



Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

Epiphany • January 1, 2023 • 10:30 am

The Year as a House: A Blessing

Think of the year as a house:
Door flung wide in welcome,
threshold swept and waiting,
a graced spaciousness
opening and offering itself to you.

Let it be blessed in every room.

Let it be hallowed in every corner.

Let every nook be a refuge
and every object set to holy use.

Let it be here that safety will rest.

Let it be here that health will make its home.

Let it be here that peace will show its face.

Let it be here that love will find its way.

Here let the weary come.

Let the aching come.

Let the lost come.

Let the sorrowing come.

Here let them find their rest
and let them find their soothing
and let them find their place
and let them find their delight.

And may it be in this house of a year
that the seasons will spin in beauty,
and may it be in these turning days
that time will spiral with joy.

And may it be that its rooms will fill
with ordinary grace
and light spill from every window
to welcome every stranger 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

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 our worship services. We are better when all members of our family are here! In order to make the worship service 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 107B 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). It is always a joy to have your children and all the wiggles, giggles, questions, noises, and insights they bring. 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, please contact Heather Woolard at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org.

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

Matthew McCall

Prélude sur l'introit de l'Épiphanie

MAURICE DURUFLÉ

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

This is the day 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

We gather grateful,

knowing the star is in the sky.

We gather expectant,

ready to see what God will do next.

We gather curious,

wondering if we will have courage enough to follow where it leads.

We gather joyful,

relieved that we never have to travel alone.

Hymn 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Glory,

**You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world
to reveal your love for all people.**

**We confess that our dissatisfaction with the world
and with ourselves**

hides the brightness of your light.

We are short on compassion

and we are tempted to believe that peace is not possible.

In your gentle mercy,

receive us as we are,

yet continue reshaping us into who you mean for us to be.

In all things, in all ways,

may we show forth the glory of your grace. (Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

* Response

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

**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.

* Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Proclaiming the Word

The Word with Children

Heather Woolard

Prayer for Illumination

Jon Edwards

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1-5a, 7-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea." Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Thanks be to God.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3:1-2

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Home By Another Way

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 152

What Star is This, with Beams So Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Offering

*You may also give by texting SHANDONPC to 73256
or visiting our website, shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Anthem

Daisy Lawrence

The Work of Christmas

DAN FORREST

* Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

* Benediction

* Postlude

O Morningstar, How Fair and Bright

ARR. MARK SEDIO

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Hall Gladden, Betty Gurnell, John Maynard, Heather Woolard, Jon Edwards, and Daisy Lawrence.

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

AFTER WORSHIP — Join us for cookies and fellowship on the front sidewalk. A deacon will be present near the baptismal font to receive prayer concerns or pastoral updates.

Announcements

OFFERING ENVELOPES — If you requested Offering Envelopes, they are in the Narthex with your name on them. If you did not request envelopes but would like some, please contact Catherine Teal in the Business Office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Sunday School classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 8 at 9:15 am.

YOUTH GROUP — Youth Group will resume on Sunday, January 8 at 5 pm in Room 214. Come join us for dinner, music, and Trivia Night hosted by trivia master Matt Ramsey!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED — The church office will be closed on Monday, January 2 in observance of the New Year. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3.

SIGN UP TO READ SCRIPTURE — Worship is something we do together. It requires an active role of each of us — praying, singing, listening, and more. If you would like to help lead the congregation in worship by reading Scripture, sign up at bit.ly/SPCreaders. Details are included at the link. Readers of all ages are welcome! Questions? Contact Matt McCall at mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org.

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAYS — Beginning January 11, join us each Wednesday for dinner and programming for all ages. Dinner takes place at 5 pm in the Activity Center. At 6 pm, there is adult programming, youth Bible study, and Arise & Shine Children's Choir rehearsal. At 6:30 pm there is Children's Bible study and Shandon Ringers rehearsal. At 7:30 pm there is Chancel Choir rehearsal. Dinner reservations are due each Monday by 6 pm. Childcare is available for children under the age of four.

MICAH 6:8 HYMN FESTIVAL — Micah 6:8 instructs us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. Join us Sunday, January 22 at 3 pm to sing the way of justice and celebrate the teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr. This event will be led by Shandon's music ministry and community friends.

BLOOD DRIVE — The American Red Cross will host a blood drive at Shandon Presbyterian Church in the Activity Center on Sunday, January 29, from 9 am until 1 pm. Please consider donating. Go to redcrossblood.org to complete the required pre-registration. For more information or assistance registering online, contact Linda McDonald at 803-530-5154 or lichmac@aol.com. Thank you for giving gift of life!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — Session has called the Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 12, 2023, immediately following the 10:30 am worship service. The congregation will receive the 2022 annual report and the 2023 budget, elect officers to the class of 2026, and approve pastoral terms of call. Documentation will be available beginning January 29.

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM — January collection items include shelf-stable milk (8 oz.) and individual servings of Chef Boyardee Pasta.

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

- 10:30 am** Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Church Office Closed

- 4:15 pm** Basketball Practice, Forest Lake (Activity Center)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 7 pm** Basketball Practice, Forest Lake (Activity Center)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

- 10:30 am** Presbyterian Women (Room 224)
- 6:15 pm** Basketball Practice, Grades 4/5 Girls (Activity Center)
- 6:30 pm** Education Ministry (Library)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball Practice (Activity Center)
- 7 pm** Outreach Ministry (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

- 11 am** Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
- 6 pm** Diaconate (Room 209)
- 6:15 pm** Basketball Practice, Grades 8-9 Boys (Activity Center)
- 7 pm** Basketball Practice, Grades 10-12 Boys, McLean (Activity Center)
- 8 pm** Basketball Practice, Grades 10-12 Boys, Hillman (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

- 6 pm** Smith-DeBevoise Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

- 4 pm** Smith-DeBevoise Wedding (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

- 9 am** Childcare (Room 107B)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 9:15 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4 pm** Basketball Practice, Grades 8-9 Boys (Activity Center)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (Room 214)

Upcoming Worship

January 1 — Epiphany

January 8 — Baptism of Our Lord — Jackson Ringley preaching

Rev. Jenny McDevitt begins a new series January 15:



The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff

Rev. John Cook, Associate Pastor for Discipleship

Matthew McCall, Director of Music and Media

Dr. Jabarie Glass, Director of the Chancel Choir

Heather Woolard, Director of Children's Ministry

Dr. Robert Walker, Church Administrator

Catherine Teal, Financial Manager

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