



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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The Sermon on the Mount, by Cosimo Roselli

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.

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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

Tyler Meade

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

ARR. VICTOR LABENSKÉ

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

let everything within me bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

and do not overlook God's holy deeds.

The Lord works faithfully

and establishes justice for all who are oppressed.

The Lord is compassionate and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting

and God's righteousness reaches to every generation

of those who honor the covenant

and keep the commandments.

The Lord's throne is established in the heavens;

God's kingdom rules over all.

* Hymn 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

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Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O God,

when we foolishly believe

we can understand everything about you.

Forgive us

when we vainly cling to that which comforts us

while resisting that which challenges us.

Forgive us

when we amplify our intellect over your grandeur

and our need for order over your blazing creativity.

Forgive us

when our attempts to be faithful

become that which holds us back.

Forgive us, O God,

and gently redirect our ways

that we might again reflect the glory of your name. (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

Mary Kathryn McGregor

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 20:18-21

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin." Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 5:17-20

Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Marcionism: Do Christians Really Need the God of the Old Testament?

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

**Led by the Spirit of God,
the people of Israel and of the early church
preserved and handed on the story
of what God had done in their midst
and how they responded to God.**

**The story was cherished, written down, and collected
as the holy literature of the people of God.
Through the inward witness of the same Spirit,
we acknowledge the authority of the Bible.
We accept the Old and New Testaments as the canon,
the authoritative standard of faith and life.
The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments
are necessary, sufficient, and reliable
as witnesses to Jesus Christ, the living Word.**

* Hymn 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

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 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.**

Offering

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

Anthem

Chancel Choir

God Is Our Refuge

ALLEN POTE

* 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 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

* Benediction

* Postlude

Jayne Moffatt

Kyrie from Mass of the Angels

LANI SMITH

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Tyler Meade (guest pianist), Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. John Cook, Heather Woolard, Mary Kathryn McGregor, the Chancel Choir, Dr. Jabarie Glass, and Jayne Moffatt (guest organist)

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship is from Psalm 103. The Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. The Affirmation of Faith comes from A Declaration of Faith of the PCUS (1977).

TODAY'S COVER ART features *The Sermon on the Mount* by Cosimo Rosselli. The work is found on the northern wall in the Sistine Chapel. Immediately opposite this piece, Rosselli created another fresco, one of Moses receiving tablets of the law (the ten commandments). Rosselli understood the Sermon on the Mount to be guidelines for the Christian tradition and the ten commandments to be guidelines for the Jewish tradition. In having them mirror one another, he communicates their unified nature.

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED — The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, January 17.

HUNGER MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY — Our Weekend Backpack Program provides meals to students who otherwise would be without meals when school is not in session. Volunteers are needed to pack and deliver the food to local schools. For more information or to volunteer, contact Rowena Nylund at 803-743-7122 or rnylund@sc.rr.com.

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAYS — Join us each Wednesday for dinner and programming for all ages. Dinner is served at 5 pm in the Activity Center. Adult programming and children's choir rehearsals take place at 6 pm, followed by children's Bible study and Shandon Ringers rehearsal at 6:30. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 pm. Make your dinner reservations by Monday at 6 pm via Realm or calling the Church Office. Childcare is available for children under the age of four.

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. Go to www.redcrossblood.org to complete the required pre-registration. Contact Linda McDonald at 803-530-5154 or lichmac@aol.com with questions.

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.

SUPPORT DREHER HIGH SCHOOL — To ensure that all students have the basic items they need, Dreher High School is providing free school supplies and personal care items to students. Support this initiative by contributing the following items:

Personal items (travel size only): shampoo, conditioner, hand sanitizer, and toothpaste

School supplies: notebook paper, pens, highlighters, and markers

Items can be placed in the designated collection box near the reception desk.

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

- 9 am** Childcare (Room 107B)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 10 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 3 pm** Cub Scouts (Room 224)
- 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)

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Church Office closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

- 8 am** Finance Ministry (Zoom)
- 6:15 pm** Session (Room 209)
- 6:15 pm** Basketball Practice, Grades 4-5 Girls (Activity Center)
- 7 pm** Basketball Practice, Adults (Activity Center)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5 pm** SOW Dinner (Activity Center)
- 6 pm** SOW Programming (various locations)
- 6:30 pm** Shandon Ringers Rehearsal (Room 223)
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

- 6:15 pm** Shandon Weekday School Board (Room 210)
- 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 20

- 3:30 pm** USC Concert Choir Retreat (Sanctuary, Choir Room, Parlor)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

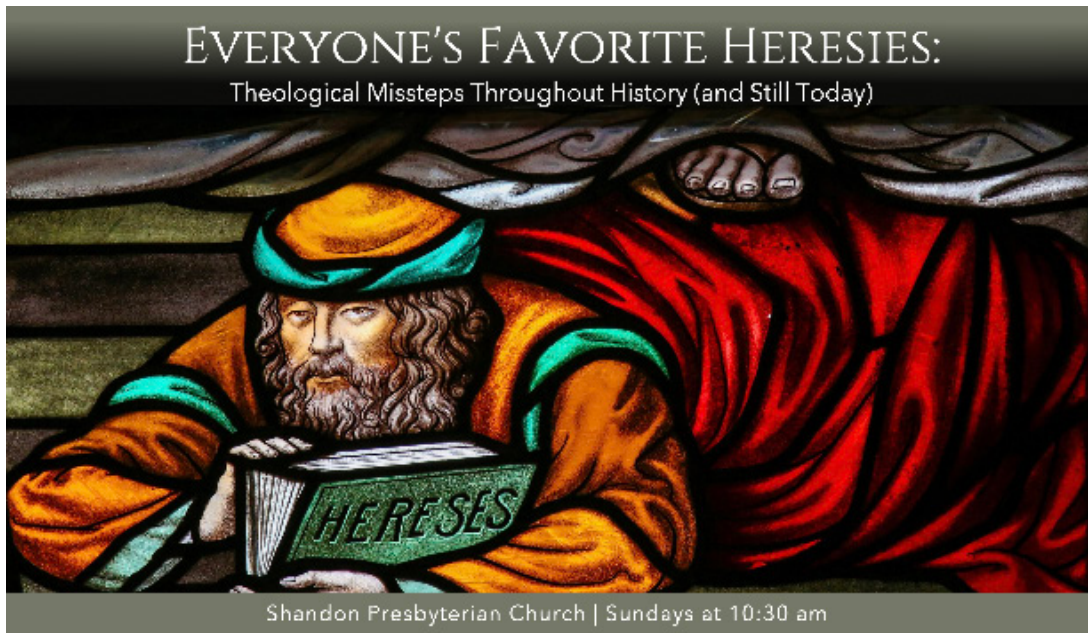
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

- 8:30 am** Basketball Games (Activity Center)
- 1 pm** Betty Jenkins Memorial Service and Reception (Sanctuary and Atrium)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

- 9 am** Childcare (Room 107B)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 10 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 2 pm** LTO Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 3 pm** Cub Scouts (Room 224)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4 pm** Basketball Practice, Grades 8-9 Boys (Activity Center)
- 2:40 pm** Youth Group (meet at Colonial Life Arena)

Upcoming Worship



Our current sermon series, "Everyone's Favorite Heresies," addresses some of Christianity's most infamous theological missteps. Sometimes exploring what we **don't** believe helps us better understand what we **do** believe. We'll consider our theological past with curiosity and humility. After all, these doctrines were posed by faithful people seeking to live faithful lives. Which means, heretical or not, they still have something to teach us. Rev. Jenny McDevitt will preach throughout this series.

January 15 — Marcionism: Do Christians Really Need the God of the Old Testament?

January 22 — Arianism: Was Jesus Really Divine?

January 29 — Docetism: Was Jesus Really Human?

February 12 — Pelagianism: Can't We Just Earn Our Way Into Heaven?

February 19 — Donatism: How Holy Do Our Ministers Really Need to Be?

February 5, we will take a break from this series to hear from and celebrate one of our partners in ministry, Frontera de Cristo. Mark Adams, a Mission Co-Worker of the Presbyterian Church (USA), will be our guest preacher.

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

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