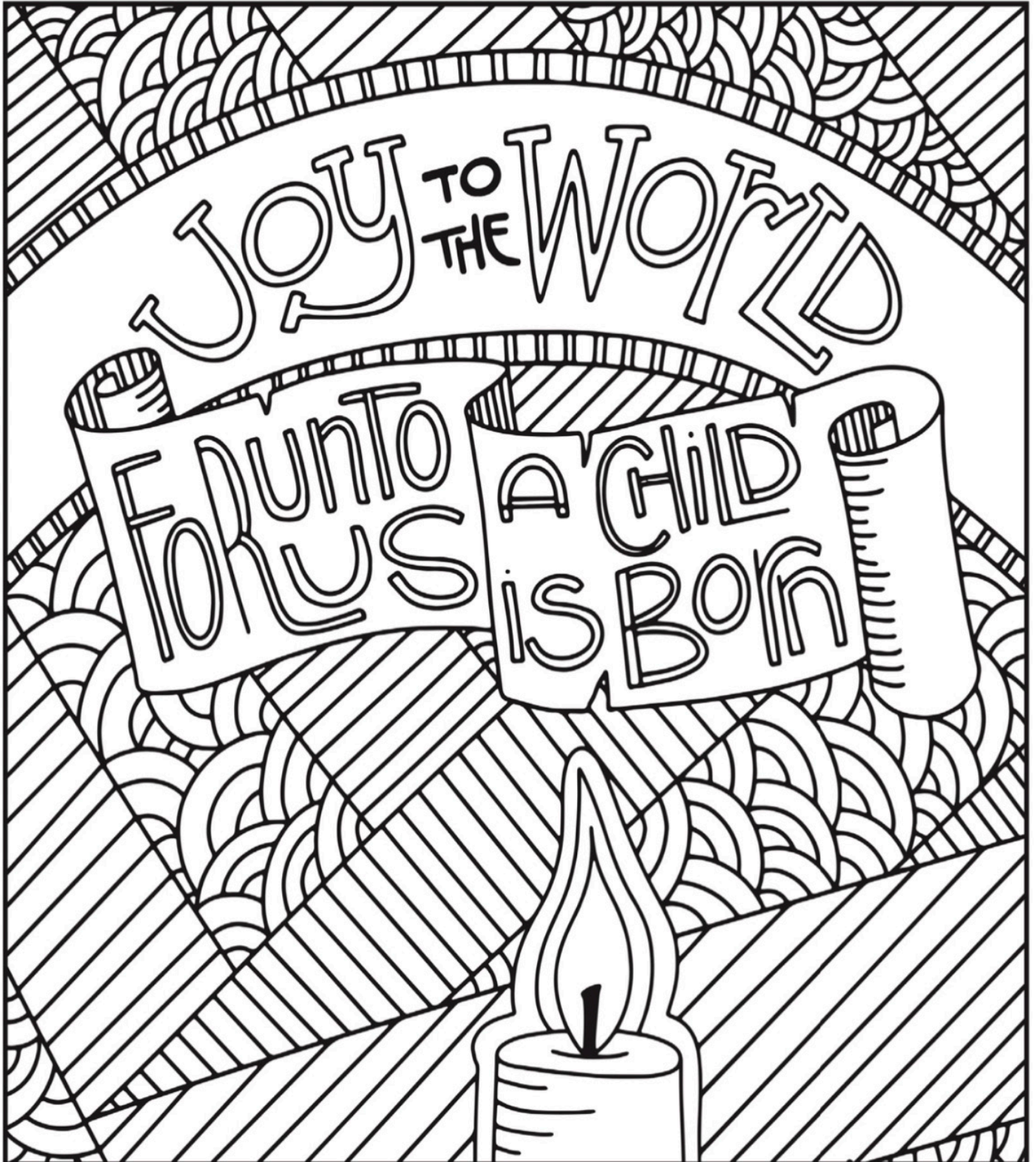




Shandon Presbyterian Church  
607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

Christmas Eve • December 24, 2022 • 4 pm



## Merry Christmas from Shandon Presbyterian Church

We are grateful to be together this Christmas Eve and we are delighted that you are with us. Tonight is a special night — there are angels among us! And shepherds and wise men, too. This service makes plain something we hold to be true all year: it takes all of us to tell the story of God’s love born to be with us. Which means whoever you are, whatever your background, wherever your faith has taken you (or not), there is a place for you here. That’s true for all ages. Children are always welcome, especially in worship. We know little ones come with a variety of sounds and wiggles, and that suits us just fine.

At Shandon Presbyterian Church, 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 week, we worship together as one unified community. Of course, even this looks different in recent months. In addition to in-person worship, every service is also live-streamed. Worship videos are available at any time in our online archives ([shandonpresbyterian.org](http://shandonpresbyterian.org)). We joyfully worship a God whose Spirit is big enough to gather us together no matter where we may be.

We believe that hospitality is important and friendship is holy. That’s why we enjoy fellowship and refreshments outside on the Church Lawn after Sunday morning services. (Yes, even in these colder days!) 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 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.

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

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 worship services as welcoming for our littlest ones as possible, we provide engaging worship bags and a Word with Children every Sunday morning. After the Word with Children on Sundays, kindergarten-aged children and younger may leave for extended care or stay for the remainder of worship. It is always a joy to have your children and all the wiggles, giggles, questions, noises, and insights they bring. 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 at [hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org).

## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Matthew McCall*

I Saw Three Ships

ARR. JOSEPH MARTIN

Call to Worship

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness,  
on them, light has shined.

**For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

This will be a sign for you:  
you will find a child wrapped in cloth  
and lying in a manger.

**And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host,  
praising God and saying,  
Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth, peace among all those he favors!**

Let us join our voices with the angels and sing.

\* Carol

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

ADESTE FIDELIS

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels!  
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, glory in the highest!  
O come let us adore him; O come let us adore him;  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born that happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Elizabeth Crouch and  
Andy Kahle, with Hollins  
and Frannie*

Light looked down and saw darkness.

**"I will go there," said Light.**

Hope looked down and saw despair.

**"I will go there," said Hope.**

Peace looked down and saw war.

**"I will go there," said Peace.**

Joy looked down and saw sorrow.

**"I will go there," said Joy.**

Love looked down and saw hatred.

**"I will go there," said Love.**

And so it came to be that the Lord of Light,  
the Source of Hope,  
the Prince of Peace,  
the Creator of Joy,  
the King of Love,  
the Son of God,  
came down and crept in beside us.

\* Carol

### **Love Has Come**

BRING A TORCH

**Love has come: a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies;  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it.  
Hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high!**

A Prayer for Christmas Eve  
*Heather Woolard*

**Baby Jesus, born this night,  
full of grace and full of might.  
Help us always to follow the star  
and to be like the shepherds who traveled so far.  
Let us be like the magi who worshipped the king  
and let us be like the angels who still celebrate and sing.  
We are your children, may we always remember,  
so let us be loving, graceful, and tender.  
When we've lost our way, we trust you'll be there  
shining your light and offering your care.  
We're here to adore you, the one born in the hay;  
you're changing the world, starting today.**

Assurance of God's Grace

\* Response

### **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

## **Proclaiming the Word**

The Christmas Story  
*Rev. John Cook  
and Mayzie Winburn*

Mary and Joseph

Matthew 1:18-25



Anthem

*Christian Mitchell*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The Journey to Bethlehem

Luke 2:1-5

Congregational Carol

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

ST. LOUIS

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

Jesus is Born

Luke 2:6-7

Anthem

*Arise and Shine*

*Children's Choir*

Away in a Manger

The Angels Visit the Shepherds

Luke 2:8-14

Anthem

Angels We Have Heard on High

The Shepherds Visit the Stable

Luke 2:15-20

Congregational Carol

**The First Nowell**

THE FIRST NOWELL

**The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the king of Israel.**

Royal Visitors from the East

Matthew 2:1-12

Congregational Carol

**We Three Kings of Orient Are**

KINGS OF ORIENT

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

Why We Tell the Story

**Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

GO TELL IT

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching, o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**Responding to the Word**

Prayer

Offering

*You may also give by texting SHANDONPC to 73256  
or visiting our website, shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Musical Offering

What Child is This?

ARR. MARK HAYES

\* Response

**Angels from the Realms of Glory**

REGENT SQUARE

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!**

\* Sharing the Light

\* Carol

**Silent Night, Holy Night!**

STILL NACHT

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
'round yon virgin mother and child, Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King:  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.**

\* A Prayer by Candlelight

\* Carol

## Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

Linus and Lucy

VINCE GUARALDI

## Worship Notes

**LEADING WORSHIP THIS EVENING** are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Elizabeth Crouch and Andy Kahle with Hollins and Frannie, and Heather Woolard.

**WITH THANKS** to all those who helped tell the Christmas story this evening, including:

ANGELS (ages 3-5): James Fant, Nathan Hassinger, Tripp Hassinger, Heath Hoefler, Lola Hoefler, Emma Humphries, Frannie Kahle, Wells Keeney, Quinn Killen, Rachel Lutterbie, Ella Murray, Luke Oden, Spencer Pavy, Roland Phelps, Ellie Ramsey, Henry Ramsey, Nathan Roberts, Porter Tinman, and Kit Winburn

HEAD ANGELS: Emily Culp and Isabelle Maynard

ANIMALS (ages 6-7): Sidney Culp, Stella Fields, States Hamilton, Mary Allyson Hassinger, Clark Humphries, Hollins Kahle, William Killen, Ann Hudson Maynard, Rowan O'Cain, Nazareth Pavy, Vivian Pickle, Larkin Roberts, Isla Simoneaux, Izzy Tarr, and Maddie Tarr.

HEAD ANIMALS: McCall Kemp and Ruth Phelps

SHEPHERDS (ages 8-9): Walker Kemp, Amelia Lutterbie, Christian Mitchell, Bryce Oden, Olivia Pavy, and Wilder Phelps

HEAD SHEPHERD: Rayan Boutahar

HEAD SHEEP: Nola Armstrong

MARY, JOSEPH, AND BABY JESUS: Ashley, Phil, and Jackson Simoneaux

HEAD STAR: Addie-Grace Cook

MAGI: Hall Gladden, Betty Gurnell, and John Maynard

KING HEROD: Rev. Franklin Fant

NARRATORS: Rev. John Cook and Mayzie Winburn

## Information and Announcements

**LESSONS AND CAROLS** — Sing the season with us one more time at 10:30 am on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25. Wear your cozy pajamas or your Christmas finery (or anything in between). Christmas cookies and hot chocolate will be available afterward!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Sunday School classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 8 at 9:15 am.

**SHANDON ON WEDNESDAYS (SOW)** — Beginning January 11, join us each Wednesday for dinner and programming for all ages. Dinner takes place at 5 pm in the Activity Center. At 6 pm, there is adult programming, Youth Bible study, and Arise & Shine Children's Choir rehearsal. At 6:30 pm there is Children's Bible study and Shandon Ringers rehearsal. At 7:30 pm there is Chancel Choir rehearsal. Dinner reservations are due each Monday by 6 pm. Childcare is available for children under the age of four.

**CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC** — Shandon has musical opportunities for children of all ages! Children and youth are encouraged to join the fun making music together and in worship. Arise and Shine Children's Choir will resume on January 11 at 6 pm in the Choir Room. Youth Music (6th-12th grades) will resume on January 8 at 5 pm in the Choir Room. Contact Matt McCall ([mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org)) for more information.

From all of us at  
Shandon Presbyterian Church,

*Merry Christmas!*

May you always remember the depth of God's love which is born to us this night.

### **The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church**

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