

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in F Major

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 715

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Darwell's 148th

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me,

and let us exalt his name together. (Psalm 34:1-3)

*GLORIA PATRI NO. 71

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**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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 8:27-38

Pew Bible, N.T. p. 41

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lesli Wood

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 885: A MODERN AFFIRMATION

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of Man,
the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God
may come upon the earth. Amen.**

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.shandonumc.org/give
Text 73256 and enter SUMC

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(8:45 a.m.)

Rejoice the Lord Is King

Michael Burkhardt

(11:00 a.m.)

Joy in the Morning

Natalie Sleeth

Joy, there'll be joy in the morning on that day.
There'll be peace and contentment evermore.
Every heart, every voice will again rejoice, there'll be peace evermore.
And the glory of the Lord will shine,
and the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine.
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,
and the way of the Lord will be restored, there'll be love everywhere.

*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 732

Come, We That Love the Lord

St. Thomas

*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 a.m.)

Go Now in Peace

Robert Lau

Go now in peace,
and may God's peace go with you.
Believe, and trust His holy word. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

May the Lord our God,
who is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
heal all your diseases,
forgive all your sins,
and let shine upon you,
now and forever.
Amen. Thanks be to God.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in G Major

Theodore Dubois

*Congregation standing

The altar flowers are given by Pat Beckler and family in loving memory of John D. Beckler (December 20, 1932-September 13, 2010).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL SERIES ... Join us on **September 15 and 22** during the 11:00/11:05 a.m. worship services as we embark on the Children's Chapel Series. This special series is designed for families with 4-year-old Preschool, K5, and 1st-grade children. Sessions, while different, are stand-alone. Immediately after the children's sermon, participants are invited to join Cari Treece in Player Hall to learn about worship in age-appropriate activities. Parents attend these sessions with their children.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS: Come join our St. Nicholas Choir (grades 2-5) or Cherub Choir (K5-1st grade)! Choir rehearsals are on **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.** in the Dubose Children's Building. Contact Rev. Eddie Huss at ehuss@shandonumc.org.

STORIES AND SONGS ... As Christians, we are called to share our stories of faith with others. Join us in the sanctuary on **Sunday, September 15, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** to hear a blend of traditional and contemporary music and the inspiring personal faith journeys of Jeff and Stephanie Black and Creston Brown. Childcare for infants to 3-year-olds will be provided starting at 5:45 p.m., with a special event for children (4-year preschoolers to 5th graders) led by our Student Ministry from 5:45-7:00 p.m., where they will enjoy games, faith stories, and songs. A light, family-friendly meal will be available in Player Hall from 5:00-5:45 p.m. No advance registration is required, and the meal cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of an evening that celebrates the power of shared testimonies and songs!

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS are opportunities to listen to each other in groups of about 10 as we discern God's will for Shandon. The key questions will be ... "What do you value most highly about Shandon UMC?" and "How do you think the recent decisions of our UMC General Conference may, or should, impact the things you value about Shandon?" We pray that these conversations will be times for speaking what is on our hearts and, even more importantly, for listening to our brothers and sisters speak what is on their hearts. If this can happen, we can grow closer as a congregation while discerning God's direction together. We have scheduled upcoming conversations on **September 22 and 24**. Please register at shandonumc.org/register.

BIBLE PRESENTATION FOR 3RD GRADERS: Our congregation will present Bibles to our 3rd-grade students on **Sunday, September 22** at the 11:00 a.m. traditional and the 11:05 a.m. LifeLine services. If you have a child in 3rd grade this fall, please complete the registration so that we can prepare a Bible for them. Register your child online at shandonumc.org/register.

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CONNECTIONS TRIP ... On Thursday, September 19, we are planning a trip to the Hendersonville area to purchase apples and visit the Carl Sandburg Home. After choosing our apples, cider and other goodies at Justus Orchard, we will enjoy a delicious picnic box lunch on the grounds of the Sandburg Home and then tour the farm. Departure time is 8:30 a.m. and return by 4:00 p.m. The only cost for the trip is \$12.00 for your lunch, but you will need money for purchases at the orchard.

WEDNESDAY MANNA is a midweek fellowship gathering offering a shared meal and community time for all ages. Prices are \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Meals must be purchased in advance at shandonumc.org/meals. Childcare is available in the gym from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

THE DEATH PENALTY: WHAT TO CONSIDER ... Join us in Player Hall from **9:45-10:45 a.m. on Sept. 29**. The Rev. Hillary Taylor, Executive Director of South Carolinians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, will lead us in thinking about Christian perspectives on the death penalty as we are guided by Scripture, Christian tradition, our personal experience of God, and our human reason. All adults are invited. For more information, contact Lesli Wood at lwood@shandonumc.org.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST ... Our September Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Sept. 19 from 7:30-8:15am in Player Hall. A full breakfast will be provided, and for our program, Shandon's new Associate Pastor, Rev. Maggie Cantey, will share her faith journey. Please plan to join us, and don't forget to invite a friend.

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. Our next meeting is on Thursday, September 19, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ashley Brantley. 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!

MORE Justice and Shandon United Methodist Church

...a great partnership

“What does the Lord require of you?

To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)

Shandon is involved in many ministries that “love mercy”: members contribute time, talents, and money toward efforts that show compassion to others. Our partnership with MORE Justice gives us the opportunity to comply with God’s directive to “do justice.” MORE Justice gathers members of 27 congregations to work with our local officials to “do justice” in four specific areas of need in our community:

Food Justice: About 65,000 Richland County residents don’t know how they will procure their next meal. MORE Justice has worked with the city of Columbia’s Food Policy Committee to use publicly-owned properties in neighborhoods with low food access to provide options such as pop-up markets, produce stands, and community gardens. Also, a mobile market (i.e., a grocery store on wheels) was created to take food directly into communities.

Affordable Housing: About 16,000 families in Columbia, including nearly 45% of renters in Richland County, are paying more than 30% of their income on rent and utilities. A minimum wage earner in Richland County would have to work 89 hours per week to afford an average one-bedroom apartment. MORE Justice participated in establishing a local Affordable Housing Trust Fund. This fund seeks to offer stability, security and dignity to our fellow residents.

Gun Violence: Community members have shared stories of families hearing gunshots at night; stories of grief because of the loss of loved ones to gun violence; and stories of anger at feeling unsafe in their own communities. MORE Justice has worked with local officials and the Office of Violent Crime Prevention to work toward a reduction of the gun violence crisis.

Mental Health: Through research, we learned that “Crisis Intervention Training” can provide first responders with the resources to de-escalate situations involving persons with mental illness. More than 300 officers have been given training to divert citizens with mental illness from jail toward the resources they need.

WE NEED YOU! On September 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall, we will share a progress report and goals for future efforts, so that you will understand how the work we have done, and continue to do, through MORE Justice can make a difference in our community. Come learn how you can get involved!

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

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