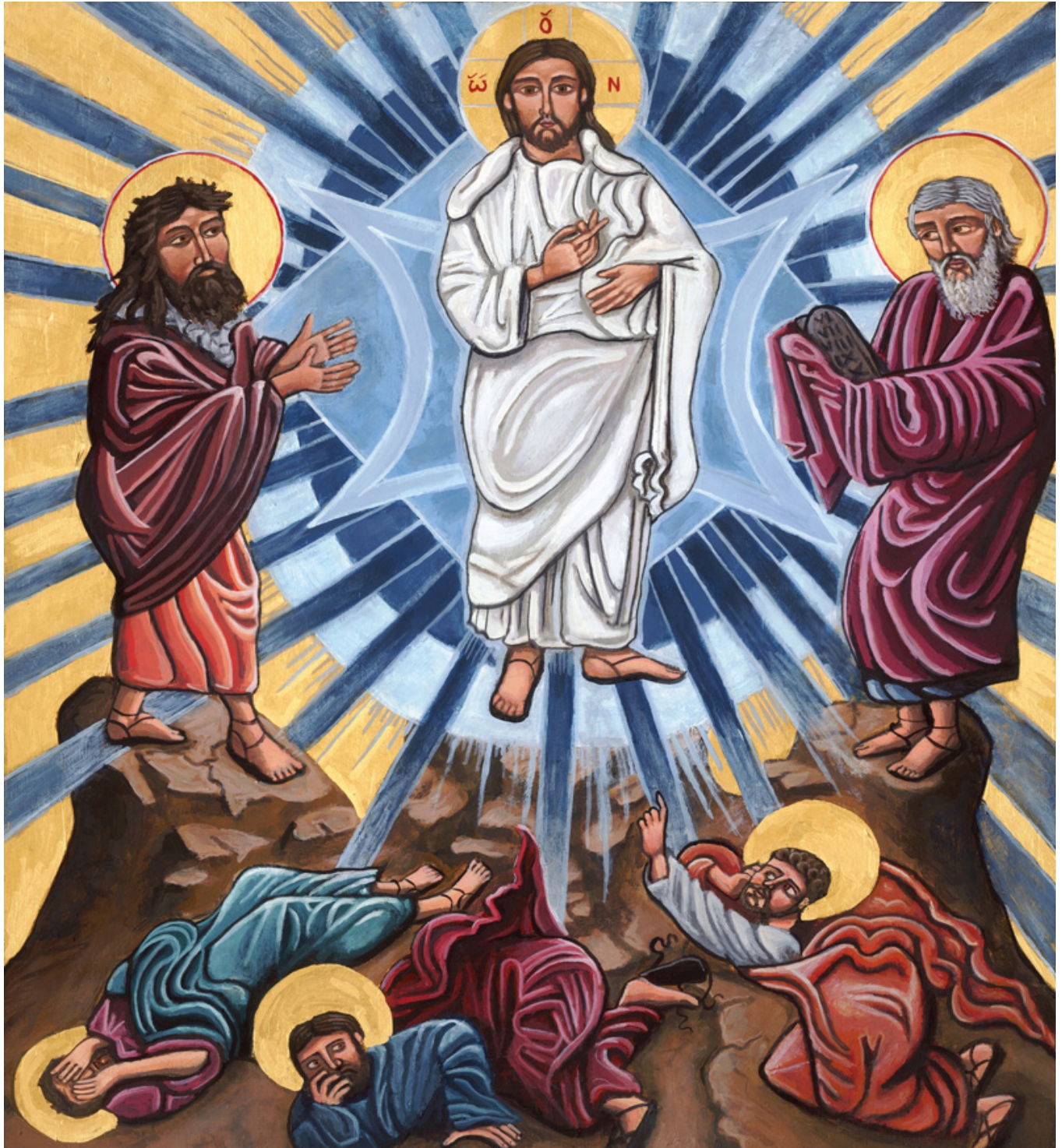




Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

Transfiguration Sunday • February 19, 2023 • 10:30 am



Transfiguration, Kelly Latimore

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

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.

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 and Fugue in C Major

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

If it all feels mundane,
or predictable,
or untenable,
come close.

**We tell a wild story here of a world
infused with light,
created by love,
and surprised by grace.**

Come close.
Join the story, sing the song.

**In this time together,
we pray for moments
when sight gives way to insight
and the paths of earth
become the road to heaven.**

Come, come close.
Come, let us worship.

* Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

**Ever-changing God,
Forgive us when we plod on,
heads down, lost in monotony,
missing glimpses of your glory.
Forgive us when we are easily distracted,
pulled in too many directions,
consumed by things that do not last.
Forgive us when we are hyper-focused,
neglecting to see beyond our own desires,**

**unaware of the bigger picture unfolding around us.
Break through those moments in our lives
and awaken in us a renewed awareness
of your never-ending presence.** (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

This time in worship is designed for children up through fifth grade. Afterwards, kindergarten-aged and younger may attend extended care in Room 107B. 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.

Anthem

Shandon Ringers

Adoro Te Devote

ARR. WILLIAM MOATS

Prayer for Illumination

Jim Gilchrist

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Brightness When We Need It Most

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 314

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

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
or visiting our website, 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, and show 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

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 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

* Benediction

* Postlude

Allegro
GORDON YOUNG

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. John Cook, Heather Woolard, the Shandon Ringers, Jim Gilchrist, and the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass.

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

TODAY'S COVER IMAGES — Two different images are featured on today's bulletins. Some bulletins feature Kelly Latimore's *Transfiguration*. Other bulletins feature Kelly Latimore's *Glitch Transfiguration*. The original painting was a commission; in showing her work to her young nephew, the monitor "glitched," showing the transfiguration in a new way. That glitch inspired her to rework the original painting. Both, she suggests, offer faithful and necessary insight into this story of faith.

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

UNIVERSITY CHORUS CONCERT — The USC University Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Jabarie Glass, will present a collaboration concert this afternoon at 4 pm in the Sanctuary, featuring the Dreher High School Chorus. This concert is free and open to the public.

ASH WEDNESDAY — Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday, February 22. From 8-9:30 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 pm we will gather in the Activity Center for dinner, followed at 6 pm by worship with communion and the imposition of ashes. **Regular SOW programming will not take place.** Chancel Choir will rehearse immediately after worship.

TELL ME MORE ABOUT SHANDON — If you are interested in learning more about Shandon or considering becoming a member, plan to attend a class especially for you on Wednesday, March 1 at 6 pm. Sign up by emailing Rev. Jenny McDevitt at jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org. Dinner will be provided by SOW; reservations are required. Childcare will be provided.

BAPTISM ORIENTATION — If you or your family is considering participating in the sacrament of baptism, please join Rev. Jenny McDevitt and Director of Children's Ministry Heather Woolard for an orientation class designed to help answer any questions about the meaning or logistics of baptism. This class will be offered Sunday, March 19 at 11:45 am in the Sanctuary. Sign up by emailing Heather Woolard at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org.

ARTS AT SHANDON — Arts and Shandon presents Charles D. Frost in an organ recital on Sunday, March 26 at 4 pm. Frost is an active recitalist and workshop clinician. He served on the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song, which developed *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*. This free program will feature compositions by African American Organists.

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.

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. Details are included at the link. Readers of all ages are welcome! Questions? Contact Matt McCall at mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org.

MONTREAT WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONFERENCE — During the week of June 18-23, come and experience meaningful worship, lots of music-making opportunities, and workshops for a week in the mountains of Montreat, NC. All ages are 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 at bit.ly/MontreatWM. Financial assistance is available; contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org. If interested in attending, contact Matt McCall at mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org.

ART AND THE BIBLE CAMP — Shandon's Children's Ministry invites rising kindergarteners through rising sixth graders to join us in practicing the spiritual discipline of creating. We will explore the intersection of Genesis 1 and the arts in order to encounter God the Creator, engage with creation, and enter into the creative process. We hope you can join us July 10-14 from 9 am-3 pm. Extended sessions from 8-9 am and 3-5:30 pm are also available. Sign up at bit.ly/artandthebible. Questions? Contact Heather Woolard at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org.

WOMEN'S CONNECTION — Join us at Montreat August 11-13, for Women's Connection! This weekend is programmed by Montreat staff. Kate Bowler, author and professor at Duke Divinity School, is the keynote speaker. Participants will register with Montreat individually. Registration for the event is \$250 per person. If you would like to attend but would need scholarship funds to do so, please contact Jenny at jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org. There will be an extra cost for housing once we know how many people are attending. For now, simply sign up at bit.ly/WomensConnection2023 to let us know you plan to come.

Lent at Shandon



Ash Wednesday | February 22

Ashes-to-Go | 8 am, Sanctuary Steps
Dinner | 5 pm, Activity Center
Worship with Communion | 6 pm, Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday | April 6

Dinner | 5 pm, Activity Center
Worship with Communion | 6 pm, Sanctuary

Palm Sunday | April 2

Palm Procession | 10:20 am, Sanctuary Steps
Worship with Communion | 10:30 am, Sanctuary
Easter Egg Hunt | 11:45 am, Activity Center

Good Friday | April 7

Worship | 6 pm, Sanctuary

Easter Sunday | April 9

Outdoor Worship | 9 am, Church Lawn
Potluck Breakfast | 10 am, Activity Center
Indoor Worship | 11 am, Sanctuary

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 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)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4 pm** University Chorus Concert (Sanctuary)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (Room 214)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 6:15 pm** Session (Room 209)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 8 am** Ashes-to-Go (Sanctuary Steps)
- 9:30 am** Quilt Group (Room 210)
- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5 pm** Dinner (Activity Center)
- 6 pm** Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 10 am** Bible Study (Library)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 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)
- 11:45 am** Officer Training (Room 209)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (Room 214)

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