



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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Behold Thy Son, by David Driskell

This is God's house. There is a place for you here. Welcome home.

Welcome to Shandon Presbyterian Church

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member . . .

Whether you are familiar with our traditions or still find it all a bit strange . . .

Whether you grew up Presbyterian or Baptist or Jewish or agnostic . . .

Whether you are in search of comfort or wanting to be challenged . . .

Whatever reason brought you to worship today, you are welcome here. We take seriously Jesus' instructions to love God, love one another, and love our neighbors. We don't all look alike, act alike, or think alike. We don't all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions and carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we worship together as one unified community.

Our worship style is traditional and true to our Reformed heritage. At the same time, we seek to bring our faith into conversation with the world around us and the events of our lives. We sing with joy and we pray with honesty. Hospitality is important and friendship is holy. That's why we gather for fellowship, cookies, and lemonade outside after worship. Please join us. We think you'll find us to be a warm, approachable group of people trying our best to live like Jesus teaches. If you're looking for a perfect church, we aren't it. We're real people, and we do the very best we can, but we don't always get it right. We understand how much we all need grace in our lives. And we believe that God's love, which never gives up and never lets go, is for everyone. Including you.

There is a place for you here. Welcome home.

Rev. Jenny McDevitt
Senior Pastor

Building Hospitality

Our building is a wonderful resource. It can also feel like a labyrinth when you are learning your way around. A few key locations that may be helpful to you:

Accessible restrooms — located behind the Sanctuary; use the southwest door (to the left of the Chancel)

All gender restrooms — located beneath the Sanctuary; use the stairs from the Narthex (main entrance)

Elevator — located just beyond the southwest door (to the left of the Chancel)

Nursery & extended care — located on the first floor of the Education Building; use the southwest door and the elevator, following directional signs

Hearing-assist devices — located at the southwest door, or ask an usher to provide you with one

AED devices — located behind the Sanctuary; use the southwest door (to the left of the Chancel)

Ushers are always willing to assist you in finding your way or answering other questions.

Welcoming Children

Just as Jesus welcomes the little children to come, so we welcome children of all ages in worship. We are better when all members of our family are here! In order to make worship as welcoming for our littlest ones as possible, we provide engaging worship bags and a Word with Children every time we gather. After the Word with Children, kindergarten-aged children and younger may leave for extended care in Room 104 or stay for the remainder of worship. The first time your child attends extended care, please accompany them to sign them in (then feel free to return to the Sanctuary). If you have any questions about how to enhance your child's worship experience, or if you're looking to get involved with our children's and family ministries, contact Heather Woolard-Lawson at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org. Our child protection policy can be viewed at bit.ly/spcchildprotection.

Interested in Joining?

If you'd like to be here in a more official capacity, we'd love for you to join SPC as a member. Everyone who is part of our community is treated the same. Joining isn't about special treatment, but rather about a commitment you make to following Jesus alongside others trying to do the same. New member gatherings take place several times a year. If you are interested in learning more, contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Shandon Ringers

MATTHEW MCCALL, DIR.

Adagio Expressivo

JOHN MAYNARD

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Please sign the friendship folder located along the inside aisle of each pew and pass it to those seated near you.

* Call to Worship

If you are eager for joy, you are among friends:

here we proclaim that the world is beautiful and God is good.

If you are overcome by heartbreak, you are among friends:

here we offer comfort to the grieving and rest to the weary.

If you are filled with questions, you are among friends:

here we nurture belief and make space for doubt.

If you are seeking peace, you are among friends:

here when we worship, God is among us, and everything is possible.

So let us worship the God of gentle wisdom and endless welcome.

Let us worship the God who gathers us in and holds us together.

* Hymn 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

Call to Confession

April Martin

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

**When we see clearly the path we should follow,
yet choose our own way,
forgive us.**

**When we recognize you in the suffering of others,
yet turn our backs,
forgive us.**

**When we acknowledge that peace is possible,
yet lack the humility to pursue it,
forgive us.**

**When we want you to heal us and make us new,
but doubt that you can or will,
forgive us.**

**We often fail to be true to who we are, O God,
so we have no right to ask this,
but we ask you to be true to who you are,
and forgive us once again. *(Silent prayer)***

Assurance of God's Grace

* Response

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!
And also with you!

Proclaiming the Word

The Word with Children

Heather Woolard-Lawson

This time in worship is designed for children up through fifth grade. Afterwards, kindergarten-aged and younger may attend extended care in Room 104. If this is your child's first Sunday in extended care, please send one parent or guardian to briefly check in with their teacher. First grade and older remain in the Sanctuary.

Prayer for Illumination

Andrew Hebert

New Testament Lesson

John 19:23-27

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Peace Is Not the Absence of Pain, It Is the Compassion of Presence

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give as the world gives."

**Peace is not the absence of chaos,
it is the presence of hope.**

**Peace is not the absence of conflict,
it is the embodiment of love.
Peace is not the absence of evil,
it is the boldness of righteousness.
Peace is not the absence of pain,
it is the compassion of presence.**

Peace is not about absence, because peace is never passive.
Peace is active and alive.

Peace is always possible.

* Hymn 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Elders: Elizabeth Crouch, Jon Edwards, Peyton Hassinger, Caroline Kearns*

Deacons: Edie McNeish, Judy Medlin*, E.J. Pavy, Mary Rogers*, Linda Tyler*

**previously ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

Statement on Ordination

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Offering

Rev. John Cook

*You may also give by texting SHANDONPC to 73256,
on Venmo (@ShandonPres), or by visiting shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Anthem

Chancel Choir

DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

Peace I Leave with You

WALTER L. PELZ

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:
not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled; neither, let it be afraid.

* Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDETH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit, evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 247

Now the Green Blade Rises

NOEL NOUVELET

* Benediction

Postlude

Fantasy on a French Carol

MARK SEDIO

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Shandon Ringers, directed by Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Larkin Roberts (acolyte), April Martin, Heather Woolard-Lawson, Andrew Hebert, Rev. John Cook, the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, and Byron Duell (live-stream).

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Affirmation of Faith were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

AFTER WORSHIP — Join us for fellowship and light refreshments on the front sidewalk. A deacon will be available in the Sower's Chapel for prayer.

Announcements

LIMITED TIME ONLY CHAMBER CHOIR — This afternoon at 4 pm, Limited Time Only Chamber Choir will present their spring concert, "Celebration and Solace," under the direction of Dr. Alicia Walker in the Sanctuary. General Admission is \$15 at the door. Students are free. A portion of all ticket sales will support Arts at Shandon.

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAY — Join us every Wednesday through May 22 for dinner in Davis Hall at 5:15 pm, followed by activities for all ages. Childcare will be available beginning at 6 pm for infants and toddlers. Make dinner reservations by Monday at 5 pm on Realm or by calling the church office at (803) 771-4408.

MAJORING IN THE MINORS — Explore the minor prophets during SOW, 6:10 pm in Room 209. The pastors and program staff will each lead a discussion on one of the minor prophets.

May 1 — Micah — Rev. John Cook

May 8 — Hosea — Matthew McCall

NEW MEMBERS AND DEACON SHEPHERDS — Recent new members will gather for lunch with the Diaconate on Sunday, May 5, following worship at the home of Dia Dooley. For more information, contact Rev. John Cook at jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org.

SERVE AT TRANSITIONS — Shandon serves dinner at Transitions Homeless Center the first Sunday of every month. We will serve again on May 5, at 4:50 pm. For more information or to sign up, go to bit.ly/3U0paQg.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS — Shandon has a healthy scholarship fund that supports students pursuing undergraduate, graduate, or seminary degrees. Applications can be found and submitted at bit.ly/spcscholarship24. Please complete the application by May 6, 2024 to be considered for a scholarship for the 2024-2025 year. For more information, contact April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org.

BLANKETS FOR MWANDI — During May, we will collect blankets for children of the Orphan and Vulnerable Children's Project. OVC children usually sleep on the floor, often without covers or a blanket to ward off the cold of the coming winter months, which in Mwandia is June to August. Blankets may be left in the collection bin near the reception desk.

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD — During May, we will collect shelf-stable milk, cheese crackers, and peanut butter crackers. Shandon provides food for local students experiencing food insecurity on weekends. To volunteer, contact Rowena Nylund at (803) 743-7122 or go to bit.ly/spcweekendbackpack.

PARTNERING WITH DREHER HIGH SCHOOL — The Outreach Ministry is considering ways the church can partner with our neighborhood high school, Dreher. If you are interested in meeting to explore various ways in which we might support Dreher students and staff, please contact John Cook at jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org or Rowena Nylund at rnylund@sc.rr.com.

SHANDON GREEN — The Outreach Ministry has canvas tote bags available for \$8 each. Inside the bags you'll find more information about volunteer opportunities available at Shandon and Turn90, the agency that brought our ideas about the bags to fruition. Help make sustainability a movement, not a trend! Forms of payment are Venmo (@ShandonPres) or check (made payable to Shandon Presbyterian Church).

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP — All men of the church are invited to enjoy Columbia's Bierkeller together, May 11, at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact Peyton Hassinger at peyton.hassinger@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY — This year's class of confirmands are excited to share their gifts in worship on May 12. They will provide music, lead liturgy, and be confirmed as members of the church. April Martin will preach. Final rehearsal will take place this afternoon during youth group, 5-7 pm.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION — During worship on May 19, we will recognize all of our graduates — high school, college, and advanced degrees — in the bulletin and in prayer. High school graduates will receive a special blessing during worship. Please submit names of those you would like to acknowledge and celebrate during worship to April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org by May 14.

CHURCH PICNIC AND SHAGGIN' — After worship on May 19, join us on the church lawn for a picnic celebrating the end of the Sunday School year. The main course will be provided; you are encouraged to bring a side or dessert to share. We will honor our Sunday School teachers, so all current Sunday School teachers should plan to attend. In addition to good food and fellowship, music for shagging will be provided by The Root Doctors!

LET'S PLAY BALL — On Sunday, June 9, at 5 pm, Shandon will gather at Segra Park to cheer on the Columbia Fireflies as they take on the Fayetteville Woodpeckers. Tickets are \$11 each and must be purchased ahead of time by going to bit.ly/SPCfireflies24. Tickets will be available for pick-up at the will-call window at the stadium. Children two years and younger are free.

ART AND THE BIBLE CAMP THIS SUMMER — Art and the Bible Camp will take place the week of July 8-12. Registration is full; email Heather Woolard-Lawson to be added to the wait list: hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org. Volunteers are needed to ensure that all the children have a safe and fun week. To volunteer, go to bit.ly/volunteerartandthebible or contact Heather.

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- 9 am** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 9:15 am** Child Protection Policy Training (Davis Hall)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (campus-wide)
- 10 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 2 pm** Presbyterian Church of Ghana (Activity Center)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4 pm** LTO Chamber Choir Concert (Sanctuary)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (Davis Hall and Sanctuary)

MONDAY, APRIL 29

- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 6:45 pm** Boy Scouts (Davis Hall)

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- 6:30 pm** Education Ministry (Library)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:15 pm** SOW Dinner (Davis Hall)
- 6 pm** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 6 pm** Arise and Shine Children's Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:10 pm** Majoring in the Minors (Room 209)
- 6:30 pm** Children's Bible Study (Room 224)
- 6:30 pm** Shandon Ringers Rehearsal (Room 223)
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, MAY 2

- 11 am** Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
- 6 pm** Deacons (Davis Hall)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, MAY 3

- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

SATURDAY, MAY 4

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

- 9 am** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 9 am** Confirmation Breakfast with Session (Davis Hall)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (campus-wide)
- 10 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am** Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 11:30 am** Children's Ministry (Library)
- 12 pm** New Member and Deacon Shepherds (off-site)
- 2 pm** Presbyterian Church of Ghana (Davis Hall)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4:50 pm** Serve at Transitions Homeless Center (off-site)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff
Rev. John Cook, Associate Pastor for Discipleship
April Martin, Pastoral Associate for Youth and Young Adults
Matthew McCall, Director of Music and Media
Dr. Jabarie Glass, Director of the Chancel Choir
Heather Woolard-Lawson, Director of Children's Ministry
Rev. Lucy Youngblood, Parish Associate
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