

# SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22, 2026

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

(8:45 A.M.) OPENING VOLUNTARY	Praeambulum	Gottlieb Muffat
(11:00 A.M.) OPENING VOLUNTARY	Prelude in F Major <i>Annette Matthews and Eddie Huss, piano</i>	Johannes Brahms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Colleen Soper, Transitions

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

\* EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 286    O Sacred Head, Now Wounded        *Passion Chorale*

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.**

(11:00 A.M.) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (*Hymnal, pg. 39*)

**Cathryn Scott Drafts**, daughter of Colin and Kristin Drafts, was born on April 10, 2025.

(11:00 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

Be Still

Karen Marrolli

*Grant Ebert, baritone*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Come, Holy Spirit of grace and truth:  
take our lips and speak through them;  
take our minds and think through them;  
take our hearts and set them on fire. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:6-11

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 147

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lesli Wood

*Following the Children's Sermon, childcare is available for 4 and 5-year-olds  
in Room 115 of the Knox Building.*

SERMON

"A Matter of Life and Death"

Rev. Smoke Kanipe

(8:45 A.M.) \* A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. 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

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To give by text: Text SUMC to 73256

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(8:45 A.M.)

Be Still

Karen Marrolli

*Grant Ebert, baritone*

*Be still and know that I am God; let peace embrace your heart.*

*Be still and know that I am God; let fear and anguish now depart.*

*Though the earthquakes rage, though the tempests roll,*

*though the storms conspire to destroy,*

*be still and know that I am God:*

*the earth shall rise again in joy.*

*Let tranquil hope fill your mind,*

*let grief and trouble be left behind.*

*Though the shadows fall, though the darkness cries,*

*though the night seems endless and dire, be still and know that I am God.*

(11:00 A.M.)

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Charles Parry

*Chancel Choir*

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;*

*re clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives,*

*Thy service find, in deeper reverence praise.*

*In simple trust like theirs who heard,*

*beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord,*

*let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow Thee.*

*Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;*

*take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess*

*the beauty of Thy peace.*

*Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm;*

*let sense be dumb, let flesh retire,*

*speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,*

*O still small voice of calm.*

\*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 292

What Wondrous Love Is This

*Wondrous Love*

\* 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 Hide Me Under the Shadow of Your Wings John West

*Hide me under the shadow of your wings, O Lord,  
and give your angels charge concerning me:  
That I may lie down in peace, and take my rest,  
for it is you, Lord, only, who makes me to dwell in safety.*

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* (8:45 A.M.) CLOSING VOLUNTARY Prelude in G Minor J.S. Bach

\* (11:00 A.M.) CLOSING VOLUNTARY Slavonic Dance Anton Dvorak  
*piano duet*

\* Congregation standing

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

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

*The flowers in the narthex are given in loving memory of Graham Brown and in honor  
of his wife, Tamitha Brown, and his mother, Marshanna Brown, by their family.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** Please welcome Shandon's newest members: Susan C. Wheeler, transferring from another UMC and the Donley family - JD and Ashley and their children Piper, Pearson, and Ezzie, joining through reaffirmation of faith. JD and Ashley and Susan recently completed our pathway to membership course, TREK. A new session of TREK will begin in May. Learn more at [shandonumc.org/TREK](http://shandonumc.org/TREK).

**LENTEN OFFERING:** This Lent, we are supporting three nonprofits that serve our community: Senior Resources, The Cooperative Ministry, and Transitions. You can give online at [shandonumc.org/give/lent](http://shandonumc.org/give/lent), text SUMC and your amount to **73256**, or mail a check to Shandon UMC. Please write "Lenten Offering" on your check or select it from the dropdown menu when giving online. Your generosity makes a difference.

**EL SALVADOR MISSION:** Today we welcome Brian Dubberly to Shandon UMC. Brian has a passion for the people of El Salvador and coordinates volunteer mission groups traveling there throughout the year. He has been Shandon's direct missionary liaison and host since our congregation began sending teams there twelve years ago. He will be sharing his experiences with the JOY and George Huggins Sunday School classes and preaching in LifeLine this morning. If you would like to learn more about how you can support Shandon's 2026 El Salvador trip, please contact Andy Morris at [amorris@shandonumc.org](mailto:amorris@shandonumc.org).

**SEEKERS LUNCH:** Young professionals ages 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 Seekers will meet TODAY, **March 22**, at Taziki's. Rev. Maggie Cantey is partnering with this group and is seeking input regarding other interests for this group. Please contact Rev. Maggie for a conversation or complete the interest form at [shandonumc.org/seekers](http://shandonumc.org/seekers) to be added to the group email list.

**MYF:** Methodist Youth Fellowship is the place for 7th through 12th graders to fellowship, play games, and grow in their relationship with Christ. **March 22** - How do we keep focused on our faith in a world of distractions? Let's explore what the Bible says about distractions. Invite a friend and join us from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Zone for games, dinner, open gym, and Bible study.

**WEDNESDAY MANNA:** Join us in Player Hall on **March 25**, from 5:00-6:00 p.m., for the last Wednesday Manna until fall! This week's menu features chicken fingers, macaroni and cheese, green beans, green salad, rolls, and dessert. The children's menu for March is buttered noodles, yogurt, fruit, and a cookie. The prices for meals are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Reservations must be made by 8:00 a.m. Tuesday at [shandonumc.org/manna](http://shandonumc.org/manna). Stick around after dinner for the Children's Choir Spring Program at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**THANK YOU, SHANDON!** A sincere thank you to all involved in the annual Clothing and Book Sale this past weekend. With your donations and help, we were able to raise more than \$26,000, all of which is donated to missions. We could not do this without you and cannot thank you enough. May God bless each of you!

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP:** Please bring your non-perishable, unexpired food items to help replenish the emergency food pantry at The Cooperative Ministry. You may place your donations in the collection bins in the Great Hall in the Bruner Building or in the entrance to the Dunn-Smith Ministry Center.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR SPRING PROGRAM:** Everyone is invited to attend as the St. Nicholas Choir presents their spring program, "*Fruit of the Spirit*," on Wednesday, **March 25**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Cherub Choir will also sing some of their favorite songs, and both choirs will be recognized for their participation this year. Both choirs will also sing on Palm Sunday at 11 a.m.

**POWER IN CHANGING:** The Journey Sunday School class is collecting donations of diapers and wipes to benefit Power in Changing, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving women and families in the Midlands. The organization seeks to empower families and help provide essential supplies for women and babies. If you, too, would like to donate to Power in Changing, there is a collection station in the foyer outside Player Hall on Sundays through **March 29**.

**VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** VBS at Shandon UMC is coming June 1-5, and we need amazing adult and youth volunteers to help make it a fun and faith-filled adventure for our children. Whether you can serve all week, a few days, or behind the scenes, we'd love to have you join us for this exciting journey of faith! Learn more about why you should volunteer and sign up at [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events).

## **JOURNEY TO EASTER**

**March 25** | 6:00 p.m. - Children's Choirs Spring Program in the Sanctuary

**March 29 - Palm Sunday** | 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary | 11:05 a.m. LifeLine Contemporary Worship in the Gym

**April 2 - Holy Thursday** | 6:30 p.m. - Holy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary (childcare available - sign up at [shandonumc.org/register](http://shandonumc.org/register))

**April 3 - Good Friday** | 6:30 p.m. - Good Friday Service, *The Seven Last Words of Christ*, in the Sanctuary (childcare available - sign up at [shandonumc.org/register](http://shandonumc.org/register))

**April 5 - Easter** | 7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service on the East Lawn | 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary | 11:05 a.m. - LifeLine Contemporary Worship in the Gym

# VBS AND DAY CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Join us for **Vacation Bible School on Monday, June 1, to Friday, June 5**, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day. This year's theme is "Snowball Mountain Challenge," an exciting winter sports event, where children will find their strength in God through frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith.

VBS is open to children who have completed 3-year-old preschool (age 3 by September 1, 2025) through children who have completed 2nd grade in the 2025–2026 school year.

Fee: \$25 per child

Students who have completed any of the grades 3rd through 12th by the summer of 2026 are invited to join us for **Shandon UMC Day Camp, held on the Heathwood Hall School campus from Monday, June 1, to Friday, June 5.**

Students are invited to join us for the week as we enjoy art, music and songs, Bible study, paddling, ropes courses, Gaga Ball, and initiative games. Current eighth-grade students and older will serve as counselors.

Fee: \$125 per camper (grades 3-7).

Registration is open until Wednesday, **April 15**. Shandon UMC members receive priority registration. Non-members will be placed on a waitlist and will receive spots based on grade-level availability. Registration fees are non-refundable.

**SIGN UP AT [SHANDONUMC.ORG/REGISTER](https://shandonumc.org/register)**

*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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