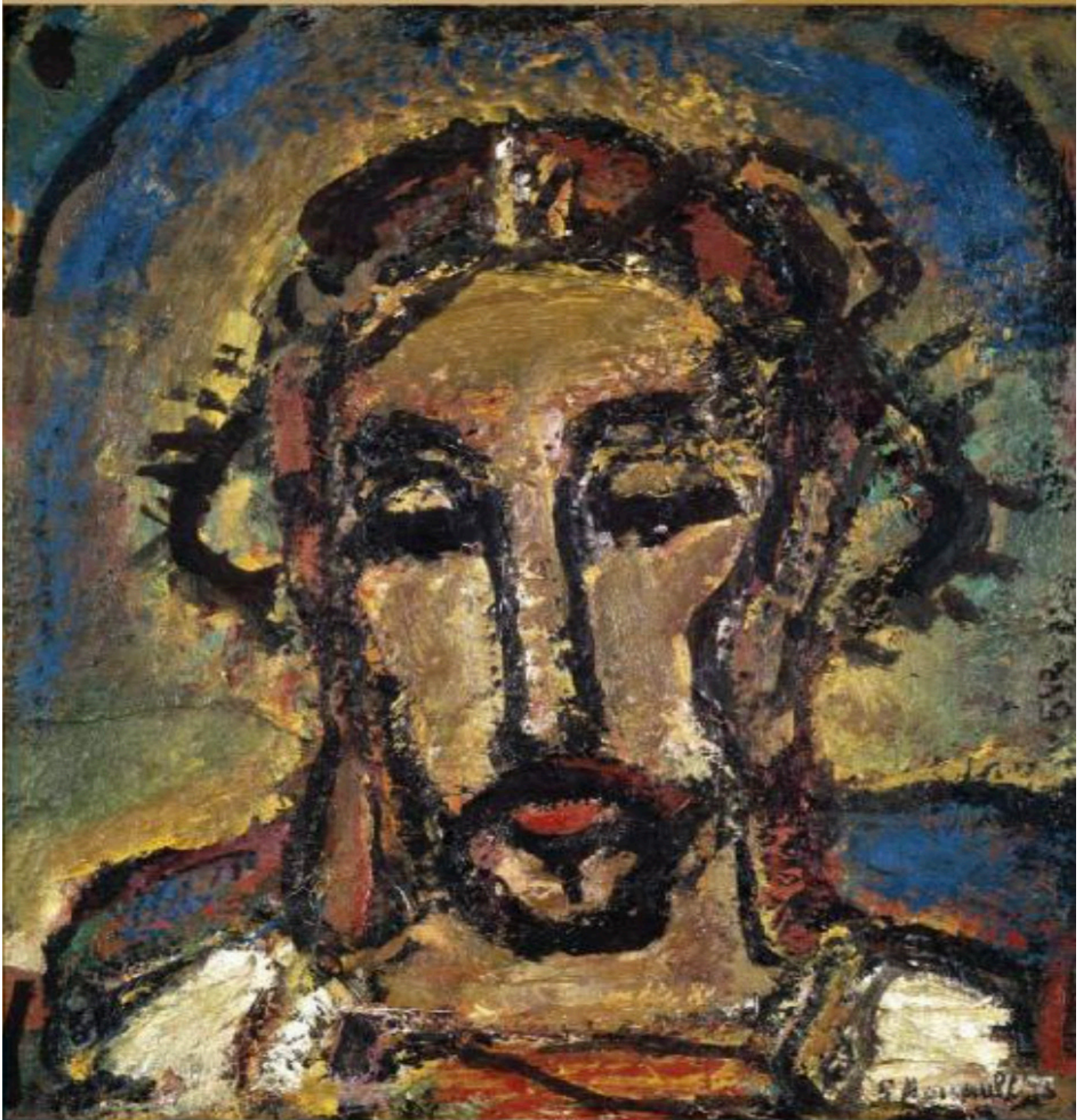




# Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

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*Ecce Homo (Behold the Man)*, Georges Rouault

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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

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](mailto: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](mailto:jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org).

## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Matthew McCall*

Prelude and Fugue in G

J. S. BACH

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 God who reigns in heaven

is also the Christ who walked on earth.

**He saw the sun rise**

**and felt its warmth upon his skin.**

**He waded into water**

**and tasted its salty sting.**

**He ate bread and drank wine**

**and laughed with friends around a table.**

**He was born in Bethlehem, grew up in Nazareth,  
ministered in Galilee, and died at Calvary.**

Jesus Christ, the Son of God,

walked where we have walked

and stood where we have stood.

**He knows what it is to be human.**

\* Hymn 159

**O Sing a Song of Bethlehem**

KINGSFOLD

Call to Confession

*Rev. John Cook*

Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, Jesus,**

**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, Jesus,**

**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

Prayer for Illumination  
*Meghan Hall*

Scripture Lessons

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

Sermon

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

Docetism: Was Jesus Really Human?

## **Responding to the Word**

\* Affirmation of Faith

**We affirm that Jesus was born of woman  
as is every child,  
yet born of God's power  
as was no other child.**

**In the person and work of Jesus,  
God himself and a human life  
are united but not confused,  
distinguished but not separated.**

**Jesus was what we are.**

**He grew up in a family and a society  
troubled by the common problems of the world.**

**His knowledge was limited  
by his time and place in history.**

**He felt deeply the joy of friendship**

and the hurt of being rejected.  
Jesus prayed,  
struggled with temptation, knew anger,  
and was subject to suffering and death.  
Jesus was what we should be.  
He served his Father with complete trust  
and unwavering obedience.  
He loved all kinds of people  
and accepted their love.  
We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority.  
He did what only God can do.  
We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness.  
When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death,  
the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest.  
In both his majesty and lowliness,  
Jesus is the eternal Son of God,  
God himself with us.

\* Hymn 630

**Fairest Lord Jesus**

CRUSADER'S HYMN

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](http://shandonpresbyterian.org).*

Anthem

*Chancel Choir*

DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

Ave Verum Corpus

W. A. MOZART

*Ave verum corpus,  
natum de Maria Virginie,  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine  
cuius latus perforatum  
fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.*

Hail, true body,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
having truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the cross for humankind,  
from whose pierced side  
water and blood flowed:  
Be for us a sweet foretaste  
in the trial of death.

\* 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 459

**O Word of God Incarnate**

MUNICH

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

Fanfare

MICHAEL HELMAN

## Worship Notes

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY** are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. John Cook, Meghan Hall, 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 is taken from A Declaration of Faith, a theological and liturgical resource endorsed by the PCUS in 1977, prior to reunification.

**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

**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 live-streamed following worship, but voting will in-person only.

**SHANDON ON WEDNESDAYS** — Join us each Wednesday for dinner and programming for all ages. Dinner is served at 5 pm in the Activity Center and programming for all ages begins at 6 pm. Make dinner reservations by Monday at 6 pm via Realm or calling the Church Office. Childcare is available for children under the age of four.

**FRONTERO DE CRISTO** — During SOW on February 1, PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado Escobar, who serve at the US-Mexico border, will share how they have experienced God at work in the community of faith in Douglas, Arizona and Agua Prieta, Mexico. Sunday, February 5, Mark and Miriam will teach a Sunday school class, "Good News from the Border," at 9:15 am. During worship at 10:30 am, Mark will share a sermon, "Is It Legal to Be Christian?" Learn, too, more about our partnership with Frontera de Cristo and Café Justo.

**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.

**DR. JOHN M PRESTON RETREAT** — Final payments to attend the Dr. John M. Preston Shandon Retreat for Spiritual Enrichment are due to the Business Office by Sunday, February 5. Payments may be made at onrealm.org. Contact Catherine Teal at cteal@shandonpresbyterian.org if you have questions.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** — We will again participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring this year on Sunday, February 12. You may include a designated offering in the offering plates on Sunday, leave a donation in the soup pot located in the Narthex, or contribute at [bit.ly/souper2023](https://bit.ly/souper2023). All contributions collected will go to Harvest Hope Food Bank in Columbia. For over 30 years, this youth-inspired movement, which started in Columbia, has been harnessing the enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend to tackle hunger in communities across the nation.

**HUNGER MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** — Our Weekend Backpack Program provides meals to students who otherwise would be without meals when school is not in session. During February, we will be collecting shelf-stable milk (8 oz.), healthy granola bars, and individual servings of mac-and-cheese. 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](mailto:rnylund@sc.rr.com).

**READ SCRIPTURE IN WORSHIP** — Worship is something we do together. It requires an active role of each of us — praying, singing, listening, and more. If you would like to help lead the congregation in worship by reading Scripture, sign up at [bit.ly/SPCreaders](https://bit.ly/SPCreaders). Details are included at the link. Readers of all ages are welcome! Questions? Contact Matt McCall at [mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**LIVESTREAM ASSISTANCE** — Since May 2021, worship services have been streamed online every Sunday morning. This important part of our worship ministry is supported by a talented and dedicated group of volunteers. If you would like to join the team, sign up by going to [bit.ly/LivestreamVolunteers](https://bit.ly/LivestreamVolunteers). No experience necessary; training will be provided. For more information contact Matt McCall at [mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**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](https://www.presbysmusic.org/2023conference). Financial assistance is available; contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at [jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org). If interested in attending, contact Matt McCall at [mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org)

## This Week at Shandon

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

- 9 am Childcare (Room 107B)
- 9 am Blood Drive (Activity Center)
- 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)
- 11:45 am Outreach Ministry (Library)
- 11:45 am High School Youth Lunch (off-site)
- 3:30 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5 pm Youth Group (Room 214)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 30

- 5:15 pm Retreat Band Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 6:15 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 6:45 pm Boy Scouts (Room 224)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

- 7 pm Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 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, FEBRUARY 2

- 10 am Bible Study (Library)
- 6 pm Deacons (Room 209)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 6:15 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

*No events scheduled.*

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 9 am Childcare (Room 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)
- 3 pm Cub Scouts (Room 224)
- 3:30 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5 pm Youth Group (Room 214)

### 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  
Dr. Robert Walker, Church Administrator  
Catherine Teal, Financial Manager  
Brittany Young, Office Manager  
Sandie Stillinger, Bookkeeper  
Carolyn Bennett, Childcare Coordinator  
Gerald Taylor, Facilities Manager  
Georgia Shaw, Receptionist  
Johnnie Floyd, Receptionist