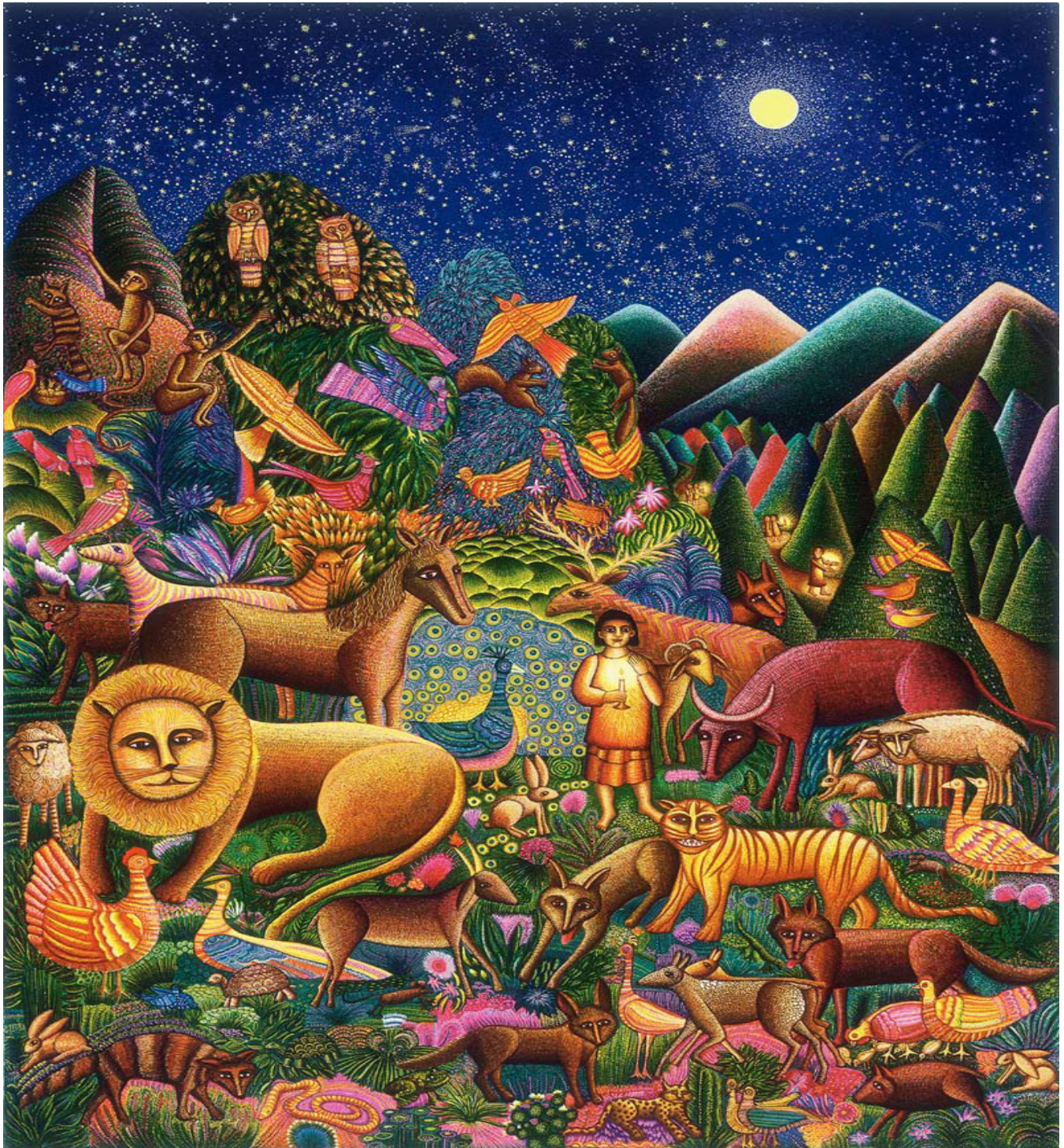




# Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

The Second Sunday of Advent  
December 10, 2023 • 10:30 am



*Peaceable Kingdom, John August Swanson*

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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](mailto:hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org). Our child protection policy can be viewed at [bit.ly/spcchildprotection](https://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](mailto:jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org).

## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Matthew McCall*

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

ARR. DAVID LASKY

*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.*

Lighting the Advent Candle

*Tiffany Beverly  
and Jon Edwards*

**O Sing a Song of Bethlehem**

ELLACOMBE

**O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,  
And of the news that came to them from angels in the air:  
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;  
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing always.**

Remember with us what the prophet promised:

**"They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord."**

*Isaiah 11:9*

\* Hymn 87

**Comfort, Comfort Now My People**

GENEVAN 42

Call to Confession

*Rev. John Cook*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, forgive us.**

**For not only do we struggle to believe in peace,  
we struggle to believe**

**that wisdom is worth pursuing,  
that courage can roar quietly,  
that tenderness can be strong,  
and that wonder is faithful.**

**In these Advent days ahead, remind us once again  
how all things are possible.**

*(Silent prayer)*

Assurance of God's Grace

\* Response of Praise

### **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!**

\* 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

*Henry Paschal Moore, son of Justin Drafts and Graeme Moore*

Presentation and Questions

*Scott Winburn and Gus Winburn*

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Welcome

Hymn 488

### **I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry**

WATERLIFE

Prayer for Illumination

*Cappy Boswell*

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the

hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

## Responding to the Word

\* Hymn 129

**Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

ES IST EIN' ROS'

Prayers of the People

April Martin

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](http://shandonpresbyterian.org).

Anthem

Chancel Choir

DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming with The Rose

ARR. CRAIG HELLA JOHNSON

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung

*Some say love, it is a river, that drowns the tender reed.*

of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.

*Some say love, it is a razor, that leaves your soul to bleed.*

It came a floweret bright,

*Some say love, it is a hunger, an endless aching need;*

amid the cold of winter,

*I say love, it is a flower, and you, its only seed.*

when half-spent was the night.

*It's the heart afraid of breaking that never learns to dance;*

*it's the dream afraid of waking that never takes the chance;*

*it's the one who won't be taken who cannot seem to give;*

*and the soul afraid of dying, that never learns to live.*

This flower whose fragrance tender, with sweetness fills the air,

*When the night, has been too lonely and the road has been too long.*

dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.

*And you think that love is only for the lucky, and the strong.*

True man, yet very God,  
*Just remember in the winter far beneath the bitter snow;*  
from sin and death he saves us,  
*lies the seed that with the sun's love, in the spring becomes the rose.*  
and lightens every load.

\* Response

**In the Bleak Midwinter**

CRANAHM

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise one, I would do my part;  
yet, what I can I give him: give my heart.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn 105

**People, Look East**

BESANCON

\* Benediction

Postlude

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

ARR. AARON SHOWS

## Worship Notes

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY** are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Tiffany Beverly, Jon Edwards, Rev. John Cook, Heather Woolard-Lawson, Scott Winburn, Gus Winburn, Cappy Boswell, April Martin, the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, and Chase Hicks (livestream).

**TODAY'S LITURGY** — The Advent Candle Lighting and Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

**AFTER WORSHIP** join us on the front sidewalk for refreshments and fellowship. A deacon will be present in the Sower's Chapel for prayer.

## Announcements

**A SHANDON CHRISTMAS CONCERT** — This afternoon at 4 pm, Shandon's music ministry and Capital City Brass will present a concert of seasonal music, along with favorite congregational carols. 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 in Davis Hall today at 5 pm for chili, hot drinks, and singing carols. We'll provide the hot drinks but you provide the chili. You'll get to vote on your favorite chili and the winner will be named Shandon's Chili Master.

**POINSETTIAS** — Help us decorate the Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season while remembering or honoring a loved one. Purchase online at [bit.ly/spcpoinsettias](https://bit.ly/spcpoinsettias). Forms are also available at the reception desk. Purchase deadline is Wednesday, December 13. Take poinsettias home after the 8 pm Christmas Eve service.

**FAMILY PROMISE** — There will be a giving tree with additional options for Christmas giving during the fellowship time after worship today and in the reception area next week. Family Promise works to support families through the difficult process of recovery from homelessness.

**ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET** — This annual event provides an easy and meaningful way to honor your family and friends by making donations in their names. This year's supported organizations are: Free Medical Clinic, Mwandi Orphan and Vulnerable Children Centre (Zambia), and the Salvation Army. Visit [bit.ly/3EfEPmz](https://bit.ly/3EfEPmz) to give or bring cash or check to the Church Office.

**WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD** — During December, we are collecting 16-ounce containers of peanut butter.

**CAFE JUSTO** — Buy 10 bags of Cafe Justo coffee and get one free bag! Plus a free colorful Christmas gift-bag with every gift purchase. To order, contact Rowena Nylund.

**SERVICE OF THE LONGEST NIGHT** — If you are experiencing grief, sadness or uncertainty this holiday season, join us for a quiet, prayerful service at 7 pm, Thursday, December 21, and be reminded that the light still shines, even when we can't see it. Rev. Jenny McDevitt will preach.

**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. Sign up at [bit.ly/pageant24](https://bit.ly/pageant24). Adults, contact Heather Woolard-Lawson at [hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org) to sign-up.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP** — Join us for worship on Christmas Eve!

**4 pm** — Family Worship Service and Children's Christmas Pageant

**8 pm** — Candlelight Worship Service with Choir, Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

**11:30 pm** — Welcoming Christmas Service on the Sanctuary Steps, with scripture, prayer, and carols

We will still worship at 10:30 am, but will observe the Fourth Sunday of Advent rather than Christmas Eve during that service.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE BREAKFAST CHURCH** — We'll gather around tables in the Activity Center to worship over breakfast. We will celebrate the hope and promise of a new year with song, prayer, scripture, and reflection. (And bagels.) RSVPs are never required for worship, but it will help us plan the meal. If possible, RSVP at [bit.ly/NYEBreakfastChurch](https://bit.ly/NYEBreakfastChurch).

**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.

## This Week at Shandon

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 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)
- 11:30 am** Children's Ministry (Room 224)
- 11:45 pm** Nominating Committee (Library)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4 pm** A Shandon Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)
- 5 pm** Advent Chili Dinner (Davis Hall)
- 7 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 9 am** Finance Ministry (Zoom)
- 3 pm** Abacus Group Memorial (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 9:30 am** Quilt Group (Room 210)
- 12:15 am** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:15 pm** Pizza for Pageant Participants (Davis Hall)
- 5:45 pm** Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 6 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 9:30 am** Santa at SWS (Sanctuary)
- 11 am** Hamilton Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 8:30 am** Youth Basketball Games (Activity Center)
- 11 am** Hamilton Wedding (Sanctuary)
- 4 pm** John Breland Memorial Service (Sanctuary)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 9 am** Childcare (Room 106)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 9:45 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)

### The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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