

# SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 10, 2025

8:45 AND 11:00 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Beautiful Savior

arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 529

How Firm a Foundation

*Foundation*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

*(from Psalm 67)*

\* GLORIA PATRI NO. 71

*Greatorrex*

**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

Ev'ry Time I Feel de Spirit  
*Bruce Isley, baritone*

Spiritual  
arr. H.T. Burleigh

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Eternal and all-gracious God,  
whose word never returns to you empty,  
but accomplishes that for which you send it:  
quiet within us every voice but your own,  
so that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
the good news of your grace might make us new. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 12:22-32

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 70

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Susan Curran

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Today, we have before us backpacks to be carried to and from school by the children and youth gathered here.

These backpacks will contain work to be done, books to be studied, and tools to complete homework. Some days, so many things will fill these backpacks that students may find it challenging to carry them. As we encourage these students to grow in their knowledge of our world, we ask God to hold them in the palm of His hand – protecting them, strengthening them, and surrounding them with people to teach, guide, and nurture them.

Gracious God, we lift up to you today, these students. They stand here ready to receive your blessings and commit themselves to studying and learning in the school year ahead. **We ask for your blessing on each of them.**

Further, we ask for your blessing on these backpacks. They will hold the schoolwork of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation. **We ask for your blessing on each of them.**

We pray as well for the teachers and administrators in our schools. May they also be protected, strengthened, and guided by your presence. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care. **We ask for your blessing on each of them. Amen.**

## SERMON

“Don’t Worry”

Rev. C.E. “Smoke” Kanipe

\* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. 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

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(8:45 A.M.) OFFERTORY

Ev'ry Time I Feel de Spirit  
*Bruce Isley, baritone*

*Spiritual*  
*arr. H.T. Burleigh*

*Ev'ry time I feel de Spirit  
movin' in ma heart, I will pray.  
Up on de mountun ma Lord spoke,  
out o' His mouth came fier an' smoke.  
Jerdan Ribber chilly an' col;  
chill de body but not de soul.  
All around' me look so shine  
ask me Lord if all was mine.  
Ain't but one train runs dis track,  
it runs to Heaven an' runs right back.  
O ev'ry time I feel de Spirit,  
movin' in ma heart, I will pray.*

(11:00 A.M.) OFFERTORY

O God, Our Help in Ages Past  
*Summer Choir, Brian Smith, tenor*

*St. Anne*

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!  
Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.  
Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.  
A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.  
Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.  
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;  
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.*

\* 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!**

\* HYMN 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Faithfulness*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

Benediction

Jane Marshall

*And now the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and abide with you, now and forevermore. Amen.*

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C Major BWV 553

J.S. Bach

\* Congregation standing

*The flowers at the altar are given in honor of Leanne and Sonny Jarrett for their wedding anniversary, with love by their children, grandchildren, and great granddaughter.*

*The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of Betty Livingston Bruner by her nieces and nephews.*

*The flowers in the narthex are from the wedding of Kathryn Huntley and Michael Gallagher, who were married August 9, 2025. The flowers are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Huntley, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Edwin McCuen, by Harry and Kathy Huntley.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALDERSGATE SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY:** The second Sunday in August is designated as Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry Sunday by the SC Conference. Aldersgate operates six Christian homes for adults with developmental disabilities. Residents are active in the community and are encouraged to be as independent as possible. Aldersgate does not receive funds from apportionments. Your support allows us to care for our residents and homes, as well as plan for the future. Please consider making a contribution using the envelope provided with today's bulletin, or visit [aldersgatesnm.org](http://aldersgatesnm.org) to make an online donation.

**GARAGE SALE:** Many thanks to ALL who helped make our garage sale a huge success! Mark your calendars: the Clothing and Book Sale returns March 13-14, 2026.

**PRESCHOOL OPENINGS FOR 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR:** The Preschool currently has openings in our part-time 2s, 4s, and 5K classrooms for the 2025-2026 school year. For more information, please call 803-256-1498 or visit our website: [shandonumc.org](http://shandonumc.org).

**BIBLE PRESENTATION TO STUDENTS IN THIRD GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** Our congregation will present Bibles to our third grade students on Sunday, **August 24**, at the 11:00 a.m. traditional and the 11:05 a.m. LifeLine services. If you have a child entering third grade this fall, please complete the registration so we may prepare a Bible for them. Register your child online at [shandonumc.org/register](http://shandonumc.org/register).

**PROMOTION SUNDAY CELEBRATION FOR CHILDREN:** Next Sunday, **August 17**, we invite you to join us for a special event. It is an exciting day as we introduce children to their new grade-level Sunday school classes and their new teachers. To celebrate this milestone, children from K4 to 6th grade will enjoy delicious ice cream sundaes in their new classes. Sunday school classes, tailored to each grade level, run from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Do not miss out on this wonderful celebration!

## Class locations:

1st floor Knox Building: Infants, toddlers, two-year-olds, and 3-year-olds

1st floor DuBose building: K4 & K5 students

2nd floor DuBose building: Grades 1st – 6th

**WARM MEALS, LASTING IMPACT:** We are honored to support the Dreher High School football team by serving meals again this year. Volunteers are needed to serve meals from 3:00-4:30 p.m. on August 22, September 5, 12, 19, 26, and October 3, 10, 17, 24. Join us in encouraging and uplifting these student athletes! Sign up at [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events)

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OPEN HOUSE:** Adults are invited to the open house of our new Faith and Fellowship Sunday School class at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, **August 17**, in the Knox Building, Room 208. Join us to deepen your relationship with Christ and connect with other believers in their 40s and 50s. Find support, encouragement, and friendship in this class. Connect with our community through Sunday morning scripturally-based discussions and ongoing opportunities for fellowship and service as we grow together. Our current study, *Christian Character*, by Andrea Stark, includes scriptures outlining Christian character and engaging group discussion questions. Contact Katie Free at (803) 206-4505 or Cindy Cameron at (803) 767-8554 for additional information.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The Shandon Blood Drive is **Sunday, August 24**, in Player Hall, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be taken first. Teens 16-18 can donate with parental permission. Please go to [shandonumc.org/redcross](http://shandonumc.org/redcross) to sign up.

**SHARE YOUR GIFTS - TAKE THE MIQ:** Our Ministry Involvement Questionnaire (MIQ) is a quick way to share your gifts and interests with the Shandon family. Just as we commit to nurturing your spiritual growth, we want to help you find your place to serve. Take a moment to prayerfully complete the MIQ at [shandonumc.org/MIQ](http://shandonumc.org/MIQ). Your response helps us plan ministry with you in mind.

**FALL DOORWAYS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER:** Looking for connection with others? This fall, Shandon will offer 18 Bible studies with a wide variety of topics and formats. Most classes begin the week of September 7. View the full list of classes, information, and registration at [shandonumc.org/doorways](http://shandonumc.org/doorways). Questions, contact Ruthie Taylor at (803) 318-7484 or [rtaylor@shandonumc.org](mailto:rtaylor@shandonumc.org).

**METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (MYF):** Today at 5:00 p.m. our students are set up for a fun night playing Four on a Couch (an MYF favorite game) and studying the book of 2 Timothy. We will have dinner, snacks, and drinks. See you there!

*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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