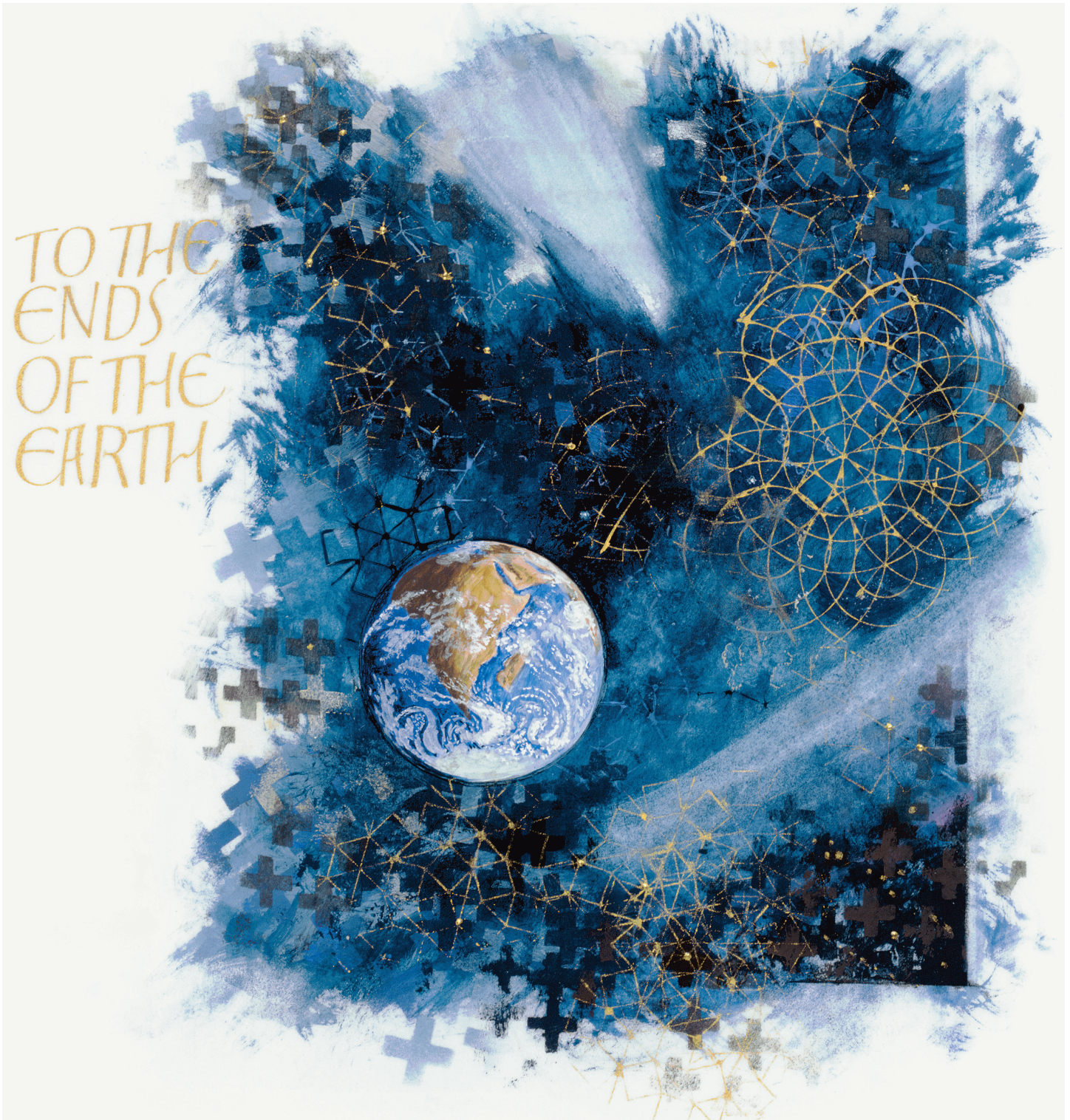




# Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

World Communion Sunday  
October 3, 2021 • 10:30 a.m.



*To the Ends of the Earth, in The St. John's Bible.*

## 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 came with a friend or slipped quietly . . .

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

Whatever reason brought you to worship today, you are welcome here and you have made us better by being present with us.

We take seriously Jesus' instructions to love God, love one another, and love our neighbors. 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

## 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. Any eating or drinking takes place outdoors, where masks are optional. The most up-to-date studies have demonstrated that so long as masks are worn properly, we can sing safely. 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 in action. Our paid staff are all fully vaccinated, and we encourage vaccination for all who are eligible.



## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Jayne Moffatt

Ach, was soll ich sunder machen

J.S. BACH

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

\* Call to Worship

*The poet speaks:*

**Truly, we live with mysteries too marvelous  
to be understood.**

How grass can be nourishing  
in the mouths of the lambs.

**How rivers and stones  
are forever in allegiance with gravity  
while we ourselves dream of rising.**

**How two hands touch and the bonds  
will never be broken.**

How people come, from delight  
or the scars of damage,  
to the comfort of a poem.

**Let me keep my distance  
from those who think they have all the answers.  
Let me keep company with those who say  
"Look!" and laugh in astonishment,  
and bow their heads.**

\* Hymn

**Earth and All Stars**

EARTH AND ALL STARS

- 1. Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!  
Sing the the Lord a new song!**

***Refrain:***

**God has marvelous things.  
I too sing praises with a new song!**

- 2. Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
*Refrain***

- 3. Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!**

**Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!**

***Refrain***

**4. Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!**

**Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!**

***Refrain***

**5. Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!**

**Daughter and son! Loud praying members!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!**

***Refrain***

Call to Confession

*Rev. Molly Spangler*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**You are larger than life**

**and more vast than we can imagine.**

**Forgive us when,**

**in our desire to know you,**

**we make you small enough**

**to fit our limited comprehension.**

**Forgive us when,**

**in our eagerness to demonstrate faith,**

**we reject wisdom and intellect.**

**You made us to love you**

**with our hearts and our minds.**

**Forgive us when we mistake any part of your creation**

**as being mutually exclusive with another.**

**Help our understanding of you**

**to be as expansive as the grace**

**you offer us. (Silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

Summary of the Law

... "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?"

**Jesus said to him:**

**"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

*Rev. John Cook*

Prayer for Illumination

*Connie Schultz*

Scripture Readings

Genesis 1:1-3 (Robert Alter translation)

When God began to create heaven and earth, and the earth then was welter and waste and darkness over the deep and God's breath hovering over the waters, God said, "Let there be light." And there was light.

Psalms 8 (NRSV translation)

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

Faith and Science: Complementary, Not Contradictory

## Responding to the Word

Anthem

*Chancel Choir*

DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

If Ye Love Me

THOMAS TALLIS; TEXT BASED ON JOHN 14:15-17

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may abide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great 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

*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 24

**God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens**

HOLY MANNA

\* Benediction

Postlude

Fughetta on 'Gott, vom Himmel sich darein'

JOHANN PACHELBEL

## Worship Notes

The cover image today comes from the St. John's Bible. Referencing Acts 1:8, it also contains a small illumination of the Blue Marble, a photo of earth taken from Apollo 17 on the first day of its 1972 mission to the moon, and an illustration of Hale-Bopp, a notable comet seen in the Northern Hemisphere in 1997.

Leading worship today are guest organist Jayne Moffatt, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. Molly Spangler, Rev. John Cook, Connie Schultz, Shandon's Chancel Choir, and Dr. Alicia Walker.

The Call to Worship is taken from the poem *Mysteries, Yes* by Mary Oliver. The Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

## Announcements

**PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING.** The special offering received today will be used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to promote justice, end conflict and establish processes for reconciliation. Contributions can be made by check to Shandon Presbyterian Church with "peace offering" on the memo line, or online through Realm or at [bit.ly/peaceoffering2021](https://bit.ly/peaceoffering2021).

**THE ARTS AT SHANDON PRESENTS ...** "Hold On, "a choral concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, October 8. The performance in Shandon's Sanctuary features two of Shandon Presbyterian's former Chancel Choir directors: Dustin Ousley with the Sandlapper Singers and Lillian Quackenbush with the Palmetto Mastersingers. Tickets will be sold on the Sandlapper Singers and Palmetto Mastersingers websites and will be available at the door. Seating is limited.

**IT'S TIME FOR FAMILY PROMISE.** We are "hosting" four families (moms and six children) with Gill Creek Baptist Church the week of October 10. Please check out the online sign up at [bit.ly/familypromiseoct2021](https://bit.ly/familypromiseoct2021) for gas, grocery and restaurant gift cards. Thank you for your consistent generous support for Family Promise.

**SOW SCHEDULE UPDATE.** In October, we will move SOW fellowship once per month for a meal on the second Wednesday: October 13, November 10 and December 8. All choirs will continue to meet weekly according to the schedule. A nursery will be provided only when we have the full SOW schedule on the second Wednesday. Look for updates in your email and on our website.

**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](https://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](mailto:visting@yahoo.com), or go to [bit.ly/spcalzwalk2021](https://bit.ly/spcalzwalk2021).

**ADVENT BEFORE HALLOWEEN?** That's right. We have Advent on the brain already because we want to fill our Advent devotional this December with voices from our Shandon family. If you are interested in writing a reflection, please email Molly Spangler at [mspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:mspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org) by Sunday, October 17. You will receive a prompt and more instructions to help you reflect.

**JOURNEYS OF RENEWAL PHOTO GALLERY.** The gallery will remain 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, please contact [artsatshandon@gmail.com](mailto:artsatshandon@gmail.com). This Arts at Shandon event is free, but donations are always appreciated.

**CAFÉ JUSTO: A CUP WITH A CAUSE.** We have surpassed \$16,000 in Café Justo sales. Thank you for making this possible with your purchases for yourself and as gifts for friends. It's fast and easy to order, and it's only \$10 for a full pound. Email Rowena Nylund, [Rnylund@sc.rr.com](mailto:Rnylund@sc.rr.com), call 803-252-7752 or text 803-743-7122. Varieties are dark roast and medium roast and whole bean or ground in decaf, 100% Arabica, 50% Arabica/50% Robusta and 100% Robusta.

## Upcoming Worship

### WITH ALL YOUR MIND

September 19 through October 24

Jesus tells us the greatest commandment is to love the Lord, our God, with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind. Join us as we consider faith in conversation with education and intellect.

#### September 19

Thank God For Teachers  
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

#### September 26

Every Mind Needs a Break: a Sabbatical Reflection (Journeys of Renewal)  
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  
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

### **The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church**

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff  
Rev. John Cook, Associate Pastor for Discipleship  
Rev. Molly Spangler, Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, and Families  
MC Jordan, Children and Youth Ministries Assistant  
Matthew McCall, Director of Music and Organist  
Dr. Alicia Walker, Chancel Choir Director  
Ashlee Poole, Youth Choir Director  
Sally Tackett, Children's Choir Director  
John Maynard, Handbell Director  
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