



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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Great Commission, He Qi

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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.

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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

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

Matthew McCall

Be Thou My Vision

CINDY BERRY

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

We come to sing God's praise.

We are dreamers and doubters.

We are hope-ers and pray-ers.

We are believers and creators.

We are disciples and friends.

We are children of God

and we come to sing God's praise.

* Hymn 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

Call to Confession

Heather Woolard

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

We want to praise you, and often do,

but other times we get in our own way:

our words feel inadequate,

our attention feels divided,

our fears crowd out our gratitude.

There are days when we doubt ourselves and doubt you.

We want to trust that everything will be okay;

we just don't know how.

When our faithfulness is too fragile,

help us to lean on yours.

(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

Anthem

*Arise and Shine
Children's Choir*

God's Hands
MICHAEL BEDFORD

The Word with Children

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

Henry Hall

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

D: discipleship, doubt, dreams

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

**Lord, you have always given
bread for the coming day;
and though I am poor,
today I believe.**

**Lord, you have always given
strength for the coming day;
and though I am weak,
today I believe.**

**Lord, you have always given
peace for the coming day;
and though my heart is anxious,
today I believe**

**Lord, you have always kept
me safe in trials;
and though I am prone to doubt,
today I believe.**

**Lord, you have always marked
the road for the coming day;
and though it may be hidden,
today I believe.**

**Lord, you have always lightened
this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here,
today I believe.**

**Lord, you have always spoken
when the time was ripe;
and though you may be silent now,
today I believe.**

* Hymn 684

Faith Begins by Letting Go

LUX PRIMA

Prayers of the People
April Martin

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.

Let All the World In Every Corner Sing

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"
The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low, his praise there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"
The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"

* 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 295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

* Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

GORDON YOUNG

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rayan Boutahar (acolyte), Heather Woolard, Henry Hall, April Martin, and the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass.

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. The Affirmation of Faith is from the Northumbria Prayer Liturgy.

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

ACOLYTES — Serving as an acolyte is a great way for children and youth to be involved in worship leadership! Visit bit.ly/shandonacolytes to sign up.

SCRIPTURE READERS — Worship is something we do together. It requires an active role of each of us — praying, singing, listening, and more. If you would like to help lead the congregation in worship by reading Scripture, sign up at bit.ly/SPCreaders. Details are included at the link. Readers of all ages are welcome.

HARVEST HOPE — Today is the final day of the Harvest Hope Food Drive. Food donations will be received until 1 pm in the truck parked out front. You may also contribute financially at bit.ly/harvesthopedonate.

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. Meet the artist following worship today in the Atrium Gallery.

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAYS — Join us Wednesday at 5:15 pm in Davis Hall for dinner, followed by programming for all ages at 6 pm. Dinner costs \$8 per person; children fifth grade and younger eat for free. Make reservations by noon on Monday by logging in to Realm or by calling the Church Office at (803) 771-4408.

THE BIBLE AND MENTAL ILLNESS — On Wednesday, October 11 at 6 pm in Room 209, join Dr. Kenny Phelps and Rev. Jenny McDevitt for a conversation exploring the most up-to-date information about mental illness in relationship with theology and scripture, and to consider how we, as people of faith, think about mental illness and respond to those who live with it.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS — Join us Saturday, October 14, 8 to 10 am on the Sanctuary steps for a Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pet to receive a blessing and a treat.

YOUNG ADULTS — Shandon's Young Adult Ministry will gather at River Rat Brewery, Sunday, October 15 at noon for fellowship and fun. Children are welcome! No need to RSVP.

PRIDE DINNER AND WORSHIP — Wednesday, October 18, join us for dinner and a worship service celebrating God's expansive love for all. Members of the LGBTQ+ community and all who affirm and rejoice in their identity, worth, and belovedness are invited to gather together around the dinner table and the communion table. Dinner will be served in Davis Hall at 5:15 pm. Worship with Communion will begin at 6 pm.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S — Shandon will once again participate in the Columbia Walk to End Alzheimer's, Saturday, October 21 at Segra Park. Registration begins at 9 am. Contact Mary Rogers at visting@yahoo.com

ARTS AT SHANDON — Saturday, October 21 at 7 pm, Columbia Operatic Laboratory will lead the audience in a sing-a-long of Gilbert and Sullivan's comedy, *The Pirates of Penzance*. All ages are welcome and no experience is necessary! Costumes are encouraged. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

TREATS ON THE STREET — Join us on the Church Lawn, October 25 from 5-7 pm to enjoy games, trick-or-treating, and fall photo opportunities. Food trucks will be on-site to purchase dinner. Costumes are encouraged!

BOOK CLUB — Shandon's Book Club will meet at the home of Elizabeth Crouch on October 23 at 6 pm. The book this month is *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie. Contact Elizabeth Crouch at elizabethcrouchphd@gmail.com

ALL SAINTS' DAY — We will observe All Saints' on Sunday, November 5. We will read the names of all church members who have joined the church at rest in the last year. You may also submit names of loved-ones and friends to be included in worship. Email Brittany Young at byoung@shandonpresbyterian.org by Wednesday, November 1.

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

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

CARE CARD MINISTRY — The Care Card Ministry send cards to our members on the prayer list and celebrates congregational birthdays. If you would like to assist with this ministry, please contact Margaret Hick at margaret@sc.rr.com.

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 9 am Childcare (Room 107 B)
- 9 am Harvest Hope Food Drive (Front Sidewalk)
- 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)
- 11:30 am Meet the Artist (Atrium Gallery)
- 3 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5 pm Youth Group (McDonald Youth Center)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 9 am Finance Ministry (Zoom)
- 10:30 am Circle 5 (Room 224)
- 5:30 pm Worship and Music Ministry (Room 224)
- 6:30 pm Palmetto Mastersingers Rehearsal (Choir Room)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 9:30 am Quilt Group (Room 210)
- 12:15 pm Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:15 pm SOW Dinner (Davis Hall)
- 6 pm Arise and Shine Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 6 pm The Bible and Mental Illness (Room 209)
- 6 pm Creative Space (Room 214)
- 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, OCTOBER 12

- 6 pm Deacons (Davis Hall)
- 7 pm Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 2 pm Memorial Service for Peggy Pugh Kelly (Sanctuary)
- 6:15 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 8 am Blessing of the Animals (Front Steps)
- 1 pm Memorial Service for Frank Wiles, Jr. (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 9 am Childcare (Room 107 B)
- 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)
- 12 pm Young Adults Gathering (River Rat Brewery)
- 3 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5 pm Youth Group (off-site)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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