



LIFELINE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

First Sunday in Advent
Sunday, November 30, 2025 | 11:05 a.m.

Order of Worship

Opening Song

Who You Say I Am | Hillsong

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Song

Open The Eyes Of My Heart | Michael W. Smith

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.

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

Made For More | Josh Baldwin

Scripture

Romans 13:11-14

Sermon

An Advent Adventure | Rev. James Grubb

Song of Celebration

Wake up, Oh Sleeper | Waltz Reprise

**All children are invited to come forward.*

Benediction

Shandon Serves: To date, we have received 234 pledges totaling \$2,076,477 to support our 2026 budget. Thank you to all who have made a pledge! If you have not yet submitted your pledge, you can mail in your Commitment Card or visit shandonumc.org/pledge.

Announcements

2025 Advent Offering: Supports Haiti Missions, Homeless No More, and Habitat for Humanity—initiatives chosen by our Outreach Committee to transform lives and strengthen communities. Your generosity makes a difference. You can give online at shandonumc.org/give 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.

Advent Devotional Guide for Children and Adults: Be sure to pick up your Advent devotional, which includes six short reflections and questions for both children and adults to guide us through the Advent and Christmas season. A supplemental coloring page booklet is also available to take home. Both booklets are available at the sanctuary and LifeLine entrances.

Manna: December 3: It's Make Your Own Breakfast Sandwich Night, with eggs, turkey sausage, Canadian bacon, whole wheat English muffins, grits, fruit, homemade biscuits, and yogurt parfait with homemade granola. Pre-order of meals is required at shandonumc.org/manna. The deadline to order each week is Monday at 5 p.m. Meals are served from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Player Hall, and are \$9.00/adult and \$4.00/ child. Children may choose a portion of the weekly meal or a children's plate.

Poinsettias: Each year, we place poinsettias in our worship spaces to honor and remember our friends and loved ones. If you would like to honor or remember someone this holiday season, please complete the Poinsettia Order Form or the online form available at shandonumc.org/events. The cost is \$15, and the deadline is Wednesday, **December 3**.

Greening Our Faith: Join us as we celebrate the season of Advent on Wednesday, **December 3**, at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall, to create a wreath of fresh greenery. We will provide all the materials, instructions, and guidance. The cost is \$35. Space is limited. Register at shandonumc.org/register. Childcare is available.

Connections Christmas Party: Adults 65 and older are invited to the Connections Christmas Party on Friday, **December 12**, in Player Hall at 11:30 a.m. Dress in your most festive holiday attire and join us for some holiday games (with prizes), musical entertainment, and a buffet lunch. Please RSVP with your name and the number of guests by Tuesday, December 9, to Susan Curran via email at scurran@shandonumc.org or by text at 803-466-1344.

Lifeline Christmas Stories and Songs Service: Lifeline's alternative to a Christmas Eve Service will be held on Sunday, **December 21**, during our regular worship service. It is a time when we will prepare for the blessed holiday by sharing the story of Jesus' birth through songs and scripture readings by characters from Jesus' time. We hope you will join us for this meaningful service.

Serving Dinner at Transitions: Five to six volunteers are needed to serve dinner at Transitions on Monday, **December 22**, from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. You can serve one or both dates. Contact Sue Haddock with questions or to volunteer at ksuehaddock@gmail.com or 803-206-3787.

Shandon United Methodist Preschool and Kindergarten 2026-27 Registration Information: Church members receive priority status for enrollment for the 26-27 school year only if the child's name is on the waiting list prior to December 31, 2025. If you would like to add your child's name to our waiting list, please visit our website at www.sumpk.org to find our waiting list form, which must be submitted by **December 31, 2025**. To confirm your child's name is on the waiting list, please call 256-1498 by December 31, 2025.

Path to Membership: TREK, Shandon's new member path, begins again in **January**. For more information about TREK, please contact Rev. James Grubb at jgrubb@shandonumc.org. Sign up at shandonumc.org/trek. Childcare is available at registration.

January 2026 Course Schedule

Sunday, January 11, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 25, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Mission Opportunity in Guatemala: Healing Guatemala is a non-profit organization based in the US that aims to provide physical, social, and spiritual healing. It is operated by the Rev. Dr. Luke Rhyee, a pastor in the South Carolina Annual Conference. Medical and construction teams are needed. If you are interested in learning more about this mission opportunity, please contact Jennifer Parker at jpclemsongirl@gmail.com or Sue Haddock at ksuehaddock@gmail.com. Tentative trip dates are **April 20th-30th**, so don't delay!

Children & Students

Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF): November 30: Thankful for Laughter: We'll wrap up "Thanksvember" with a "Try Not to Laugh" Game Night. Get ready for hilarious challenges, goofy moments, and a joyful reminder that laughter is one of God's best gifts. Dinner, fellowship, and Bible study from 5:00–7:00 p.m. in the Youth Zone.

Sweet Advent: Candy Creche Event: Sunday, **December 7**, from 4:30–6:00 p.m. in the gym. Families are invited to create a nativity scene made entirely from candy! A nursery will be provided. The cost is \$16, and an optional dinner of chicken fingers, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls, and dessert will be served at 5:00 p.m. (\$9 for adults | \$4 for children). The evening ends with s'mores in the courtyard. Sign up at shandonumc.org/events. For questions, contact Cari Treece at ctreece@shandonumc.org.

Live Nativity Volunteers Needed: Be part of the live nativity on **Christmas Eve!** Help bring the Christmas story to life—complete with live animals! We're seeking volunteers to portray nativity characters during one of two shifts.

- During and after the 4:00 p.m. Child-Friendly Service
- Before and during the 6:00 p.m. Child-Friendly Service

For more details and to sign up, visit shandonumc.org/events.



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