



Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

All Saints' Day

November 7, 2021 • 10:30 a.m.



Festival of Lights, by John August Swanson

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. 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 Rev. Molly Spangler at mspangler@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

O Day Full of Grace

ARR. BARBARA HARBACH

* Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

God of Sarah and Hagar,

we praise you for protecting and guiding us.

God of Moses and Miriam,

we thank you for liberating your children from oppression.

God of Peter and Paul,

we bless you even in the midst of trouble.

God of Hildegard and Julian,

we glory in your tangible presence among us.

God of Luther and Calvin,

we rejoice in your Spirit's presence in all times and places.

God of Rachel Held Evans and James Cone,

we celebrate how you comfort and challenge us.

God of every ancestor,

we recognize we are the result of the love of thousands.

Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End,

Holy God, we worship and adore you!

* Hymn 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,

**In every age, you have raised up your people
to live and die in faith.**

We confess we are sometimes indifferent to your will.

You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.

You call us to do what is just, but we are idle.

You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Give us courage to follow in your way,

joining with those from ages past

who have served you with faith, hope, and love,

that we may inherit your kingdom. (Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

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. Molly Spangler

Our Life Together

Minute for Mission
Kat Dragner

Prayer for Illumination
Lynn Kelley

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1–12:2, selected

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

Sermon
Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Not Enough Time

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 731

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

REPTON

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Litany of Remembrance

Helen Abrams
Tom Baker*
Scott Barnes*
Lily Bradley*
Nina Brown*
Mary Ellen Chisolm
Julie George*
Elizabeth Grimball*
Flynn Harrell*
Richard Hazelwood
Ronald Hedspeth
Ruthann Fox Hines

M. David Hunter*
Bill Jackson*
Sarah Jones*
Rea Lindler*
Katherine Long
Cheryl Reger*
Randall Ruble
Catherine Thomas*
Marion Tompkins*
William James VanPelt
Anne Waltz*

* members of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

Alleluia

ELAINE HAGENBERG; TEXT BY ST. AUGUSTINE

All shall be Amen and Alleluia.
We shall rest and we shall see.
We shall see and we shall know.
We shall know and we shall love.
Behold our end which is no end.

* Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow!
OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him, all creatures here below!
Praise him, above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

**Your importance in our lives, O God,
is reflected in our generosity.
We return to you a portion of all you have given us,
trusting that you will use it
to bring healing and hope to the world you love.
Make us partners in that work, we pray,
making use of our time and abilities, too,
just as you have throughout every generation.
Bless every gift, whatever its size,**

**and multiply the good it can do.
Enable our offerings to do
even more than we can imagine. Amen.**

* Hymn 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

* Benediction

Postlude

For All the Saints

ARR. AARON DAVID MILLER

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. John Cook, Rev. Molly Spangler, Kat Dragner, Lynn Kelley, and the Chancel Choir, under the direction of Dr. Alicia Walker.

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

Announcements

ALL SAINTS' DAY EVENING CANDLE LIGHTING. The Memorial Garden will be open 5:30-6:30 p.m. today. Come and spend a few moments in prayer or light a candle for a loved one. While there is no formal service, there will be music in the background, and pastors will be on-site.

MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE: STEWARDSHIP 2022. While stewardship is a lifelong, year-round spiritual practice, we emphasize financial stewardship in November as we plan next year's budget using your pledges as a guide to spending. We hope you will prayerfully consider your gift to Shandon this year. Every gift is a blessing to the church that helps us reach out through worship, care for our members and support to our community. Thank you!

- A stewardship sermon series will run through November 14.
- November 14, Dedication Sunday, will include an outdoor reception following worship and a churchwide service project that afternoon. We have adopted a section of Woodrow Street through Keep the Midlands Beautiful, and this will be our first cleanup day. Meet on the front lawn at 3:30 p.m., and we will care for our creation by picking up trash and litter. Be sure to wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAYS. Our monthly SOW fellowship meal and programs will meet November 10 and December 8. All choirs continue to meet weekly according to the schedule. A nursery is provided each Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. Look for updates in your email. The adult program on November 10 is "The Habit of Gratitude." Kayla Williams, marketing and operations manager at Willis HR, will provide insight into how to establish sustainable habits of daily gratitude and explore the life-changing impact gratitude can make.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15. We welcome your news for the December issue of The Spire. Please submit items of interest to the congregation to cward@shandonpresbyterian.org.

RECOMMENDATIONS SOUGHT FOR OFFICERS. The Nominating Committee seeks your recommendations for individuals to serve in the role of elder, deacon and trustee. A slate of five elders, five deacons and two trustees will be presented to the congregation for approval to serve a three-year term as the Class of 2025. You may submit a form online at bit.ly/spcofficers, download and print a form at bit.ly/spcofficers2022 to drop off or mail to the church office, or submit recommendations to Sarah Ramsey, sarahsramsey@gmail.com. Please submit recommendations by November 17.

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.

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.

ADVENT FESTIVAL: NOVEMBER 28. Join us on the front lawn 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, November 28, for the annual Advent Festival with activities for all ages to kick off the season. Make a live greenery Advent wreath for your home, or help pack toiletry kits to share in our community. We also will have crafts for all ages and enjoy hearty treats and warm drinks.

RETREAT: SAVE THE DATE. Please mark your calendar for the upcoming Dr. John M. Preston Shandon Retreat March 11-13, 2022, at Montreat, North Carolina. We look forward to this time of reconnecting and renewal during this intergenerational weekend. More details and registration information will follow soon.

Upcoming Worship & Sermon Series Information



October 31

Too Much Generosity?
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

November 7: All Saints' Day

Not Enough Time
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

November 14: Dedication Sunday

More Than We Can Imagine
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

November 21: UKirk Sunday

Rebecca Guzman, Guest Preacher
UKirk Students providing additional leadership

November 28 — December 24

Advent and Christmas: The Thrill of Hope

*Worship Archives: shandonpresbyterian.org
Sermon Podcast: soundcloud.com/shandonpresbyterian*

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
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