



Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

UKirk Thanksgiving Harvest Sunday

November 19, 2023 • 10:30 am



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

Glorify Thy Name

ARR. MARK HAYES

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

Welcome

Rev. John Cook

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

Sing, children of God. Let choruses of God's glory catch the breeze and dance their way to the sky.

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Seek, children of God. Make life a treasure hunt for signs of God's strength and faithfulness.

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Remember, children of God. May your daydreams overflow with memories of miracles. May your night dreams replay God's wonders unfathomable.

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Worship, children of God. Bow the knees of your trembling heart before our holy Creator.

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever. Let us worship God!

* Hymn 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDOR

Call to Confession

Claire Dishman

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Creator,

so much has been given to us,

yet we often take it for granted.

Remind us that we are entitled to nothing.

You call us to live in loving community with others,

but we place our wants in front of helping others.

While Jesus showed us how to humble ourselves and serve,

**we are reluctant to give too much of our time or resources away,
in case we need them.**

**Forgive us, O God, for all the times we've hoarded your gifts,
failed to say thank you,
or allowed our worry to get in the way of fully loving.
Reshape us, that our lives may be reoriented to thanksgiving.
And hear us now as we offer our personal prayers of confession to you.**
(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 Word with Children

Heather Woolard-Lawson Worship Readiness Graduation

*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

Jordan Roberts

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 107:1-16

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things. Some sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in misery and in irons, for they had rebelled against the words of God and spurned the counsel of the Most High. Their hearts were bowed down with hard labor; they fell down, with no one to help. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; he brought them out of darkness and gloom, and broke their bonds apart. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon
Rev. Parker Lucas

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Responding to the Word

* Hymn 31

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

MONKLAND

Prayers of the People
Kristin Hair

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
Josh Welch

*You may also give by texting SHANDONPC to 73256,
on Venmo (@ShandonPres), or by visiting shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Anthem
Andrew Hebert

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
DAN FORREST

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with thee!
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed, thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest;
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine with thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed, thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

* 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

* Hymn 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

* Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on Monkland

ALBERT TRAVIS

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. John Cook, UKirk students (Claire Dishman, Kristin Hair, Joe Hicks, Jordan Roberts, and Josh Welch), the Worship Readiness Class (Clark Humphries, Ella Murray Kirkpatrick, Heath Hoefer, Henry Ramsey, Kit Winburn, Luke Oden, Mary Allyson Hassinger, Owen Hall, Rachel Lutterbie, Rowan O’Cain, Spencer Pavy, William Killen), Andrew Hebert, and the Chancel Choir.

TODAY’S LITRUGY — The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession are from the UKirk Ministries UWorship Resource.

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

UKIRK THANKSGIVING HARVEST SUNDAY celebrates Shandon’s abundant harvest in campus ministry. For the 40+ students, faculty, and staff we serve in ministry weekly, great thanksgiving to Shandon for your 23-years of faithful support. We celebrate the 27 UKirk alumni helped to and through seminary, 23 alumni serving churches, and 7 alumni sent out in mission – not to mention the untold UKirk alumni serving as coaches, deacons, disciples, elders, missionaries, students, servant-leaders, Sunday School teachers, and youth advisors. Thanksgiving to you, Shandon!

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.

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 6 pm today. Purchases may be picked up from the church office from December 10-17.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 favorite congregational carols. There is no cost to attend, but a retiring offering will benefit Lutheran Family Services' 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.

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.

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.

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 visthing@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 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)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

No events scheduled.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 12:30 pm** Church Office closed for Thanksgiving.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- All Day** Church Office closed for Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- All Day** Church Office closed for Thanksgiving
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 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)
- 12:00 pm** Tell Me More About Shandon (Davis Hall)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4:30 pm** Shandon at Riverbanks Zoo Lights (off-site)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff
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