



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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The Transfiguration, Raphael

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

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

Prelude

Matthew McCall

Elegy

GEORGE THALBEN-BALL

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

Jesus said,

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

(John 14:6)

Jesus said,

"Your sins are forgiven."

(Matthew 9:2)

Jesus said,

"Today salvation has come to this house."

(Luke 19:9)

Jesus said,

**"Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away."**

(Mark 13:31)

Jesus said,

"Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

(Matthew 14:27)

Jesus said,

"Today you will be with me in paradise."

(Luke 23:43)

Jesus said,

"Believe me, for I am in the Father and the Father is in me."

(John 14:11)

* Hymn 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O Christ,

**when we foolishly believe
we can understand everything about you.**

Forgive us

**when we vainly cling to that which comforts us
while resisting that which challenges us.**

Forgive us

**when we amplify our intellect over your grandeur
and our need for order over your blazing creativity.**

Forgive us

**when our attempts to be faithful
become that which holds us back.**

Forgive us, O Christ,

**and gently redirect our ways
that we might again reflect the glory of your name.** (Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

* Response

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.**

* 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
Rev. Lucy Youngblood

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Arianism: Was Jesus Really Divine?

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

* Hymn 262

Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

ALL SAINTS

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

Chancel Choir

Christus Paradox

ARR. ALFRED V. FEDAK

* Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

* Benediction

* Postlude

Fugue in C Minor

J. S. BACH

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. John Cook, Heather Woolard, Rev. Lucy Youngblood, and the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass.

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. The Affirmation of Faith comes from the Nicene Creed.

TODAY'S COVER ART features *The Transfiguration* by Raphael. Raphael depicts a very high Christology in this piece, through both the story chosen and the composition. Jesus is suspended in midair. The light is brighter around his body, while the humans are lower and in darker light. Overall, Jesus' divinity is on clear display.

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

HYMN FESTIVAL — Micah 6:8 instructs us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. Join us this afternoon at 3 pm to sing the way of justice and celebrate the teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr. This event is free and sponsored by the Arts at Shandon. Childcare will be provided.

HUNGER MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY — Our Weekend Backpack Program provides meals to students who otherwise would be without meals when school is not in session. Volunteers are needed to pack and deliver the food to local schools. For more information or to volunteer, contact Rowena Nylund at 803-743-7122 or rnylund@sc.rr.com.

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAYS — Join us each Wednesday for dinner and programming for all ages. Dinner is served at 5 pm in the Activity Center. Adult programming and children's choir rehearsals take place at 6 pm, followed by children's Bible study and Shandon Ringers rehearsal at 6:30. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 pm. Make your dinner reservations by Monday at 6 pm via Realm or calling the Church Office. Childcare is available for children under the age of four.

BLOOD DRIVE — The American Red Cross will host a blood drive at Shandon Presbyterian Church in the Activity Center on Sunday, January 29, from 9 am until 1 pm. Go to www.redcrossblood.org to complete the required pre-registration. Contact Linda McDonald at 803-530-5154 or lichmac@aol.com with questions.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — Session has called the Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 12, 2023, immediately following the 10:30 am worship service. The congregation will receive the 2022 annual report and the 2023 budget, elect officers to the class of 2026, and approve pastoral terms of call. Documentation will be available beginning January 29. The meeting will be livestreamed following worship, but voting will in-person only.

SUPPORT DREHER HIGH SCHOOL — To ensure that all students have the basic items they need, Dreher High School is providing free school supplies and personal care items to students. Support this initiative by contributing the following items:

Personal items (travel size only): shampoo, conditioner, hand sanitizer, and toothpaste

School supplies: notebook paper, pens, highlighters, and markers

Items can be placed in the designated collection box near the reception desk.

MONTREAT WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONFERENCE — During the week of June 18 to 23, 2023, 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. More information available here: www.presbysmusic.org/2023conference. Financial assistance is available; contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt. If interested in attending, contact Matt McCall.

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

- 9 am** Childcare (Room 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)
- 2:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 2:40 pm** Youth Group (Colonial Life Arena)
- 3 pm** Hymn Festival (Sanctuary)
- 3 pm** Cub Scouts (Room 224)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4 pm** Basketball Practice, Grades 8-9 Boys (Activity Center)

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 6:45 pm** Boy Scouts (Room 224)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

- 6:15 pm** Basketball Practice, Grades 4-5 Girls (Activity Center)
- 7 pm** Basketball Practice, Adults (Activity Center)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

- 9 am** Quilt Group (Room 210)
- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5 pm** SOW Dinner (Activity Center)
- 6 pm** SOW Programming (various locations)
- 6:30 pm** Shandon Ringers Rehearsal (Room 223)
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

- 10 am** Bible Study (Library)
- 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, JANUARY 28

- 5 pm** Silver-Vasknetz Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

- 8:30 am** Basketball Games (Activity Center)
- 6 pm** Silver-Vasknetz Wedding (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

- 9 am** Childcare (Room 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)
- 3 pm** Cub Scouts (Room 224)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4 pm** Basketball Practice, Grades 8-9 Boys (Activity Center)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (Room 214)

Upcoming Worship



Our current sermon series, “Everyone’s Favorite Heresies,” addresses some of Christianity’s most infamous theological missteps. Sometimes exploring what we **don’t** believe helps us better understand what we **do** believe. We’ll consider our theological past with curiosity and humility. After all, these doctrines were posed by faithful people seeking to live faithful lives. Which means, heretical or not, they still have something to teach us. Rev. Jenny McDevitt will preach throughout this series.

January 15 — Marcionism: Do Christians Really Need the God of the Old Testament?

January 22 — Arianism: Was Jesus Really Divine?

January 29 — Docetism: Was Jesus Really Human?

February 12 — Pelagianism: Can’t We Just Earn Our Way Into Heaven?

February 19 — Donatism: How Holy Do Our Ministers Really Need to Be?

February 5, we will take a break from this series to hear from and celebrate one of our partners in ministry, Frontera de Cristo. Mark Adams, a Mission Co-Worker of the Presbyterian Church (USA), will be our guest preacher.

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff

Rev. John Cook, Associate Pastor for Discipleship

Matthew McCall, Director of Music and Media

Dr. Jabarie Glass, Director of the Chancel Choir

Heather Woolard, Director of Children’s Ministry

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