



LIFELINE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 15, 2024
11:05 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening Song

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Joseph Allen Family

Song of Praise

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy) | Chris Tomlin

Children's Moment

Susan Curran

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

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

Make Room | Casting Crowns

Scripture

Luke 1:39-45

Sermon

"Coming Together in Joy"
Rev. Maggie Cantey

Song of Celebration

What A Glorious Night | Sidewalk Prophets

*All children are invited to come forward.

news & notes

SHANDON CARES: So far we have received 254 pledges for \$2,186,136 to support our 2025 budget. Thank you to all who have made a pledge! If you have not yet submitted your pledge, you can mail in your Commitment Envelope or simply go to shandonumc.org/pledge.

ADVENT OFFERING: The 2024 Advent Offering begins today, supporting Haiti Missions, Habitat for Humanity, and Homeless No More—initiatives chosen by our Outreach Committee to transform lives and strengthen communities. Your generosity makes a difference. You can give online at shandonumc.org 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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT TODAY: The 13th Annual Benefit Concert, Eddie Huss and Friends will be held **today at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Annette Matthews, Bradley Fuller, Nathan Vondergeest, and Eddie Huss will perform Rachmaninoff's *Russian Rhapsody and Romance*, Khachaturian's famous *Sabre Dance*, and other duo piano works. Owen Connolly and Anna Flynn will sing beautiful Christmas music. An offering will be taken and all proceeds will benefit Senior Resources of Columbia.

LENTEN CROSS KITS for your yard are available for pre-order. This is a fundraiser by the Committed Disciples Sunday School class and all proceeds will benefit the Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry. The cost is \$35.00 and will be ready for pickup on March 2 and includes a cross for yard mount, three sashes, instructions, and lessons for the Lenten season to enjoy each year. See a table as you enter the Dunn-Smith Building and scan the QR code to order. You can also purchase online at shandonumc.org/register.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: One of the times the men of Shandon UMC gather to fellowship and grow our faith is at our Men's Prayer Breakfast on the third Thursday of each month. This month's Prayer Breakfast will occur on **Thursday, December 19, from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m.** in Player Hall. Please mark your calendar, invite a friend or two, and plan to join us. Scott Crisler will lead the program.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE: If you or someone you know is experiencing sorrow or a challenging time during the holiday season, join us for a candle-light service of support and encouragement on **Thursday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

LIFELINE “ALMOST” CHRISTMAS EVE STORIES AND SONGS

Sunday, December 22 at 11:05 a.m. worship in the Gym.

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24

11:00 a.m. Communion Service

3:00 p.m. Family Service – Sanctuary

Live Nativity after 3:00 p.m. Family Service and 20 mins before the 6:00 p.m. Family Service

6:00 p.m. Family Service – Sanctuary & youtube.com/shandonumc

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service – Sanctuary & youtube.com/shandonumc

Childcare for children ages 0-3 will be available for our Family Services. The nursery will be available for you to drop off your child 15 minutes before the scheduled service begins. Registration is required at shandonumc.org/register.

There will be no LifeLine Service on Sunday, December 29. Join us for our Traditional services at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

CHILDREN'S "POPCORN AND MOVIE" on Sunday, December 29, will also feature Bible Bingo during the Sunday school hour in Player Hall for our 4-year-old—5th grade.



DOORWAYS TO GOD: The new year will be here before we know it! If you are considering investing time in your faith journey in 2025, be on the lookout for 10 new Bible studies that will be offered beginning the week of January 5. Register online: shandonumc.org/doorways.

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY: Have you been wanting to invite a friend, co-worker or neighbor to experience the fellowship, love and faith you found at Shandon UMC. If so, mark your calendar for **January 12** for our **Bring A Friend To Church Sunday**. Now is a great time to start planting seeds to have them join you at one of our worship services and your Sunday School class. This is also a great day to encourage someone you know who has fallen out of the habit of attending church to get back into the practice and rhythm of worship. Let's help people keep their commitment to get back into church this new year. You never know what a simple invitation might bring.

TREK—PATHWAY TO MEMBERSHIP: Are you ready to become a full member of Shandon UMC? TREK is Shandon UMC's pathway to membership. Our next course is set to begin on **January 12, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** It is designed to help you connect with our ministers, staff, ministries, and one another. For complete details and to register for the course, go to shandonumc.org/trek.

HEALTHY EATING IN TODAY'S BUSY WORLD: Kick off the new year with Health and Wellness's Refresh and Renew series. The first session will be held **Tuesday, January 14, 2025, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** in Player Hall. Join Emilie Blanchard, founder of Tasty as Fit, for a Lunch and Learn as she shares practical tips for maintaining healthy eating habits in today's busy world. Enjoy a \$15 plant-based, gluten-free meal catered by Tasty as Fit. Register online by January 7, at shandonumc.org/register.

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN 2025-26 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Deadline for Church Member Priority on Waiting List: Dec. 31, 2024.

Church members receive priority status for preschool and kindergarten enrollment for the 2025-26 school year only if the child's name is added to or confirmed on the waiting list prior to December 31, 2024. If you would like to add your child's name to our waiting list, please visit our website at sumpk.org/waitlist to find our waiting list form. You can also access our page by visiting the church's website, as well. The form must be submitted by December 31, 2024. To confirm your child's name is on the waiting list, please call (803) 256-1498 by December 31. Registration for the 2025-26 school year will be held in February 2025.

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