



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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The other day I was ricocheting slowly
off the blue walls of this room,
moving as if underwater from typewriter to piano,
from bookshelf to an envelope lying on the floor,
when I found myself in the L section of the dictionary
where my eyes fell upon the word lanyard.

No cookie nibbled by a French novelist
could send one into the past more suddenly —
a past where I sat at a workbench at a camp
by a deep Adirondack lake
learning how to braid long thin plastic strips
into a lanyard, a gift for my mother.

I had never seen anyone use a lanyard
or wear one, if that's what you did with them,
but that did not keep me from crossing
strand over strand again and again
until I had made a boxy
red and white lanyard for my mother.

She gave me life and milk from her breasts,
and I gave her a lanyard.
She nursed me in many a sick room,
lifted spoons of medicine to my lips,
laid cold face-cloths on my forehead,
and then led me out into the airy light

and taught me to walk and swim,
and I, in turn, presented her with a lanyard.
Here are thousands of meals, she said,
and here is clothing and a good education.
And here is your lanyard, I replied,
which I made with a little help from a counselor.

Here is a breathing body and a beating heart,
strong legs, bones and teeth,
and two clear eyes to read the world, she whispered,
and here, I said, is the lanyard I made at camp.

And here, I wish to say to her now,
is a smaller gift — not the worn truth

that you can never repay your mother,
but the rueful admission that when she took
the two-tone lanyard from my hand,
I was as sure as a boy could be
that this useless, worthless thing I wove
out of boredom would be enough to make us even.

— Billy Collins, *The Lanyard*

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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.

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

AED devices — located behind the Sanctuary; use the southwest door (to the left of the Chancel)

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 104 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 with us in worship. 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-Lawson at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org. Our child protection policy can be viewed at bit.ly/spcchildprotection.

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

Janet Marks

Come in the Name of Jesus, from Heaven to Earth

J. S. BACH, BWV 650

Asterisks () indicate portions of worship during which you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

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

In Sanctuary pews and around the baptismal font,

God's holy name be praised!

With songs of joy and with prayers of lament,

God's holy name be praised!

In the halls of power and in the alleyways of the outcast,

God's holy name be praised!

From refugee shelters and from neighborhood parks,

God's holy name be praised!

In every heart and in every place,

God's holy name be praised!

* Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Call to Confession

April Martin

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

Few of us misunderstand you all of the time,

but all of us misunderstand you some of the time:

your path to peace,

your ideas about giving,

your way of making us whole.

Our choices often do not match your instructions.

Give us faith, we pray, and give us

a hopefulness willing to take risks,

an imagination beyond what we know,

and a resolve to love as you love.

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

* Response of Praise

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.**

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Proclaiming the Word

The Sacrament of Baptism

Leyland Wallace Gooldy

Presentation

Hugh Jacobs

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Welcome

The Word with Children

Heather Woolard-Lawson

This time in worship is designed for children up through fifth grade.

Afterwards, kindergarten-aged and younger may attend extended care in Room 104. If this is your child's first Sunday in extended care, please send one parent or guardian to briefly check in with their teacher. First grade and older remain in the Sanctuary.

Prayer for Illumination

Ally Yablonski

Scripture Lesson

James 2:1-10; 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality. For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here in a good place, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit by my footstool," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into the courts? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith

but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

G: generosity; gospel; grace

Responding to the Word

Minute for Mission

Carolyn Click

Frontera de Cristo

* Affirmation of Faith

Jesus teaches us still today:

You shall love the Lord, your God

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your strength,

and with all your mind.

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.

* Hymn 697

Take My Life

HENDON

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,

on Venmo (@ShandonPres), or by visiting shandonpresbyterian.org.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

O God, Beyond All Praising

GUSTAV HOLST, ARR. RICHARD PROULX

O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;

for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown,
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory!

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we will triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

* Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAISE GOD

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

* Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare

WILLIAM MATHIAS

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Janet Marks (guest organist), Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Leyland Gooldy (acolyte), April Martin, Heather Woolard-Lawson, Hugh Jacobs, Ally Yablonski, Carolyn Click, the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, and Byron Duell (livestream).

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

AFTER WORSHIP — Join us for fellowship and refreshments along the front sidewalk. A deacon will be present in the Sower's Chapel for prayer.

Announcements

ALL SAINTS' DAY — We will observe All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 5. We will read the names of all church members who have joined the church triumphant in the last year, as well as those you wish to submit. Email names to Brittany Young at byoung@shandonpresbyterian.org by Wednesday, November 1.

YOUTH BASKETBALL — Basketball for students in grades 2-12 is returning. Sign up by November 1 at bit.ly/spcbasketball23. For more information, contact Jay Rogers at jayrog1@aol.com.

SERVE AT TRANSITIONS — Shandon serves at Transitions Homeless center the first Sunday of every month. For details and to sign up for November 5, go to bit.ly/3Q977qb. Contact Sonja Erickson at ericksonsonja44@gmail.com.

UNIVERSITY CHORUS — Join our very own Dr. Jabarie Glass and USC's University Chorus for their fall concert, Thursday, November 9 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. The concert is free and open to the public.

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDSGIVING — Shandon's Young Adult ministry will gather at the home of Jordan and Garrett Humphries for Friendsgiving on Sunday, November 19, 6-9pm. Main dishes will be provided; please bring a side, dessert, or beverage to share. Childcare will be provided at the church 5:30-8:30 pm. RSVP by November 15 to April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org with the names of everyone in your party.

ATRIUM GALLERY — Photographer and Shandon member, Allison Croxton, has curated a gallery presentation in conjunction with our fall sermon series, "The Alphabet of Faith." The installation will be in the Arts at Shandon Atrium Gallery through November 19. Stay tuned for information about how to purchase the framed prints once the gallery closes.

RIVERBANKS ZOO LIGHTS — On November 26 at 4:30 pm, gather with the Shandon family for a hot cocoa and cookies tailgate in the parking lot of Riverbanks Zoo before heading in to see holiday lights. Purchase your own tickets beginning November 1 at riverbankszoo.org. Call the church office at 803.771.4408 if you would like to carpool.

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM — During October, we are collecting individual servings of mac-and-cheese.

TIRED MOTHER'S RETREAT — All tired women of the church are invited to join us in Montreat, January 26 - 28, 2024 for a weekend of fellowship and spiritual renewal. For more details and to register, go to bit.ly/tiredmothers.

MANNA RETREAT — Presbyterians between the ages of 22 and 35 are invited to retreat to Montreat in the mountains of North Carolina, January 26-28. There will be small groups where we discuss big questions, late night mixers, lots of laughter, meaningful worship, sharing meals, and hiking. For details and to sign up, go to bit.ly/mana24. Financial assistance is available; contact April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org.

FRONTERA DE CRISTO — Join us January 27 - February 2, 2024 for Shandon's Mission Study journey to Frontera de Cristo in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico. We will learn, serve, and stand in solidarity with our mission family and coworkers at the border. Questions? Contact Rev. John Cook at jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org.

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT — Mark your calendars for March 8-10, 2024 for the Dr. John M. Preston Shandon Church Retreat for Spiritual Enrichment. Rev. Austin Crenshaw Shelley will be the featured speaker. For more information or to sign up, go to bit.ly/SPCretreat2024 or pick up a brochure at the reception desk. Financial assistance is available by contacting Rev. Jenny McDevitt at jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org.

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 9 am** Childcare (Room 106)
- 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** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (McDonald Youth Center)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 6:45 pm** Boy Scouts (Davis Hall)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

No events scheduled.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:15 pm** SOW Dinner (Davis Hall)
- 6 pm** Faith in Film (Room 209)
- 6 pm** Arise and Shine Children's Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:30 pm** Children's Bible Study (Room 224)
- 6:30 pm** Shandon Ringers Rehearsal (Room 223)
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 11 am** Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
- 6 pm** Deacons (Davis Hall)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 5 pm** Confirmation Retreat (off-site)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- All Day** Confirmation Retreat (off-site)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- All Day** Confirmation Retreat (off-site)
- 9 am** Childcare (Room 106)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 10 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am** Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5 pm** All Saints' Memorial Garden Prayers (Memorial Garden)

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