



Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

Stewardship Sunday

November 12, 2023 • 10:30 am



Moses Viewing the Promised Land, by Frederic Edwin

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

Matthew McCall

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ARR. COLLEEN ADENT

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.

Introit

Youth Choir

ASHLEE POOLE, DIR.

Give Thanks

HENRY SMITH

* Call to Worship

Almighty God, we gather in your presence,
believing that you are not finished with us.

**Come among us, we pray;
do not hesitate to use us for gospel work.**

Even when the way is unclear,
fashion in us unwavering conviction.

**Give us courage enough for active love — love offered with all our hearts, all our souls, all our minds, and all our strength.
Inspire our dreams for a new world.**

* Hymn 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

Call to Confession

April Martin

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
Forgive our timid imaginations
and our dreams that are too small.**

**We assume things are as they must be,
so we struggle to envision anything else.**

**Forgive our poor memory
and our fragile trust.**

**We remember no help in ages past,
so we summon no hope for years to come.**

**Forgive our cynical hearts
and our tired fear.**

**We have been wearied by the brokenness around us
so we are suspicious of joy when it appears.**

**Come, Holy Spirit.
Lead us to your promised land
and your promised day.** *(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

Richard Hughes deTreville, son of Ferris and Chris deTreville

Presentation

Richard Kennette

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Welcome

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the cross of Christ the King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
jofully now God's praises we sing.**

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

Betty Gurnell

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 34 (page 191 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

I: imagination, incarnation

Responding to the Word

* Hymn

Deep in the Shadows of the Past (*printed on insert*)

KINGSFOLD

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.

Jubilate Deo

BENJAMIN BRITTEN

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves.
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise be ye thankful unto him,
and seek good of his name. For the Lord is gracious,
his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth for generations.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

* Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

* Prayer of Dedication
Rev. John Cook

It is because we care that we have come to this place,
and it is because you care, O God, that we are welcome in your presence.

It is because we are grateful that we lift our hymns of praise,
and it is because you are gracious that you choose to listen with joy.

It is because we are hopeful that we come with our offerings,
**and it is because you are the source of all hope
that these offerings can become instruments of gospel work.**

We return to you now a portion of all you have given us.
**Take it and use it, we pray, to reveal your glory
and move us ever closer to your promised day.**

* Hymn 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS

* Benediction

Postlude

Thine the Amen

ARR. K. LANGLOIS

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Ann Maynard and Belle Maynard (acolytes), the Youth Choir, directed by Ashlee Poole, April Martin, Richard Kennette, Heather Woolard-Lawson, Betty Gurnell, Rev. John Cook, the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, and Byron Duell (livestream).

THE FLOWERS on the table are given to the glory of God and in honor of Richard Hughes deTreville's baptism, by his grandparents Becky and Richard Kennette and Joyce and Paul deTreville.

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

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE — To support the humanitarian response to the conflict in Israel and Palestine, organized by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, go to bit.ly/pdapalestine.

SOW THANKSGIVING — Celebrate Thanksgiving with us during SOW this Wednesday, November 15. Dinner will take place in Davis Hall at 5:15 pm, followed by Messy Church at 6:10 pm. Childcare will be available beginning at 6 pm for infants and toddlers. Reservations for dinner are requested for dinner by Monday, November 13. Make reservations on Realm or by calling the church office at (803) 771-4408.

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDSGIVING — Shandon's Young Adult ministry will gather at the home of Jordan and Garrett Humphries for Friendsgiving on Sunday, November 19, 6-9 pm. 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 —The framed and signed prints featured in the Atrium Gallery's current installation, "Letter by Letter: Framing Faith," by Allison Croxton are available for purchase. Go to shandonpresbyterian.org/atriumgallery to purchase by November 19. Purchasing ends at 6 pm on November 19. Purchases may be picked up from the church office from December 10-17.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS — The Nominating Committee seeks your recommendations for individuals to serve in the role of elder, deacon, and trustee. A slate of nominees will be presented to the congregation for approval to serve a three-year term as the Class of 2027. You may submit a form online at bit.ly/SPCnominations23, pick up a printed form at the church, or submit recommendations to Hugh Jacobs at hughjacobs@bellsouth.net. Please submit recommendations by December 3.

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 enjoying holiday lights. Purchase your own tickets beginning November 1 at riverbanks.org. Call the Church Office at (803) 771-4408 if you would like to carpool.

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT — Mark your calendars for March 8-10, 2024 for the church-wide retreat for 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. Deadline to sign up is December 3.

POINSETTIAS — Help us decorate the Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season while remembering or honoring a loved one. All poinsettias will be in 6.5 inch pots wrapped in gold foil. Order online at bit.ly/spcpoinsettias. Order-forms are also available at the reception desk. Orders should be placed by Wednesday, December 13. You may pick up your poinsettias beginning December 27.

ADVENT FESTIVAL — The annual Advent Festival will take place after worship on December 3. A light lunch will be provided. Activities and crafts for all ages include Advent calendars, ornaments, wreath-making, luminaries, and more. There will also be a service project assembling toiletry kits for residents of the Pallet Shelter.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT — Shandon's children will present the annual Christmas Pageant at 4 pm on Christmas Eve. There are roles available for all ages, infants (accompanied by a parent or guardian) through adults. Children through 5th grade will be assigned roles based on their age. Sign up at bit.ly/pageant24. Adult volunteers are invited to contact Heather Woolard-Lawson at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org.

A SHANDON CHRISTMAS CONCERT — On Sunday, December 10 at 4 pm, Shandon's music ministry and Capital City Brass will present Cecilia McDowall's "Christus Natus Est" and Bob Chilcott's "Gloria." These pieces will be interspersed with congregational and other favorites. There is no cost to attend, but a retiring offering will benefit Lutheran Family Service's Circle of Welcome, one of Shandon's outreach ministries with refugee families.

BONFIRE AND CHILI DINNER — Join us on the Church Lawn, December 10 at 5 pm for chili, hot drinks, s'mores, and singing around the bonfire. If you can, bring your own chairs and blankets (but don't worry, we'll have extras available as needed). We'll provide the hot drinks and s'mores, but you provide the chili. To help us plan, please sign up at bit.ly/SPCchili if you plan to bring chili to share.

EMS CLOSET — The EMS Closet is a non-profit organization established to help meet the clothing needs of students in grades K-12 who are living in poverty or whose families have encountered temporary financial hardship. Present EMS Closet needs include: African-American hair products, long sleeve t-shirts, books for high school and middle school children, underwear in all sizes. Donations may be placed in the designated bin near the reception desk.

SISTERCARE — Presbyterian Women are collecting the following items for Sistercare during November: gas cards, feminine hygiene products, toiletries, paper products, baby products, cleaning supplies, spiral journals. Donations may be placed in the designated bin near the reception desk. For more information, contact Mary Rogers at visting@yahoo.com.

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD — During November, we are collecting peanut butter and cheese crackers.

CAFE JUSTO — During November and December, buy 10 bags of Cafe Justo coffee and get one free bag! Plus a free Christmas gift bag with every gift purchase. To order, contact Rowena Nylund at rnylund@sc.rr.com.

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 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)
- 12 pm** Nominating Committee (Library)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (McDonald Youth Center)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 9 am** Finance Ministry (Zoom)
- 9:30 am** Presbytery (FPC Laurens)
- 5:30 pm** Worship and Music Ministry (Room 224)
- 7 pm** Outreach Ministry (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 9:30 am** Quilt Group (Room 210)
- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:15 pm** SOW Dinner (Davis Hall)
- 6 pm** Childcare for Infants and Toddlers (Room 106)
- 6:10 pm** Messy Church: Thanksgiving (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 pm** Shandon Ringers Rehearsal (Room 223)
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 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)
- 6 pm** Young Adult Friendsgiving (off-site)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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