



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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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. 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

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

The psalmist declares,

"We are the clay, O God, and you are the potter.

We are the work of your hands."

God has a history of working with all sorts of materials.

Out of nothing, God created the earth.

From dust and breath, God fashioned human beings.

With flesh and bone, God sent Jesus to live among us.

From death itself, God called forth life.

Let us worship the God who shapes us and reshapes us,
who forms us and reforms us.

**Let us worship the God who never gives up on us,
who is never finished with us.**

* Hymn 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

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Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

We are hesitant to tell the truth of ourselves,

for we have disappointed ourselves,

and we are afraid we have disappointed you, too.

We have made the same mistakes yet again.

We have let down people we love.

We have reduced you to an afterthought.

We have compromised our ideals.

We have yielded to temptation.

We have puffed up our self-importance.

We have discounted our true worth.

**We have failed to be who you made us to be, O God,
and this grieves us just as it grieves you.**

Change our hearts and transform our actions, we pray.

(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

Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.” So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to

the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Deciding Who and What Shapes Us

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

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,
on Venmo (@ShandonPres), or by visiting shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Anthem

Chancel Choir

DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

God's Gonna Set This World on Fire

MOSES HOGAN

* 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 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

* Benediction

Postlude

Worship Notes

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

TODAY'S GUEST ARTIST — This morning, we welcome local ceramic artist, Kyle Smith to worship. Kyle developed a passion for ceramics early in life. He is a former art teacher and operates a ceramic studio full-time.

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

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

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.

OTHER RELIGIONS CLASS — During SOW this Wednesday, January 31, April Martin will lead a class on other religions. Join her in Room 209 at 6:10 pm to explore videos and dive deeper into an understanding of the four most prominent religious groups outside of Christianity.

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 7 pm; attend a USC Men's Basketball game on Saturday, March 2 at 1 pm. 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.

SERVE AT TRANSITIONS — Members of Shandon serve dinner to the residents at Transitions Homeless Center on the first Sunday of every month. Consider serving on February 4, from 4:50 to 6 pm. For more details or to sign up, go to bit.ly/3OfKn6r.

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 our upcoming Youth Fundraiser! A meal will be prepared and served by the youth of Shandon Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 11. We'll host it in the Activity Center immediately following the annual congregational meeting. Come for fellowship, great food, and a chance to win bingo prizes. We'll also have sugar cookies for kids to decorate! All donations will off-set the cost families pay for their teenager to attend a Montreat Youth Conference this summer. Our bingo prizes have been carefully crafted and are gender neutral. Don't miss this chance to support our youth!

ASH WEDNESDAY — Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 14. From 8-10 am, pastors will be on the front steps of the church for those who wish to begin the day with the imposition of ashes. At 5:15 pm we will gather in Davis Hall for dinner, followed at 6:10 pm by worship with communion and the imposition of ashes. **Regular SOW programming will not take place.** Chancel Choir will rehearse immediately after worship.

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.

ACOYLTES — Children in at least second grade are invited to lead worship as acolytes. Sign up by going to bit.ly/shandonacolytes. For more information, contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org.

READ SCRIPTURE IN WORSHIP — If you would like to help lead the congregation in worship by reading Scripture, sign up at bit.ly/SPCreaders. Details are included at the link. Readers of all ages are welcome! Questions? Contact Matt McCall at mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org.

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 7 | Choosing How We See Each Other

January 14 | These Days Require Courage

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 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** 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)

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

- 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, JANUARY 30

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

- 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** Other Religions (Room 209)
- 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, FEBRUARY 1

- 11 am** Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
- 6 pm** Deacons (Davis Hall)
- 6 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 6 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 9 am** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 10 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am** Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 2 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)
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The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff
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