



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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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

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

ARR. FRANKLIN D. ASHDOWN

During the prelude, you are invited to reflect upon these words from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA).

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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

Sing praise to God who reigns above —

**above the happy and the sad,
above an ant and an elephant,
above the weak and the strong,
above a blade of grass and an entire vineyard,
above the courageous and the fearful,
above a drop of rain and an ocean current,
above the earnest and the exhausted,
above every extreme and every in-between.**

To God all praise and glory —

**let us worship the God of power and love,
the God of our salvation.**

* Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Call to Confession

April Martin

Prayer of Confession

**O God of All Creation,
The world you created is beautiful —
so beautiful it takes our breath away;
awe fills our hearts.
But that world is also broken —
so broken it takes our breath away;
fear fills our hearts.
We do not always feel strong enough to do the right thing;
we do not always trust we can make a difference;
we do not always believe things will get better;
which means we do not always have enough faith in you.
Help us be your people fully, we pray. *(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.**

* Summary of God's Law

...“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?”

Jesus said to him:

**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

**On these two commandments
hang all the law and the prophets.”**

* 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

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

Leslie Roth

Scripture Lesson

John 8:2-11

Early in the morning Jesus came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of them, they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

These Days Require Courage

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 755

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

WEISSE FLAGGEN

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 Love

ELAINE HAGENBERG

O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy oceans depths its flow
shall richer, fuller be.

O joy, that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my eyes to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

* 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 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

* Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on Cwm Rhondda

PAUL MANZ

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, April Martin, Heather Woolard-Lawson, Leslie Roth, the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr Jabarie Glass, and Byron Duell (live-stream).

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

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

Announcements

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD — During January, we are collecting fruit cups in water and shelf-stable milk. Shandon provides weekend food for local who are food insecure on weekends. Volunteers are needed to deliver food and return empty bags to the church. Contact Rowena Nylund at (803) 743-7122. Sign-up to volunteer at bit.ly/spcweekendbackpack.

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAYS — Shandon on Wednesdays is back! Dinner is in Davis Hall at 5:15 pm, followed by programming for all ages at 6 pm. Childcare will be available beginning at 6 pm for infants and toddlers. Reservations for dinner are requested for dinner by Monday, January 8. Make reservations on Realm or by calling the church office at (803) 771-4408.

HEMMED IN — Join us Wednesday, January 17 in Room 209 as Heather Woolard-Lawson leads a class on sewing basics. The class will cover sewing on buttons, mending tears, patchwork, and more! Bring your questions (and small mending projects!). All necessary supplies will be provided.

DANCE CLASSES — Elder-turned-dance instructor Garrett Humphries will teach a series of shag lessons January 17, 24, and 31 at 6 pm in the Activity Center. Attendance at the first class is strongly encouraged in order to properly enjoy the remaining classes. No experience required; no partner is necessary.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING — Interested in volunteering with our children or youth ministries? Join us Sunday, January 21 at 9:15 am in Room 202 for a Child Protection Policy Training and to complete required background checks. Please bring a laptop, if possible. Questions? Contact Jen Lutterbie at jennifer.lutterbie@gmail.com.

CIRCLE OF WELCOME — Interested in helping Shandon surround a refugee family with welcome and love as they settle in to a new life in Columbia? For more information, contact Circle of Welcome Team Leader Lynn Betterly at dancinglady5572@gmail.com, or John Cook at jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org.

BLOOD DRIVE — Shandon will host a blood drive on Sunday, January 21 from 9 am to 1 pm in the Activity Center. Scheduling an appointment is not required, but does help us plan. Go to redcrossblood.com and enter sponsor code ShandonPres.

HYMN FESTIVAL — Arts at Shandon is excited to present a hymn festival celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, Sunday, January 21 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. This free event will feature Dr. Johnnie Felder as soloist, Christopher Leyseth as guest organist, our very own Chancel Choir, and an update from MORE Justice leaders.

MONTREAT WORSHIP AND MUSIC — The week of June 16-22, come and experience meaningful worship, lots of music-making opportunities, and all sorts of workshops for a week in the mountains of Montreat, NC. Adults, children, and youth all welcome — this is a wonderfully intergenerational event. Please note: church staff will attend, but not as chaperones. Youth and children must have an adult in attendance to whom they are responsible. Contact Matt McCall at mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org with questions or to sign up. Deadline to sign up is January 31. Space is limited.

BAPTISM ORIENTATION — If your family is considering participating in the sacrament of baptism, please join Rev. Jenny McDevitt and Director of Children's Ministry Heather Woolard-Lawson for an orientation class designed to help answer any questions about the meaning or logistics of baptism. This class will be offered on February 4 at 11:30 in the Sanctuary. Sign up by emailing Heather at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org.

Upcoming Worship

Christmas has come, and Christ with it. And so we rejoice! We rejoice because we are strengthened and encouraged that we are not alone in this world — this world that is both astonishingly beautiful and yet still tremendously broken. How do we as Christians live faithfully in the midst of such complexity? Our winter sermon series will explore some of the ways Christians can be a voice for reason, justice, and truth in a world that so often seems to spin toward other extremes. Rev. Jenny McDevitt will preach.

January 7 | Choosing How We See Each Other

January 14 | These Days Require Courage

January 21 | Humility is the Posture We Need

January 28 | Deciding Who and What Shapes Us

February 4 | Trusting the Truth (and Pursuing It)

February 11 | Having a Vision For, Not Just Anger Against

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

- 9 am** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 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)
- 2 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (McDonald Youth Center)
- 7 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)r

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Church Office closed.

- 6 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 8 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

- 6 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)
- 6 pm** MORE Justice Steering Committee (Room 224)
- 6:15 pm** Session (Room 209)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5 pm** Presbyterian Women (Parlor)
- 5:15 pm** SOW Dinner (Davis Hall)
- 6 pm** Childcare (Room 106)
- 6 pm** Children's Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:10 pm** Hemmed-in (Room 209)
- 6:10 pm** Dance Lessons (Activity Center)
- 6:30 pm** Children's Bible Study (Room 224)
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

- 6 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)
- 6:30 pm** Shandon Weekday School Board (Room 209)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

- 8:30 am** Youth Basketball Games
- 9 am** Presbyterian Women (Davis Hall)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

- 9 am** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 9:15 am** Child Protection Training (Room 202)
- 10 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 2 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4 pm** Arts at Shandon Hymn Festival (Sanctuary)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (McDonald Youth Center)
- 7 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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