cost is \$15.

SHANDON SISTERS: Connections for Young Women (ages 25ish - 45ish) Join us to connect with mature women who are ahead of you in life’s journey. This month we will meet on **Monday, December 4 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Stephanie Black for a Christmas social. 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.

CONNECTIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY: You are invited **Friday, December 8, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** in Player Hall. Dress in your most festive holiday attire and join us for games (with prizes!), musical entertainment, and a lunch buffet. RSVP to Susan Curran via email (scurran@shandonumc.org) or text your name and the number of guests to (803) 466-1344.

CREATIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—PLAYGROUND BUILD: The Outreach Commission needs 4-5 volunteers to join them **Saturday, December 9 from 12:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m.** to decorate a playhouse at Habitat for Humanity—209 S. Sumter St. Supplies will be provided, we just need some creative folks. Questions: Contact Sue Haddock at ksuehaddock@gmail.com.

The **PRISMA HEALTH MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY VAN** is coming to Shandon UMC again on **Monday, December 18**, in our parking lot across Devine Street. For a reservation, call (803) 434-9100. Be sure to specify the date and the location—Shandon United Methodist, and please bring an ID and your insurance card.

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.

Join us for our annual **BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE** on **Thursday, December 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**. This special candlelight service offers a space for reflection and support for those navigating grief during the holiday season. For more details or to connect with a Stephen Minister, contact Rev. Smoke Kanipe at skanipe@shandonumc.org or (803) 722-1063.

Children & Students

Tonight's **MYF—December 3**: From 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., we will have dinner and discuss the meaning of the “Thrill of Hope” for Christmas.

NATIVITY CHARACTERS: Join us as we bring the nativity to life with live animals on Christmas Eve! We're looking for volunteers to portray nativity characters during two shifts: after the 4:00 p.m. service and before the 6:00 p.m. service. To participate, simply email ctreece@shandonumc.org. Slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and children are welcome to volunteer alongside adults.

SHARE GOD'S LOVE: Young Lives is a local ministry that supports pregnant and parenting teens through mentorship, community, and life with Christ. Morgan Knox is a mentor with Young Lives and is organizing this opportunity for the Children of Shandon. Please pick an ornament from the tree on the first floor of the DuBose Children's Building to buy a Christmas present for a mom or baby. There will also be a chance to contribute to a camp scholarship for a girl to go to a week-end Young Life camp. **All gifts must be returned by December 6.**

HIGH SCHOOL SKI RETREAT: Register now for our High School Ski and Worship Retreat in West Virginia from **February 9-11, 2024**. Cost: \$315, covers transportation, lodging, ski tickets, meals at the lodge, and equipment rentals. Registration deadline: Jan. 5, 2023, at shandon-umc.org/register.

PAJAMA DRIVE FOR EMS CLOSET: Our student ministry will collect new Christmas pajamas for the EMS closet to be donated to students in need in the public schools in our area. These pajamas will be distributed to elementary students so they can participate in their school Christmas-themed events. **We will collect boys' and girls' pajama sizes 4T-16 until December 11.** Students can bring their donations to church on Sunday or drop them off in Andy's office during the week.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES for church membership begin on **Sunday, January 21, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** To register your 6th grader, visit shandonumc.org/register. For more information, please contact Leslie Wood, Director of Christian Education, at lwood@shandonumc.org or (803) 256-8383.



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