



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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This blessing
keeps nothing for itself.
You can find it
by following the path
of what it has let go,
of what it has learned it can live without.
Say this blessing out loud a few times
and you will hear the hollow places within it,
how it echoes in a way that gives your voice back to you
as if you had never heard it before.
Yet this blessing
would not be mistaken for any other,
as if,
in its emptying,
it had lost what makes it most itself.
It simply desires to have room enough
to welcome what comes.
Today, it's you.
So come and sit
in this place made holy by its hollows.
You think you have too much to do,
too little time, too great a weight of responsibility
that none but you can carry.
I tell you, lay it down.
Just for a moment,
if that's what you can manage at first.
Five minutes.
Lift up your voice—in laughter,
in weeping, it does not matter--
and let it ring against these spacious walls.
Do this
until you can hear the spaces within your own breathing.
Do this
until you can feel
the hollow in your heart where something is letting go,
where something is making way.

*Blessing That Becomes Empty
As It Goes*

by Jan Richardson

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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.

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

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

Adagio, from Symphony No. 5

CHARLES-MARIE WIDOR

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

To God the creator,
maker of the heavens and the earth:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

To Christ the Redeemer,
who forgives us and sets us free:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

To the Spirit, the Sustainer,
who carries us forward and inspires our living:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Hymn 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

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Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
**hear our prayer and, by your grace,
make us more like you.**

From the desire of being highly esteemed,
deliver us.

From the desire of being honored and extolled,
deliver us.

From the desire of being praised and preferred over others,
deliver us.

From the desire of being consulted and winning approval,
deliver us.

From the fear of being wrong,
deliver us.

From the fear of being wronged,
deliver us.

From the fear of being humiliated,
deliver us.

From the fear of being forgotten,
deliver us.

That others may be loved deeply,
grant us the grace to desire it.
That others may be more esteemed,
grant us the grace to desire it.
That, in the opinion of the world,
others may increase and we may decrease,
grant us the grace to desire it.
That others may be praised,
grant us the grace to desire it.
That others may become holier than us,
provided we become as holy as we ought to be,
grant us the grace to desire it. *(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

Jordan Humphries

Scripture Lessons

Philippians 2:1-11 (page 197 in the New Testament)

Philippians 4:8-9 (page 198 in the New Testament)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Humility Is the Posture We Need

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

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.*

Anthem

Chancel Choir

DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

I Will Be a Child of Peace

ELAINE HAGENBERG

O Holy Father, I will be a child of peace and purity;
for well I know thy hand will bless the seeker after righteousness.

* Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDETH

**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

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit, send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

* Benediction

Postlude

Fantasia

JOHANN KREBS

Worship Notes

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

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. The Prayer of Confession is adapted from Duke University Chapel Resources.

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

BLOOD DRIVE — Shandon is hosting a blood drive today until 1 pm in the Activity Center. If you are able to give, please consider participating in this life-saving event.

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

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAYS — Join us this Wednesday for SOW! Dinner is in Davis Hall at 5:15 pm, followed by programming for all ages. Childcare will be available beginning at 6 pm for infants and toddlers. Reservations for dinner are requested by noon Monday. Make reservations on Realm or call the church office at (803) 771-4408.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP — Men of the church are invited to build relationships, serve our community, and explore faith in action together. Join us for two upcoming activities: gather at Craft and Draft on Wednesday, January 31, at 7pm; attend a USC Men's Basketball game on Saturday, March 2 at 1pm. For more information, contact Peyton Hassinger at peyton.hassinger@gmail.com.

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 on February 4 at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary. Sign up by emailing Heather at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — Session has called the Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 11, immediately following the 10:30 am worship service. The congregation will receive the 2023 annual report and the 2024 budget, elect officers to the class of 2027, and approve pastoral terms of call. Officer bios will be available beginning January 28. The meeting will be live-streamed, but voting will be in-person only.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER — Join us for lunch and bingo in the Activity Center following the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 11, 2024. Youth will cook and serve the meal. Lunch is free, but donations received will support youth participating in summer trips.

EARLY CHURCH — During Lent, we will have a second Sunday morning worship service. Early Church will meet from 8:30-9:10 am in the Sanctuary. We will worship in a familiar, sacred space, but the service will have a distinctively different feel. We'll gather around tables set up throughout the Sower's Chapel and the front of the Nave with coffee and pastries. The liturgy will be similar to the 10:30 service, but somewhat abbreviated. Instead of a full-length sermon, a 5 minute introduction to the text will be offered, followed by guided conversation. Prayers will include specific requests you share with us. This service will take place February 18 and 25, and March 3, 10, 17, and 24. Childcare will be available.

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD — During January, we are collecting fruit cups in water and shelf-stable milk. Shandon provides food for local students 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.

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.

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. Youth and children must have an adult in attendance to whom they are responsible. Contact Matt McCall at mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org.

SIGN UP FOR ART AND THE BIBLE CAMP — Art and the Bible Camp will take place the week of July 8-12. Parents, go to bit.ly/artandthebible2024 to register children. To volunteer, go to bit.ly/volunteerartandthebible.

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 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 21

- 9 am Blood Drive (Activity Center)
- 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)

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

- 6 pm Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

- 9:30 am Quilt Group (Room 210)
- 12:15 pm Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:15 pm SOW Dinner (Davis Hall)
- 6 pm Childcare (Room 106)
- 6 pm Children's Choir (Choir Room)
- 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 25

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

- 4 pm Manna Retreat (off-site)
- 3:30 pm Tired Mothers' Retreat (off-site)
- 6 pm Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)
- 6:15 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

- All Day Manna Retreat (off-site)
- All Day Tired Mothers' Retreat (off-site)
- 8:30 am Youth Basketball Games
- 9:30 am LTO Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

- All Day Manna Retreat (off-site)
- All Day Tired Mothers' Retreat (off-site)
- 9 am Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 9:15 am Sunday School (various locations)
- 10 am Child Protection Training (Room 202)
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 11:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 2 pm Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 3 pm Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)
- 4 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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