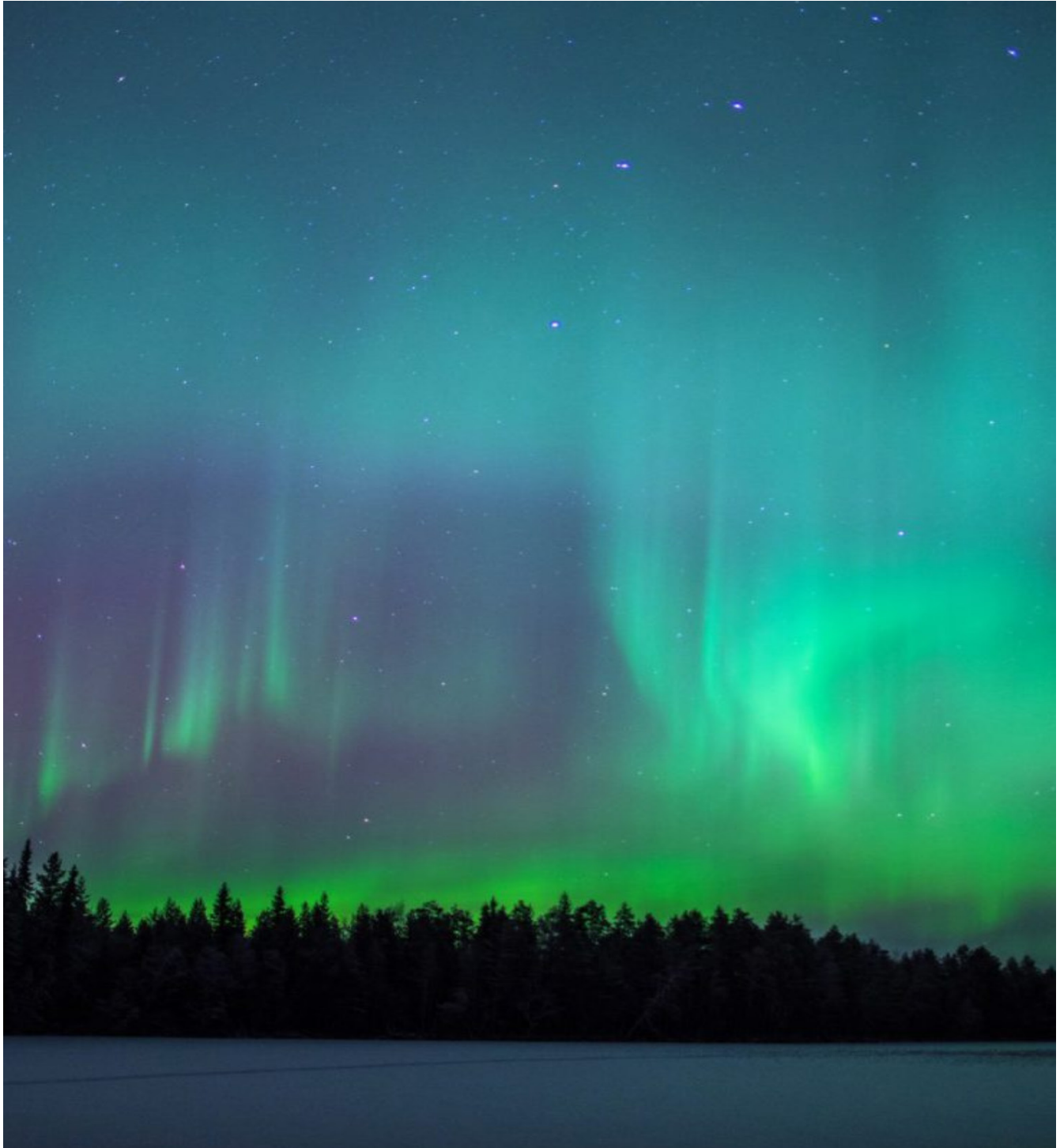




Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

The First Sunday in Lent • February 18, 2024 • 10:30 am



Northern Lights as viewed from Rovaniemi, Finland

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 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

Prelude on 'Rockingham Old'

CHARLES HUBERT HASTINGS PARRY

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

God appeared to Moses in a burning bush.

Moses asked, "What is your name? What shall I call you?"

God said, "I am who I am."

God said, "I am who I am."

Jesus said, "This is who I am:

I am the light of the world."

Let us praise the One who is light and life.

Let us praise the One who offers us gentleness and grace.

* Hymn

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

NETTLETON

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.**

**Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.**

Call to Confession

April Martin

Prayer of Confession

Hear our honest confession, O God:

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed;

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be.
Once again, God, make us holy, and wholly yours. (Silent prayer)**

* Response

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of God's Grace

* 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

Charles Bishop Hamilton, son of Neal and Jen Hamilton

Carolyn White, Elder, on behalf of the Session

Henry Burt, 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

Sandra O'Neal

Scripture Lesson

John 8:12-18, Common English Bible

Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won't walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Then the Pharisees said to him, "Because you are testifying about

yourself, your testimony isn't valid." Jesus replied, "Even if I testify about myself, my testimony is true, since I know where I came from and where I'm going. You don't know where I come from or where I'm going. You judge according to human standards, but I judge no one. Even if I do judge, my judgment is truthful, because I'm not alone. My judgments come from me and from the Father who sent me. In your Law it is written that the witness of two people is true. I am one witness concerning myself, and the Father who sent me is the other."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

"I Am the Light of the World"

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

Prayers of the People

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**

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.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ARR. TOM TRENNEY

I want to walk as a child of the Light; I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, show me the way to the Father.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

* Response

God Loved the World

ROCKINGHAM OLD

**All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

* Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in C minor

J. S. BACH

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, April Martin, Heather Woolard-Lawson, Carolyn White, Henry Burt, Rev. John Cook, the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, and Jim and Edie McNeish (live-stream).

AFTER WORSHIP — Join us for fellowship and refreshments on the front sidewalk after worship. A deacon will be present in the Sower's Chapel for prayer.

Announcements

EARLY CHURCH — During Lent, we are offering a second Sunday morning worship service. Early Church meets from 8:30-9:10 am in the Sanctuary. We worship in a familiar, sacred space, but the service has a distinctively different feel. We gather around tables set up throughout the Sower's Chapel and the front of the Nave with coffee and pastries. The liturgy is similar to the 10:30 service, but somewhat abbreviated. Instead of a full-length sermon, a 5-minute introduction to the text is offered, followed by guided conversation. Prayers include specific requests you share with us. This service takes place Sundays during Lent, concluding on Palm Sunday, March 24.

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAY — This Wednesday, gather for dinner in Davis Hall at 5:15 pm (reservations are due to the church office by noon on Monday) followed by programming for all ages. Childcare begins at 6 pm.

PRACTICING OUR FAITH — Join our pastoral and program staff in exploring different spiritual practices throughout Lent. This series, "Practicing Our Faith," begins Wednesday, February 21, at 6:10 pm in Room 209.

February 21: Rev. Jenny McDevitt, on the practice of storytelling.

February 28: April Martin, on the practice of forgiveness

March 6: no class, attend the Maryville College Choir Concert in the Sanctuary

March 13: Dr. Jabarie Glass, on the practice of singing

March 20: Heather Woolard-Lawson, on the practice of saying yes and no

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN — All women of our congregation are invited to attend this year's Trinity Presbytery Annual PW meeting, hosted by Shandon's Presbyterian Women on Saturday, March 2. Registration begins at 9 am. A worship service led by Rev. Jenny McDevitt will take place at 10 am followed by the Trinity PW annual business meeting. Participants will have their choice of workshops, followed by lunch together in Davis Hall. Registration by February 24 is \$25; registration at the door is \$30. Questions? Contact Elisabeth Hall at (803) 582-8006. Registration forms are available at the reception desk or by going to bit.ly/pwregistration.

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. To volunteer, contact Rowena Nylund at (803) 743-7122 or go to 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 open to the public. Our very own April Martin, a graduate of Maryville College, will join the choir as soloist. 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.

PEACEMAKING INVITATION — During Lent, we slow down, take time, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us. The Peacemaking Ministry has provided a Lenten calendar intended to create more mindful behaviors throughout the year. Printed calendars are available at the reception desk. Calendars can be accessed online by going to bit.ly/peacemakinglent2024.

HOLY WEEK — Join us for meaningful worship opportunities during Holy Week, including: Palm Sunday, March 24 at 8:30 and 10:30 am, Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 6 pm, Good Friday, March 29 at 7 pm, and Easter Sunday, March 31 at 9 and 11 am.

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.

Upcoming Worship

"I Am, So You Can"

"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."

Icons: Sunrise, Lighthouse, Shepherd, Olive branch, Map, Fish, Gate

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

This Week at Shandon

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)
- 11:45 am** Officer Training (Room 209)
- 2 pm** LTO Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (McDonald Youth Center)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 6:45 pm** Boy Scouts (Davis Hall)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 6:15 pm** Session (Room 209)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5 pm** PW Search Committee (Parlor)
- 5:15 pm** SOW Dinner (Davis Hall)
- 6 pm** Childcare (Room 106)
- 6 pm** Arise and Shine Children's Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:10 pm** Spiritual Practices: Storytelling (Room 209)
- 6:30 pm** Shandon Ringers Rehearsal (Room 223)
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 7 pm** Adult Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 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)
- 11:45 am** Officer Training (Room 209)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
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The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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