



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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The Building of the Tabernacle, from The Phillip Medhurst Picture Torah

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 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. Childcare 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 Rev. Molly Spangler at [mspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:mbspangler@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 indoors at all times.** Eating and drinking takes place outdoors, where masks are optional. The most up-to-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

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CLAUDE DEBUSSY

Live Painting

Jordan Humphries

* Call to Worship

Rev. Molly Spangler

On Beauty

KAHLIL GIBRAN

A poet said, Speak to us of Beauty.
And he answered:
Where shall you seek beauty, and how shall you find her
unless she herself is to be your way and your guide?

The aggrieved and the injured say,
"Beauty is kind and gentle.
Like a young mother half-shy of her
own glory she walks among us."

**And the passionate say,
"Beauty is a thing of might and dread.
Like the tempest she shakes the earth beneath us
and the sky above us."**

The tired and the weary say,
"Nay, beauty is of soft whisperings.
She speaks in our spirit.
Her voice yields to our silences like a faint light
that quivers in fear of the shadow."

**But the restless say,
"We have heard her shouting among the mountains,
And with her cries came the sound of hoofs,
and the beating of wings and the roaring of lions."**

At night the watchmen of the city say,
"Beauty shall rise with the dawn from the east."
And at noontide the toilers and the wayfarers say,
"We have seen her leaning over
the earth from the windows of the sunset."

**In winter the snow-bound say,
"She shall come with the spring leaping upon the hills."
And in the summer heat the reapers say,
"We have seen her dancing with the autumn leaves,
and we saw a drift of snow in her hair."**

All these things have you said of beauty,
yet in truth you spoke not of her but of needs unsatisfied,

and beauty is not a need but an ecstasy.
It is not a mouth thirsting nor an empty hand stretched forth,
but rather a heart enflamed and a soul enchanted.
It is not the sap within the furrowed bark,
nor a wing attached to a claw,
but rather a garden forever in bloom and
a flock of angels forever in flight.

**Beauty is life
when life unveils her holy face.**

* Hymn 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGLEBERG

Call to Confession
Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, forgive us.
Our imagination is so limited.
We fail to notice the beauty of
 star-flung constellations in the sky,
 careful brushstrokes on a canvas,
 or the color purple in a field.
We believe the lies that art is less important
 and beauty is frivolous.
We forget that beauty reflects
 not only your goodness,
 but your dream for our lives, as well.
Come to us again, O God, with beautiful grace.
(Silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

Summary of the Law

... "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?"
Jesus said:
**"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
 and with all your soul
 and with all your mind
 and with all your strength.
This is the first and greatest commandment.
And a second is like it:
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
On these two commandments
 hang all the law and the prophets."**

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

Our Life Together

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Prayer for Illumination

Come to Us, Creative Spirit

CASTLEWOOD

The Chancel Choir will sing the first verse, with the congregation invited to join for the second and third verses.

Come to us, creative Spirit, in this holy house;
every human talent hallow, hidden skills arouse,
that within your earthly temple,
wise and simple may rejoice.

**Poet, painter, music-maker, all your treasures bring;
craftsman, actor, graceful dancer, make your offering;
join your hands in celebration:
let creation shout and sing!**

**Word from God eternal springing, fill our minds, we pray;
and in all artistic vision give integrity;
may the flame within us burning
kindle yearning day by day.**

Scripture Reading

John Maynard

Exodus 36:8-34

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Faith and Art: Beauty Is Essential

Responding to the Word

Anthem

Chancel Choir

DR. JABARIE GLASS

Lord, We Bring Our Gift of Music

GLENN L. RUDOLPH

The congregation will be invited to join as directed.

When the morning stars together their Creator's glory sang,
and the angel host all shouted till with joy the heavens rang,
then your wisdom and your greatness their exultant music told,
all the beauty and the splendor
which your mighty works unfold.

Lord, we bring our gift of music;
touch our lips and fire our hearts,

teach our minds and train our senses,
fit us for these sacred arts.
Then with skill and consecration we would serve you, Lord,
and give all our powers to glorify you,
and in serving, fully live.

When in synagogue and temple voices raised the psalmists' songs,
offering the adoration which alone to you belongs,
when the singers and the cymbals with the trumpet made accord,
glory filled the house of worship, and all knew your presence, Lord.
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touch our lips and fire our hearts,
teach our minds and train our senses,
fit us for these sacred arts.
Then with skill and consecration we would serve you, Lord,
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Voice and instrument in union through the ages spoke your praise,
plainsong, tuneful hymns and anthems told your faithful, gracious ways.
Choir and orchestra and organ, each a sacred offering brought,
while inspired by your own Spirit, poet and composer wrought.

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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

Offerings may be placed in the boxes near each exit upon leaving. You may also give by texting SHANDONPC to 73256 or visiting our website, shandonpresbyterian.org.

* Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

* Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on ENGELBERG

ROBERT HOBBY

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Jordan Humphries, Rev. Molly Spangler, Rev. John Cook, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, John Maynard and the Chancel Choir under the direction of guest director Dr. Jabarie Glass.

ABOUT THE LIVE PAINTING. “This painting is an homage to the intentional beauty that Shandon Presbyterian has incorporated into its walls. This example of intentional beauty is meant to visually enhance the experience of worship here. The joyful and bright colors that gleam when the light passes through evoke awe and a sense of comfort for many. This stained glass window is a perfect example of how art is incorporated into our weekly routines in order to help us appreciate our surroundings with which we are so richly blessed.” — Jordan Humphries

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

JOIN US OUTSIDE for lemonade and lemon cookies after worship! In addition, Deacon Laura Covington will receive pastoral concerns and prayer requests outside the Memorial Garden.

Announcements

PARTICIPATE IN SC PRIDE. Join Shandon in walking in Columbia’s SC Pride Parade on Friday, October 22. We will meet at the law offices of Burnette Shutt & McDaniel (912 Lady Street) at 6:45 pm. Contact Kathleen McDaniel at kathleenmcdaniel@gmail.com for more information. Details about other Pride events, including family-friendly activities, can be found at scpride.org.

TREATS ON THE STREET. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for this fun fall event 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, October 27. The whole family will enjoy games, trick or treating and fall photo opportunities on Shandon’s front lawn. Food trucks will be on site to purchase dinner. If you would like to host one of our games, please sign up at bit.ly/spctreats2021.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER’S. A group from Shandon will meet in the church parking lot at 9 a.m. Saturday, October 30, to participate in this year’s walk. To join us and/or help the Shandon Presbyterian Team with a donation, contact Mary Rogers, 803-920-6742 or visting@yahoo.com, or go to bit.ly/spcalzwalk2021.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER: HOW YOU CAN HELP. Instead of an in-person meal-packing event for Rise Against Hunger this fall, Shandon’s Outreach Ministry will make a donation for 20,000 meals (\$6,825.82). You can support Shandon in supplying these meals with a donation by check payable to Shandon Presbyterian with “Rise Against Hunger” on the memo line.

MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE: STEWARDSHIP 2022. While stewardship is a lifelong, year-round spiritual practice, we emphasize financial stewardship in November in order to plan next year’s budget accordingly. A stewardship sermon series will run from October 31 through November 14. November 14, Dedication Sunday, will include an outdoor reception following worship and a church-wide service project that afternoon. More information is coming soon!

SISTERCARE DONATIONS. Presbyterian Women are collecting donations for Sistercare through November 21. Suggested items include shelf-stable food, lotion, hand washing liquid and feminine hygiene products. Items may be placed in the designated container near the reception desk. Gift cards (\$10 to \$50) are also accepted. Drop off gift cards with office manager Brittany Young. For questions, contact Patty Kadow, 803-361-9308 or kadowp@yahoo.com.

JOURNEYS OF RENEWAL PHOTO GALLERY. The gallery remains open during regular church hours throughout October. Stop by and enjoy photos from Rev. John Cook's sabbatical and from the congregation as we found time for sabbath this summer. If you have questions, contact artsatshandon@gmail.com. This Arts at Shandon event is free, but donations are appreciated.

DISCOVERY CONVERSATIONS. Autumn is a time of harvesting, gathering and assessing what has gone before. It's also a time of looking ahead and planning. As more normal times seem to be peeking through the clouds, Shandon would like to assess where we've been and, more importantly, where we want to go. A small gathering of Shandon members and Rev. Jenny McDevitt recently attended a guiding conference to plan a way to take the pulse of the congregation. In the coming weeks and months, 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 are held, additional discussions with broader gatherings of congregation members will take place. More information will be available in the Spire.

Current Worship & Sermon Series Information

WITH ALL YOUR MIND

September 19

Thank God For Teachers
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

September 26

Every Mind Needs a Break: a Sabbatical Reflection
Rev. John Cook preaching

October 3

World Communion Sunday
Faith and Science: Complementary, Not Contradictory
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

October 10

Faith and History: When the Church Has Gotten It Wrong (and Right)
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

October 17

Faith and Art: Beauty Is Essential
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

October 24

Faith and Math: When the Numbers Don't Add Up
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching