



Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

Third Sunday of Advent • December 11, 2022 • 10:30 am



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

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 107B 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 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.

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

Chiming of the Hour
John Maynard

Prelude
Chamber Orchestra

Prelude from Christmas Oratorio
CAMILLE SAINT-SAENS

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 of the Advent Candle
*Garrett and Jordan
Humphries*

People, Look East
BESANCON

**People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

* Hymn 113

Angels We Have Heard on High
GLORIA

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Incarnate God,
We sing of a silent night,
but we long to hear your voice.
We sing of joy to the world,
but we are too familiar with sorrow.
We sing O come, all ye faithful,
but our own faith is often lacking.
Draw near to us, O child of Bethlehem.
Come into our broken places with your light and your life.**
(Silent prayer)

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!**

* Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Proclaiming the Word

The Word with Children

Heather Woolard

Prayer for Illumination

Scott Winburn

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-3, 5-6 (Pew Bible, pg. 640 of the Old Testament)

This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Cantata

*Chancel Choir
and Chamber Orchestra*

Christmas Oratorio

CAMILLE SAINT-SAENS

Recitative and Chorus

There were shepherds at night in that same country abiding in the fields, and silently keeping their watch by night over the sleeping flocks around them. And lo! An angel of the Lord appeared, standing there beside them: and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid at his coming. And unto them the angel said: "Fear not, oh ye shepherds, for behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day a Savior, Christ, the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall be the sign: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger low." And suddenly there was with the angel a great multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory be unto God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to all."

Air

Patiently have I waited for the Lord. And lo! He heard my cry.

Air and Chorus

In my heart I believe, O Lord, that thou indeed art Christ,
Son of the living God; he who was to come into this world.

Benedictus

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. God, the Lord of Light hath shined upon us. Thou alone my God art, and all my trust is in thee. Oh, Lord, thou art my God. I will exalt thee and I will praise thy name.

Chorus

Wherefore do the heathen clamor? Why do the nations imagine vain and foolish things? Glory unto the Father, and unto the Son, and Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Trio

My soul doth magnify the Lord; my spirit hath rejoiced in God;
for mine eyes have seen thy glory.

Quartet

Alleluia! Ye heavens sing praises, be joyful on earth, for the Lord hath poured
his consolation upon his people, and he to his afflicted will be merciful.

Quintet and Chorus

Arise now, daughter of Zion! Alleluia! Praise God in the night! Praise him in the
first watches of the nighttime. Alleluia! That Zion's true glory might be
manifested, that her Savior might rise and shine before the nations. Alleluia!

Chorus

Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing his salvation, bless his name, show forth his
praise in his holy house! Rejoice ye heavens, and be joyful on earth, rejoice in
the face of the Lord for he cometh. Alleluia!

Responding to the Word

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
or visiting our website, shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Anthem

See Amid the Winter's Snow
ARR. DAN FORREST

* 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 man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
MENDELSSOHN

* Benediction

* Postlude

Angels from the Realms of Glory

ARR. EDWIN T. CHILDS

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are John Maynard, Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Garrett and Jordan Humphries, Heather Woolard, the Chancel Choir guest-directed by Michael Ballard, Emilio Alverson (violin), Nick England (violin), Sarah Steeves (viola), Rose DaGraca (cello), Spencer Jensen (bass), Denise Ruddell (harp) and soloists Dr. Johnnie Felder, Andrew Hebert, Daisy Lawrence, Jennifer Mitchell, Ashlee Poole, and Jasper Vasilevskis.

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

AFTER WORSHIP — Join us for cookies and fellowship on the front sidewalk. A deacon will be present near the baptismal font to receive prayer concerns or pastoral updates.

Announcements

ADVENT BONFIRE AND CHILI COOK-OFF — Join your Shandon church family and friends for the annual Advent Bonfire this evening at 5 pm. We will gather on the church lawn for chili by caroling and music around the bonfire. We will also have pizza for children. Bring a chair and a blanket and remember to invite our Shandon neighbors to join us this Advent season.

POINSETTIAS — Every year beautiful poinsettias adorn the sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas seasons. You may order poinsettias to remember or honor a loved one. Poinsettias will be in 6.5 inch pots wrapped in gold foil. Cost is \$16 each. Order online at bit.ly/spcpoinsettias2022 or pick up a printed order-form at the church. Order deadline is this Wednesday, December 14. You may pick up your poinsettias after December 25 to be enjoyed in your home.

SERVICE OF THE LONGEST NIGHT — The carols proclaim that it is “the most wonderful time of the year,” but for any number of reasons, the holidays can be heavy and hard, too. If you are experiencing grief, sadness or uncertainty that leaves you feeling like you’re wandering in the dark, join us for a quiet, prayerful service at 6 pm, Wednesday, December 21, and be reminded that the light still shines, even when we can’t see it. Rev. Jenny McDevitt will preach.

SHANDON HELPING FAMILIES — This year our Shandon Helping Families program will provide gifts for the families of Family Promise, books for the children of the Weekend Backpack Food Program (Rosewood and A.C. Moore elementary schools), and grocery gift cards for Meals on Wheels recipients. Backpack books need to be dropped off by **Tuesday, December 13**. No gift bags, please. Family Promise wrapped gifts and books and Meals on Wheels gift cards need to be dropped off by **Wednesday, December 15**.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET — This annual event provides an easy and meaningful way to honor your family and friends by making donations in their names. Three organizations will benefit this year: Live Oak Counseling Center, the Cooperative Ministry, and Sistercare. For details about how to participate, go to bit.ly/spcagm2022.

MONTREAT COLLEGE CONFERENCE— Shandon College Students join UKirk SC and 1,000 other students at Montreat College Conference, “Keep Going,” January 2-5. This conference is similar to the youth conferences, but tailored for college students. We will stay at the South Carolina Inn with students from other campus ministries around the state. Cost is \$200. Contact Rev. John Cook at jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org for more information or to register.

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

9 am	Childcare (Room 107B)
9:15 am	Sunday School (various locations)
9:15 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:30 am	Worship with Cantata (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
3:30 pm	5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
4 pm	Basketball Practice, Grades 8-9 Boys (Activity Center)
5 pm	Advent Bonfire and Chili Cook-off (Church Lawn)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:15 pm	Basketball Practice, Forest Lake (Activity Center)
6:15 pm	5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
6:45 pm	Boy Scouts (Room 224)
7 pm	Basketball Practice, Forest Lake (Activity Center)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

8 am	Finance Ministry (Zoom)
3 pm	Abacus' Annual Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
6:15 pm	Basketball Practice, Grades 4-5 Girls (Activity Center)
7 pm	Adult Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:30 am	Quilt Group (Room 210)
12:15 pm	Staff Meeting (Library)
5 pm	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Activity Center and Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

10 am	Thursday Morning Bible Study (Library)
4:30 pm	Family Promise Trip (Saluda Shoals)
6:15 pm	Basketball Practice, Grades 8-9 Boys (Activity Center)
7 pm	Basketball Practice, Grades 10-12 Boys, McLean (Activity Center)
8 pm	Basketball Practice, Grades 10-12 Boys, Hillman (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:15 pm	5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

10 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 am	Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
3:30 pm	5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
4 pm	Basketball Practice, Grades 8-9 Boys (Activity Center)
5 pm	Youth Group Christmas Party (Rev. McDevitt's Home)

Advent Worship



Observing traditions is part of what makes our Advent and Christmas seasons so powerful. This is true at church and, most likely, in your homes as well. Whether it's food, decorations, songs, candles, travel, or something else entirely, we all have certain ways we celebrate. This is the case for each of the gospel writers, too. Each of them has a certain way of telling the Christmas story. Join us this Advent as we visit each one of them "at home" in their gospel. Mark is too busy to decorate, but he understands the true meaning of the season. Matthew has a house overflowing with family and friends. John is partial to Christmas lights of every sort. And while Luke has the best music playing in the background, he's missing one of the essential items you keep on hand when you're expecting a special guest. What about you? How are you preparing to celebrate?

November 27 — Christmas at Mark's House

December 4 — Christmas at Matthew's House

December 11 — Special Music Presentation — "Christmas Oratorio," by Camille Saint-Saens

December 18 — Christmas at John's House

December 21 — Service of the Longest Night, 6 pm

December 24 — Christmas at Luke's House

Christmas Eve Worship

4 pm — Family and Children's Service

8 pm — Candlelight Communion Service with Choir

11 pm — Candlelight Communion Service

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