



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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Isaiah 58, by A. Hillman

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 worship. We are better when all members of our family are here! In order to make worship 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). 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, contact Heather Woolard-Lawson at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org. Our child protection policy can be viewed at bit.ly/spccchildprotection.

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

Variations on "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

AL TRAVIS

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.

Introit

*Arise and Shine
Children's Choir*

The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation

LILLIAN BOUKNIGHT, ARR. PAUL GAINER

* Call to Worship

Heather Woolard-Lawson

God came to Abraham in a vision and said,

"You will have as many descendants as there are stars in the sky."

God came to Samuel in a vision and said,

"I am about to do a new thing."

God came to Daniel in a vision and said,

"Do not be afraid, beloved; you are safe. Be strong and courageous!"

God came to Paul in a vision and said,

"Follow my voice, and you will know what to do."

Let us celebrate and praise our God,

the God who is with us every step of the way.

* Hymn 305

Come Sing, O Church in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

Call to Confession

April Martin

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

Our dreams do not always match your hope for this world.

Too often, we save for a rainy day,

instead of sharing with those in need right now.

**More than we care to admit, we are swayed by personal risk and reward,
rather than committed to the greater good.**

**With embarrassing frequency, we highlight the worst in one another,
refusing to see your image in every face.**

You want better for us, and we do, too.

Restore us once again, O God.

Make us holy, and wholly yours. (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

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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Audrey Elaine Thomas, daughter of Mason and Emily Thomas

Sarah Ramsey, Elder, on behalf of the Session

Birdie Hill, on behalf of the children of the church

Song of Welcome

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked the with sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Prayer for Illumination

Drucilla Brookshire

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-12 (Pew Bible, page 688 of the Old Testament)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Having a Vision For, Not Just Anger Against

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 314

Christ, Be Our Light

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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.

Put on Love

LEE DENGLER

As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive as God forgave you. Over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Let the word of Christ, dwell in your richly. Sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts for God. Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God.

* Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDDTH

**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 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

* Benediction

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is held for the purpose of receiving the 2023 annual report and the 2024 budget, approving the pastors' terms of call, and electing officers to the class of 2027.

An All-Church Lunch, sponsored and served by the youth of the church, will take place in the Activity Center immediately after the meeting. Everyone is invited and there is no cost to attend. Donations will be accepted in support of summer youth trips. There will be plenty of food, so even if you hadn't plan to stay, please do!

* Hymn 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

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Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Arise and Shine Children's Choir, Heather Woolard-Lawson, Larkin Roberts (acolyte), April Martin, Sarah Ramsey, Birdie Hill, Drucilla Brookshire, the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, and Byron Duell (live-stream).

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

Announcements

YOUTH FUNDRAISER TODAY — Come after the Annual Meeting 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. Thank you for supporting the youth of Shandon Presbyterian Church.

ASH WEDNESDAY — Lent begins this week 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. April Martin will preach. **Regular SOW programming will not take place.**

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 beginning at 8:15 am.

TRINITY PRESBYTERY — Shandon will host the February stated meeting of Trinity Presbytery, Saturday, February 17. Volunteers will be needed to help welcome pastors, commissioners, and other participants from across the presbytery. Help us share the warm hospitality for which we are known. Go to bit.ly/presbyteryatshandon to view a list of volunteer opportunities and to let us know if you can help.

SUPPLY DRIVE FOR THE FREE MEDICAL CLINIC — The mission of The Free Medical Clinic is to provide quality health care, at no cost, to residents of the community who cannot pay for such services, and do not have health insurance. Please consider donating the following items during the month of February to aid in their daily operations: liquid hand soap, paper towels, copy paper, disinfectant wipes, and toilet paper. Donations can be placed in the wooden collection bins outside of Davis Hall.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS — If you have been thinking about becoming a member at Shandon, or if you just want to know more about who we are, what we do, and what we believe, join us Wednesday, February 28, at 6:10 pm. Rev. Jenny McDevitt will lead a "Tell Me More" session designed to share information and answer any questions you have. Childcare will be available. Attending does not commit you to joining, but those who wish will have an opportunity to join as members on Sunday, March 3. Want to join but can't attend the class? Email Jenny at jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org.

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD — During February, we are collecting shelf-stable milk, mac-and-cheese cups, and healthy granola bars. 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.

MARYVILLE COLLEGE CHOIR — Shandon is excited to welcome the Maryville College Concert Choir on March 6 at 6:10 pm in the Sanctuary. This is the first stop on their spring tour. The concert is free and promises to be a wonderful experience. As part of hosting the choir, we have been asked to provide overnight home-stays for the students following the concert. Go to bit.ly/MaryvilleChoir to let us know if you can host.

ART AND THE BIBLE CAMP THIS SUMMER — 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.

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

"I am the resurrection and the life."
"I am the light of the world."
"I am the good shepherd."
"I am the vine."
"I am the way, the truth, and the life."
"I am the bread of life."
"I am the gate."

**"I Am,
So You Can"**

Lent at Shandon Presbyterian Church
8:30 & 10:30 am in person | 10:30 am livestream

The graphic features a gradient background from purple to orange. It includes several icons: a sun, a lighthouse, a sheep, a leaf, a location pin, a loaf of bread, and a fence.

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 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** Annual Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 12:15 pm** Youth Fundraiser Lunch (Activity Center)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 5:30 pm** Retreat Band Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 6:45 pm** Boy Scouts (Davis Hall)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 9 am** Finance Ministry (Zoom)
- 5:30 pm** Worship and Music Ministry (Room 224)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 8 am** Ashes-to-Go (Front Sidewalk)
- 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** Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 6:15 pm** Shandon Weekday School Board (Room 209)
- 6:30 pm** Boy Scout District Committee (Davis Hall)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 8:30 am** Trinity Presbytery (campus-wide)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 8:15 am** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 8:30 am** Early Church (Sanctuary)
- 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** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (McDonald Youth Center)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff
Rev. John Cook, Associate Pastor for Discipleship
April Martin, Pastoral Associate for Youth and Young Adults
Matthew McCall, Director of Music and Media
Dr. Jabarie Glass, Director of the Chancel Choir
Heather Woolard-Lawson, Director of Children's Ministry
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