



# Shandon Presbyterian Church

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*Descending Dove, by Judy Hubbard*

## 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

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*

On Jordan's Banks, the Baptist's Cry

ARR. AARON DAVID MILLER

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

We gather to worship God, empowered by the Spirit:

**who gives us gifts for ministry  
and inspires us to care for the common good.**

We gather to worship God, loved by Christ:

**who gives us a crown of beauty instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy instead of mourning.**

We gather to worship God, known by the Creator:

**who all creatures call "Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is yet to come."**

Let us worship the living God!

\* Hymn 1

**Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

NICAEA

Call to Confession

*Rev. John Cook*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**In baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,  
making us part of the body of Christ.**

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,  
separated from our sisters, brothers, and siblings in Christ.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,  
and show reluctance to welcome one another;  
we allow the past to hold us hostage.**

**In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.**

**Remind us of the promises you make in baptism  
so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.**

(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

*Laura Evelyn Rogers*

Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:4-12

So John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved: with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness."

This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Musical Meditation

*John Maynard*

Baptized in Water

ARR. JOHN MAYNARD

Sermon

*Jackson Ringley*

Risk! And Reformation

## Responding to the Word

\* Affirmation of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit**

**everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**In a broken and fearful world**

**the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**

**and to live holy and joyful lives,**

**even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,**

**praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

\* Hymn 163

## Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

ABERYSTWYTH

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*

The Glory of the Father

EGIL HOVLAND

\* 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 295

## Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

Festive Trumpet Tune

DAVID GERMAN

## Worship Notes

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY** are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. John Cook, Heather Woolard, Laura Evelyn Rogers, John Maynard, Jackson Ringley, and the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass

**TODAY'S LITURGY** — The Call to Worship was written by Jackson Ringley, drawn from NRSVUE and NIV translations of the scriptures. The Prayer of Confession comes from the *Book of Common Worship* (1993). The Affirmation of Faith is from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA, 1983).

**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

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** — If you requested Offering Envelopes, they are in the Narthex with your name on them. If you did not request envelopes but would like some, please contact Catherine Teal in the Business Office.

**YOUTH GROUP** — Youth Group will resume this evening at 5 pm in Room 214. Come join us for dinner, music, and Trivia Night hosted by trivia master Matt Ramsey!

**SIGN UP TO READ SCRIPTURE** — 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!

**SHANDON ON WEDNESDAYS** — Beginning January 11, join us each Wednesday for dinner and programming for all ages. Dinner is at 5 pm in the Activity Center. At 6 pm, there is adult programming, youth Bible study, and Children's Choir rehearsal. At 6:30 pm there is Children's Bible study and Shandon Ringers rehearsal. At 7:30 pm there is Chancel Choir rehearsal. Dinner reservations are due each Monday by 6 pm. Childcare is available for children under the age of four.

**HYMN FESTIVAL** — Micah 6:8 instructs us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. Join us Sunday, January 22 at 3 pm to sing the way of justice and celebrate the teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr. This event will be led by Shandon's music ministry and community friends.

**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. Please consider donating. Go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to complete the required pre-registration. For more information or assistance registering online, contact Linda McDonald at 803-530-5154 or [lichmac@aol.com](mailto:lichmac@aol.com). Thank you for giving gift of life!

**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.

**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 their students. During the month of January, the Outreach Ministry asks Shandon friends and members to 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.

**WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM** — January collection items include shelf-stable milk (8 oz.) and individual servings of Chef Boyardee Pasta. Volunteers are needed to pack and deliver food. For more information or to volunteer, contact Rowena Nylund at 803-743-7122 or [rnylund@sc.rr.com](mailto:rnylund@sc.rr.com).

**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](http://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 8

- 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 pm** LTO Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 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)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 9

- 5:30 pm** Personnel Ministry (off-site)
- 6:15 pm** Basketball Practice, Forest Lake (Activity Center)
- 6:45 pm** Boy Scouts (Room 224)
- 7 pm** Basketball Practice, Forest Lake (Activity Center)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

- 8 am** Finance Ministry (Zoom)
- 6:15 pm** Basketball Practice, Grades 4-5 Girls (Activity Center)
- 7 pm** Basketball Practice, Adults (Activity Center)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

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

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

- 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 13

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

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

*No activities scheduled.*

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

- 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)
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## Upcoming Worship

Rev. Jenny McDevitt begins a new series January 15:

### EVERYONE'S FAVORITE HERESIES:

Theological Missteps Throughout History (and Still Today)



Beginning January 15 at Shandon Presbyterian Church | Sundays at 10:30 am

#### **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