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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 questons 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 on the Church Lawn 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

Welcoming Children

Children are always welcome in worship! Families are welcome to sit anywhere in the Sanctuary, though little ones are often more engaged when they are able to see everything going on. We understand that children come fully equipped with wiggles, giggles, questions and noises. Your child's presence among us is a gift. We include a time especially for children as part of each worship service. Child care is available in Room 107 for kindergarten-aged children and younger, if that is your preference. For more information about children's and family ministries, please contact Jackson Ringley at jringley@shandonpresbyterian.org.

Current Covid-19 Protocols

At Shandon Presbyterian Church, your health and safety is extremely important to us. So, too, is the health and safety of our community. **Presently, masks are required during all worship services.** Eating and drinking takes place outdoors, where masks are optional. The most upto-date studies have demonstrated that when masks are worn properly, singing is safe. Social distancing remains in place. Our worship services are still somewhat altered to accommodate this.

We love our neighbors and we believe these practices are the best way to put that love into action. Our paid staff are fully vaccinated. We encourage vaccination for all who are eligible.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Matthew McCall Jesus, Priceless Treasure

J.S. BACH, BWV 610

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Musical Offering

John Maynard My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

ARR. JOHN MAYNARD

* Call to Worship

Jackson Ringley We gather to worship God in a spirit of openness.

We open our ears to God's voice. We open our hearts to God's will. We open our minds to God's Word.

We gather to worship God in a spirit of openness. Let us worship God, who opens all of life to us.

* Hymn 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

Call to Confession
Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and mercy, forgive us.

When it comes to faith, sometimes we are too strict:

We seek absolutes where you offer mystery.
We expect perfection of ourselves and others.
We demand retribution where you embody grace.

Other times, we are too casual:

We stroll through life half awake, not noticing your beauty.

We pick and choose from your Word as it suits us.

We give only from our leftovers.

God of grace and mercy, forgive us and help us change, we pray.

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

Response

Glory to God GLORIA (TAIZE)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Prayer for Illumination

Addie-Grace Cook

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 6:19-21

Then Jesus said to them, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Things Jesus Never Said: Money Is the Root of All Evil

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 720

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

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

DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks

HERBERT HOWELLS

Like as the hart desireth waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God.

When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night,

While they daily say unto me: Where, where is thy God?

* Doxology

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 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

* Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on CWM RHONDDA

PAUL MANZ

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, John Maynard, Jackson Ringley, Rev. John Cook, Addie-Grace Cook, and the Chancel Choir under the direction of Dr. Jabarie Glass.

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

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Lynn Kompass and her family in honor of her father Frederick R. Kompass Jr.

TODAY'S COVER ART was designed by several of our SPC children to help us remember that "where our heart is, there our treasure will be also." Please be sure to say thank you to our artists: Madi Dooley, Amelia Lutterbie, Rachel Lutterbie, Christian Mitchell, Ruth Phelps, Elle Ramsey and Henry Ramsey.

AFTER WORSHIP TODAY join us outside for cookies, coffee and other refreshments. Additionally, a deacon will be present in the Sower's Chapel to receive prayer concerns.

Announcements

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — Session has called the Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 13, 2022, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The congregation will receive the 2021 annual report and the 2022 budget, elect officers to the class of 2025, and approve the 2022 pastoral terms of call. Documentation will be available beginning January 30. The meeting will take place in the Sanctuary and will also be livestreamed. Members attending via livestream will vote by phone at the end of the meeting.

PROPHETS AND POPSTARS: Art, Justice and the Prophetic Imagination — Biblical prophets functioned as poets and performers, artists and activists. Ezekiel acts out scenes of the siege of Jerusalem, Jonah sings a psalm from the belly of the fish, and Habakkuk asks that we play on stringed instruments. Together, we will examine how biblical prophecy is a creative force and read the prophets as the artists they are and consider how to incorporate creative and prophetic practices in our own lives. Taught by Jackson Ringley, a UofSC student headed to Princeton Seminary in the fall. The class meets in person at 9:15 a.m. and will continue on January 30, February 6 and February 13 in the McDonald Youth Center, main floor.

ADDITIONAL ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES — The new year will hold a variety of new adult education offerings. Class offerings include:

- Major Theologians (Part 1) and Today's Theologians (Part 2).
- Last Acts of Love, addressing end-of-life planning from theological, medical, and legal perspectives.
- A conversation around No Cure For Being Human (And Other Truths I Need to Know) by Kate Bowler.

Contact Jenny McDevitt, jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org, with ideas or for more information.

DISCOVERY CONVERSATIONS — The new year is a time of looking ahead and planning. Shandon would like to assess where we've been and, more importantly, where we want to go. Last year, a small gathering of Shandon members and Rev. Jenny McDevitt attended a guiding conference to plan a way to take the pulse of the congregation. In the coming weeks, this group

will have one-on-one discussions with a manageable cross-section of the congregation. If you are contacted, we hope you will meet to share your thoughts, prayers, hopes and dreams for the direction of the Shandon family. After these initial conversations, we will plan additional discussions with broader gatherings of congregation members. Our goal is to complete most of these conversations by early this year. Please come with us on this journey.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR SHANDON STUDENTS — Are you a senior in high school about to go to college? Or are you a Shandon Presbyterian Youth Alum who is currently in college? Then you are eligible to apply for scholarships to help support your educational goals. Please complete the application no later than April 1, 2022. You can find the application at bit. ly/spcscholarship2022. Please return the completed application to Brittany Young in the front office or via email at byoung@shandonpresbyterian.org.

CAFÉ JUSTO: CAFFEINE WITH A CONSCIENCE — Gracias for the continuing support of Café Justo by members and friends of Shandon and Forest Lake Presbyterian. Your purchases have provided over \$20,000 to Café Justo Co-op families in Chiapas, Mexico. It's fast and easy to order this excellent organic fair-trade coffee. Just contact Rowena Nylund, Rnylund@sc.rr.com, call 803-252-7752 or text 803-743-7122. Available in whole bean or ground and caffeinated or decaf in a variety of roasts. Only \$10 for a full pound.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIRS — Shandon has opportunities for children and youth of all ages to join the fun of making music together and in worship. Children's choirs schedule: Arise Choir (ages 4 through first grade) meets 6-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Room 224. Shine Choir (second through fifth grades) meets 6:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays in Room 224. Youth Choir (sixth through 12th grades) will resume January 26, meeting 4-5 p.m. Sundays in the Choir Room. Contact Matt McCall, mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org, for more information.

ACOLYTES IN WORSHIP — Each Sunday we begin worship with candles that are lit to represent the presence of the Holy Spirit on the communion table. Children and youth are invited to serve as acolytes to assist in this part of the worship service. To sign up, go to bit. ly/spcacolytes or to our website (worship and music tab). If you have never been an acolyte before, we will help you with everything you need to know. Contact Jenny McDevitt, jmcdevitt@ shandonpresbyterian.org, for more information.

Upcoming Worship

Things Jesus Never Said

We spend a lot of time reflecting on many of the things Jesus says throughout the gospels: I am the good shepherd. Love your neighbor. In my Father's house there are many rooms. Do not be afraid. Love your enemies. Consider the lilies. Forgive those who wrong you. And on and on. In the weeks ahead, we'll clarify and reflect on some of the things Jesus never actually said, but often get attributed to him.

Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

January 2 — Follow Your Heart

January 16 — God Helps Those Who Help Themselves

January 23 — Money Is the Root of All Evil

January 30 — God Doesn't Give Us More Than We Can Handle

February 6 — Everything Happens For a Reason (Rev. John Cook preaching)

Worship Archives

Miss a service? Want to hear a prayer a second time or read a sermon text? Our worship archives include weekly bulletins, links to livestream recordings, and PDFs of sermon manuscripts (as available).

Visit shandonpresbyterian.org, then select Worship and Music. Sermons are also available as a podcast on SoundCloud and Apple Podcasts.

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