

# SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*You are invited to bring your Thanksgiving food offering to the altar when you enter the sanctuary.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Elegie  
Joseph Babcanec, piano

Sergi Rachmaninoff

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 73

O Worship the King

*Lyons*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.

**Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

For the LORD is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

(Psalm 100)

\*GLORIA PATRI NO. 71

*Greatorex*

**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.**

(11:00 a.m.) ANTHEM

We Love the Place, O God  
Chancel Choir

Charles Talmadge

We love the place, O God, wherein Thine honor dwells;  
the joy of Thine abode all other joy excels.  
We love the house of prayer, wherein Thy servants meet;  
for Thou, O Lord, art there, Thy chosen ones to greet.  
We love the sacred font, wherein the Holy Dove bestows  
as ever-wont His blessing from above.  
We love Thine altar, Lord, its mysteries revere;  
for there, in faith adored, we find Thy presence near.  
We love Thy Holy Word, the lamp Thou gave us  
to guide all wanders home, O Lord, home to their Father's side.  
Then let us sing the love to us so freely given,  
until we sing above the triumph song of heaven! Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O Lord our God,  
your word is a lamp unto our feet and a light upon our path.  
Open our minds and hearts this day to know your truth.  
Strengthen us to follow the path you have set before us,  
so that we may shine as a light for others. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joel 2:21-27

Pew Bible, O.T. p. 799

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Susan Curran

SERMON

“Be Glad and Rejoice”

Rev. C. E. “Smoke” Kanipe

\*HYMN 694

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*St. George's Windsor*

\*A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA, No. 883

**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

### 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: [shandonumc.org/give](http://shandonumc.org/give)  
Text 73256 and enter SUMC

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(8:45 a.m.)	We Love the Place, O God Grant Ebert, baritone	Charles Talmadge
(11:00 a.m.)	My Eternal King Chancel Choir	Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven there-by,  
nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.  
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace.  
For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.  
Why, the why, O blessed Jesus Christ should I not love Thee well?  
Not for the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell;  
not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;  
but as Thyself hast loved me, O everlasting Lord!  
E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;  
solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

\*DOXOLOGY NO. 94

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### (8:45) RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*HYMN 131	We Gather Together	<i>Kremser</i>
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\*BENEDICTION

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY	Waltz	Frederic Chopin
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*\*Congregation Standing*

*The flowers at the altar are given by Ray Kightlinger in loving memory of Margaret Kightlinger and Earl and Minnie Kightlinger; and by the Journey Sunday School Class to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mills Virginia Thompson, daughter of James and Addie Thompson.*

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!** Today we welcome the following new members into the Shandon family ... Chris Cato (from another UMC), Linda Barclay (from another denomination), Lily Holstein (from another denomination), Courtney White (from another denomination), and Zack White (by re-affirmation of faith).

**SHANDON CARES ...** So far we have received **240 pledges for \$2,110,180** 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 Card or simply go to [shandonumc.org/pledge](https://shandonumc.org/pledge).

**PECANS FOR THE HOLIDAYS ...** The United Women in Faith are taking orders for pecans. There will be bags of pieces, halves and butter roasted. If you are interested, please call Ellen Burks for your order at 803-776-9054. We appreciate your support!

**GREENING OUR FAITH: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 ...** Spaces are filling up quickly, register online at [shandonumc.org/register](https://shandonumc.org/register).

**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 in your pew rack or sign up at [shandonumc.org/register](https://shandonumc.org/register) by **Wednesday, December 4**. The cost is \$15.

**CONNECTIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Adults 65 and older are invited to the Connections Christmas Party on **Friday, December 6, 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 lunch buffet. Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 4 to Susan Curran at [scurran@shandonumc.org](mailto:scurran@shandonumc.org) or text 803-466-1344 with your name and the number of guests.

**ADVENT OFFERING:** The 2024 Advent Offering begins next Sunday, supporting Haiti Missions, Habitat for Humanity, and Homeless No More. Your generosity makes a difference. Starting next Sunday, give online at [shandonumc.org](https://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.

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CHRISTMAS DINNER** will be **Monday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m.**, in Player Hall with a special guest speaker – Comedian Lesli Wood. The UWF Woman of the Year will be honored, and a memorial will be held for members and Special Friends who passed this year. Reservations are due by November 27 and can be made with Jennifer Parker at [ipclemsongirl@gmail.com](mailto:ipclemsongirl@gmail.com) or by phone/text at 770-301-6376. Cost is \$10, payable at the door. Membership in UWF is not required to attend this dinner.

**VOLUNTEER PREPARERS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING TAX SEASON:** The Cooperative Ministry needs volunteers to assist clients through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program for the 2025 tax year. Volunteers don't need prior tax preparation experience; The Cooperative Ministry provides complete training and certification. Volunteers can serve from home or with friends at a location near home. For more information, please visit [www.coopmin.org/vita](http://www.coopmin.org/vita) or contact Michelle Blackman, VITA coordinator, at [mblackman@coopmin.org](mailto:mblackman@coopmin.org).

**SHANDON SISTERS** – Connections for young women (ages 25ish – 45ish): Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, December 12, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Heather Mitchell. For more information, contact Anne Marie Crosswell at [amacrosswell@gmail.com](mailto:amacrosswell@gmail.com) or Ruthie Taylor at (803) 318-7484. Friends are welcome.

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS GATHERING:** Young professionals (ages 23–30) are invited to join the Seekers group for fellowship and community. The group meets for Sunday lunch after the **11:00 a.m.** service and will gather on **Sunday, Dec. 1** at Midwood Smokehouse. Celebrate Christmas with us on **Thursday, Dec. 12 at 6:00 p.m.** at Hunter Gatherer Brewery. To RSVP for the Christmas gathering or share ideas for future events, email Rev. Maggie Cantey at [mcantey@shandonumc.org](mailto:mcantey@shandonumc.org) or complete the interest form at [shandonumc.org/seekers](http://shandonumc.org/seekers) to join the email list.

**LENTEN CROSSES** for your yard will be on sale **December 8 and 15**. Find us at a table in the Dunn-Smith Courtyard between Sunday School and 11:00 service. 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. You can also purchase a cross online at [shandonumc.org/register](http://shandonumc.org/register).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 5th. Online registration will open December 1 at [shandonumc.org/doorways](https://shandonumc.org/doorways).

**YOUTH CHOIR** rehearsal will be held today at 5:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. This choir is open to all youth in grades 6-12. We are rehearsing music for Christmas Eve, and we need more singers! If you have questions, please email Rev. Eddie Huss at [ehuss@shandonumc.org](mailto:ehuss@shandonumc.org).

**ART SHOW OPENING RECEPTION FOR ARTIST IRENE TYSON:** Please join the Shandon UMC Arts Council for an Art Show Opening Reception, Ode to Dogwood Hill, featuring a collection of paintings by Irene Dumas Tyson. **Wednesday, December 4, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** in the Patricia Beckler Art Gallery at Shandon. The reception is free and open to the public. Artwork will be on display from November 26, 2024 through February 23, 2025.

### SHANDON UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN 2025-26 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### **Deadline for Church Member Priority on Waiting List: December 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](https://sumpk.org/waitlist) to find our waiting list form. You can also access our page 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 256-1498 by December 31. Registration for the 2025-26 school year will be held in February 2025.

### HOLIDAY MUSICAL EVENTS

**HANGING OF THE GREENS ...** December 1 at the 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Music by the Celebration Choir and Wesley Ringers handbell choir.

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC SERVICE ...** The Chancel Choir and orchestra will present their annual Christmas music on Sunday, December 8 at the 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services.

**EDDIE HUSS AND FRIENDS ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT ...** December 15 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

# CHILDREN AND STUDENTS

**CANDY CRECHE EVENT:** All ages are invited to a fun-filled evening in the gym from **4:30-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8**. We will create nativity scenes made entirely from candy! Nursery will be available for infants through 2-year-olds (reservations required). The cost is \$16 per family. An optional family-friendly dinner is available at 5:00 p.m.: \$9 adults, \$4 children (2 & under eat free). We will wrap up the evening with s'mores in the courtyard! Please register at [shandonumc.org/register](http://shandonumc.org/register). For any questions, contact Cari Treece at [ctreece@shandonumc.org](mailto:ctreece@shandonumc.org).

**FAITHFUL FAMILIES** ... Get your copy of Faithful Families for only \$6! If you ordered Advent in a Bag last year, you already have this book. Faithful Families offers practical ways to create "Holy Moments" out of everyday activities like decorating your Christmas tree or receiving cards. Books will be available starting today in the Great Hall of the Bruner Building and the foyer of the Dunn-Smith Building (gym). A QR code is provided for easy payment.

**ADVENT CALENDARS** ... Advent officially starts on December 1. Get ready for a meaningful holiday season with our special Advent Calendars, available at the Sanctuary and LifeLine entrances. Each day's activity is simple, purposeful, and designed to help families spend quality time together without added stress. These brief but impactful moments will help you embrace the spirit of the season in a fun, family-friendly way.

**POPCORN & MOVIE:** On **Sunday, December 1** (THANKSGIVING WEEKEND), children's "Popcorn and Movie" will be offered during the Sunday school hour in Player Hall for our 4-year-old—3rd-grade Sunday school classes from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Children may be dropped off and picked up in Player Hall in the Dunn-Smith building. NEW: 4th and 5th graders will meet in the 5th-grade classroom for popcorn, Bible games, and Trivia.

**METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Today from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. join us for Friendsgiving!** Invite your friends and join us around the table as we share things for which we are thankful! In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we ask that students bring their favorite Thanksgiving dessert to share as we spend time together. **December 1:** MYF will meet off campus for dinner at Moe's on Beltline from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**YOUNG LIVES ADVENT TREE** ... This mission opportunity, organized by church member Morgan Knox, supports pregnant and parenting teens. You can pick an ornament from the tree to buy a Christmas present for a mom or baby. The tree will be located on the first floor of the DuBose Building on Sundays and outside Player Hall on Wednesdays until December 4. All gifts must be returned by **Sunday, December 8**.

## BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

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

## 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

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service – Sanctuary

The nursery will be available for infants through 3-year-olds for the 3:00 and 6:00 services.

Please register your child at [shandonumc.org/nursery](http://shandonumc.org/nursery).

*Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation*

Senior Minister: The Reverend C. E. Kanipe, Jr.

Associate Minister: The Reverend James Grubb

Associate Minister: The Reverend Maggie Cantey

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

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