



Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

Epiphany

January 7, 2024 • 10:30 am



Light of the World Nativity, by Brother Mickey McGrath, OSFS

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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

Puer Nobis Nascitur

ARR. AARON DAVID MILLER

Asterisks () indicate portions of worship during which you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

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

*There's a star in the east on Christmas morn.
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

Like the shepherds and like the Magi,
we have come to worship the Christ child.

*It will lead to the place where Christ was born.
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

Filled with excitement and doubt,
bursting with conviction and apprehension,
trusting in love's promises,
we have come to worship the Christ child.

* Hymn 147

The First Nowell *(Please wait to stand until the choir is standing.)*

THE FIRST NOWELL

Call to Confession

April Martin

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
Just as your son was swaddled in a blanket,
we pray you would swaddle us in your love —
not because we deserve it,
but because we need it.
Just as the Magi followed the star,
we pray for the courage to follow your light —
not because it is easy,
but because it is faithful.
Life can be hard.
We live in a complex world,
and we don't always know what is right, true, or just.
So once again,
as you did so long ago,

**wrap us in your love,
lead us with your light,
and help us find your way.**

(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

Margaret Hicks

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of

Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Choosing How We See One Another

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

The Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. John Cook

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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

As an extension of Jesus’ own hospitality, the communion bread is gluten free and the cups all contain grape juice. You are invited to come forward, tear off a piece of bread, and dip your bread in the cup.

Music During Communion

Prélude sur L’Introit de l’Épiphanie

MAURICE DURUFLÉ

Chancel Choir

DR. JABARIE GLASS

The Glory of the Father

EGIL HOVLAND

Prayer After Communion

Offering

You may also give by texting SHANDONPC to 73256,
on Venmo (@ShandonPres), or by visiting shandonpresbyterian.org.

Anthem

John Maynard

The Coventry Carol

ARR. JOHN MAYNARD

* Response

What Child Is This

CRANAHM

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

* Benediction

Postlude

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

ARR. MARK SEDIO

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Elizabeth Crouch, Betty Gurnell, Hall Gladden, April Martin, Heather Woolard-Lawson, Margaret Hicks, Rev. John Cook, the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, John Maynard, and Jim and Edie McNeish (live-stream).

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE — Thanks to the generosity of many, as of January 4, we finished 2023 with a budget surplus of \$34,591.42. We have received 196 pledges for 2024, totaling \$982,854.36.

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD — During January, we are collecting fruit cups in water and shelf-stable milk. Shandon provides weekend food for students at AC Moore Elementary School, Rosewood Elementary School and Dreher High School 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.

SERVE AT TRANSITIONS — Shandon serves at Transitions the first Sunday of every month. For more information and to sign-up to serve today, January 7, go to bit.ly/3NE9QpN.

YOUTH GROUP — Youth Group will resume this afternoon from 5-7 pm in the McDonald Youth Center. Youth will begin preparing for Youth Sunday, which is March 17. For more information, contact April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC — Children and youth are encouraged to join the fun making music together and in worship. Arise and Shine Children's Choir will resume on January 17 at 6 pm in the Choir Room. Youth Music (6th-12th grades) will resume on January 7 during Youth Group in McDonald Youth Center. Contact Matt McCall (mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org) for more information.

ADULT MUSIC — Shandon's music ministry has a place for you! The Chancel Choir leads worship each Sunday morning and rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm beginning January 10. The Shandon Ringers participate in worship several times throughout the year and rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning February 7. Contact Matt McCall at mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org.

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAYS — Shandon on Wednesdays will resume Wednesday, January 10. Dinner will take place in Davis Hall at 5:15 pm, followed by Messy Church at 6:10 pm. Childcare will be available beginning at 6 pm for infants and toddlers. Reservations for dinner are requested for dinner by Monday, January 8. Make reservations on Realm or by calling the church office at (803) 771-4408.

MESSY CHURCH ON JANUARY 10 — All ages are invited to join us Messy Church, where faith is so real you can reach out and touch it. (And play and create and experiment with it!) January's Messy Church will center around the theme of Light, in honor of Epiphany. We will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:10 pm. The service includes simple liturgy, Messy Stations, and sharing the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Rev. Jenny McDevitt and Heather Woolard-Lawson lead this joyful, expressive, accessible service. Childcare is available for the infants and young toddlers.

HEMMED IN — Join us Wednesday, January 17 in Room 209 as Heather Woolard-Lawson leads a class on sewing basics. The class will cover sewing on buttons, mending tears, patchwork, and more! Bring your questions (and small mending projects!). All necessary supplies will be provided.

DANCE CLASSES — Elder-turned-dance instructor Garrett Humphries will teach a series of shag lessons January 17, 24, and 31 at 6 pm in the Activity Center. Attendance at the first class is strongly encouraged in order to properly enjoy the remaining classes. No experience required; no partner is necessary.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING — Interested in volunteering with our children or youth ministries? Join us Sunday, January 21 at 9:15 am in Room 202 for a Child Protection Policy Training and to complete required background checks. Please bring a laptop, if possible. Questions? Contact Jen Lutterbie at jennifer.lutterbie@gmail.com.

BLOOD DRIVE — Shandon will host a blood drive on Sunday, January 21 from 9 am to 1 pm in the Activity Center. Scheduling an appointment is not required, but does help us plan. Go to redcrossblood.com and enter sponsor code ShandonPres.

HYMN FESTIVAL — Arts at Shandon is excited to present a hymn festival celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, Sunday, January 21 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. This free event will feature Dr. Johnnie Felder as soloist, Christopher Leyseth as guest organist, our very own Chancel Choir, and an update from MORE Justice leaders.

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 designed to help answer any questions about the meaning or logistics of baptism. This class will be offered on February 4 at 11:30 in the Sanctuary. Sign up by emailing Heather at hwoolard@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.

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

- 9 am** Childcare (Rooms 106 & 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)
- 11:30 am** Children's Ministry (Library)
- 2 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4:50 pm** Serve at Transitions (off-site)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (McDonald Youth Center)
- 7 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

- 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 9

- 9 am** Finance Ministry (Zoom)
- 5:30 pm** Worship and Music Ministry (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)
- 6:30 pm** Education Ministry (Library)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

- 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)
- 6:10 pm** Messy Church (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

- 6 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)
- 6:30 pm** Boy Scout Planning Team (Davis Hall)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

- 8:30 am** Youth Basketball Games

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

- 9 am** Childcare (Rooms 106 & 107B)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 10 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
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