



# Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

The First Sunday in Lent • February 26, 2023 • 10:30 am



*Jesus and the Tempter, Juan de Flandes*

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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.

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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

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*

Nocturne in E minor

FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul! To God all praise and glory!

**For the life God gives us and the promise of each new day.  
For the light that shines on us and guides our way.**

For the forgiveness of sins and the hope of resurrection.  
For the angels that hover and the evil that slinks away.

**For grace freely given and faith fervently sought.  
For water that blesses and bread that sustains.**

For all that we know of holiness and all that is still beyond us.  
For love that is strong and holds on forever.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul! To God all praise and glory!**

\* Hymn 645

**Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above**

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Call to Confession

*Heather Woolard*

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,  
In the early morning,  
when the world is hushed except for you,  
we know who we are.  
As the day wears on,  
other voices, expectations, and distractions creep in.  
Our confidence in our identity  
is more fragile that we care to admit  
and our trust in your claim on our lives  
fades long before night falls and sleep comes.  
Stay with us, O God,  
even when we struggle to stay with you.**

(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

\* 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

*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.*

Prayer for Illumination

*Lynn Betterley*

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

The Tempter

## **Responding to the Word**

\* Hymn 816

**If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee**

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

## 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*  
MICHAEL BALLARD, DIR.

The Call  
Z. RANDALL STROOPE

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way as gives us breath;  
such a Truth as ends all strife; such a Life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light as shows a Feast;  
such a Feast as mends in length; such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such as Joy as none can move;  
such a Love as none can part; such a Heart as joys in love.

### \* Response

#### **For the Life That You Have Given**

BEACH SPRING

**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.**

### \* Prayer of Dedication

### \* Hymn 166

#### **Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days**

ST. FLAVIAN

### \* Benediction

### \* Postlude

Fugue in E minor  
J. S. BACH

## Worship Notes

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY** are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Heather Woolard, Lynn Betterley, and the Chancel Choir, guest-directed by Michael Ballard.

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

**TODAY'S COVER IMAGE** — The figure of the Tempter in de Flandes' painting is far more subtle than in most images of this story. Most artists depict the Tempter in a shocking or frightening fashion. Here, instead, if one looks only briefly or casually, it is possible to miss the signs of his identity. Similarly, while some of the temptations we face are significant and obvious, others are smaller and more insidious.

**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

**SHANDON ON WEDNESDAYS** — Join us each Wednesday for dinner and programming for all ages.

**5:15 pm** — Dinner in the Activity Center (Make reservations at [onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org) by Monday at 6 pm)

**6 pm** — Lenten study with Rev. John Cook (Room 202), study on the book of Revelation with Rev. Dr. Robert Walker (Room 209), Tell Me More About Shandon (Room 214), Arise and Shine Children's Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

**6:30 pm** — Children's Bible study (Room 224), Shandon Ringers rehearsal (Room 223)

**7:30 pm** — Chancel Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

**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 in Room 214. Sign up by emailing Rev. Jenny McDevitt at [jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org). Dinner will be provided by SOW; reservations are required. Childcare will be provided.

**USC CONCERT CHOIR** — Under the direction of Dr. Alicia Walker, the USC Concert Choir will present *Stars I Shall Find*, Thursday, March 2 at 7:30 pm, in the Sanctuary. This free concert will feature the poetry of Sara Teasdale and Diane Thiel with music composed by Frank Ticheli and Dale Trombore.

**CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING** — Interested in volunteering with our children or youth ministries? From SOW programming to VBS and youth advisors to Sunday school teachers, we would love to have you! Join us Sunday, March 5 at 9:15 am in the library for coffee and donuts. We will complete required background checks and child protection policy training. Sign up at [bit.ly/SPCchildprotection](http://bit.ly/SPCchildprotection). Registration is not required but will help us to plan ahead. Questions? Contact Sarah Ramsey at [sarahsramsey@gmail.com](mailto:sarahsramsey@gmail.com) or Jen Lutterbie at [jennifer.lutterbie@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.lutterbie@gmail.com).

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** — All women of Shandon Presbyterian Church are invited to the annual Birthday Friendship Celebration, in the Activity Center, Tuesday, March 14 at 6 pm. We extend a special welcome to all women who have joined our congregation in the past year. The evening will include sweet and savory goodies, the election of officers for the next year, and the collection of the annual Birthday Offering. For more information or to RSVP, contact Deborah Goodwin at [dbra48@gmail.com](mailto:dbra48@gmail.com).

**BAPTISM ORIENTATION** — If you or your family is considering participating in the sacrament of baptism, please join Rev. Jenny McDevitt and 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](mailto: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.

**WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM** — Thank you to all who volunteer and contribute to this ministry. During March, we will collect shelf-stable milk (8 oz.), peanut butter crackers, and cheese crackers. 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.

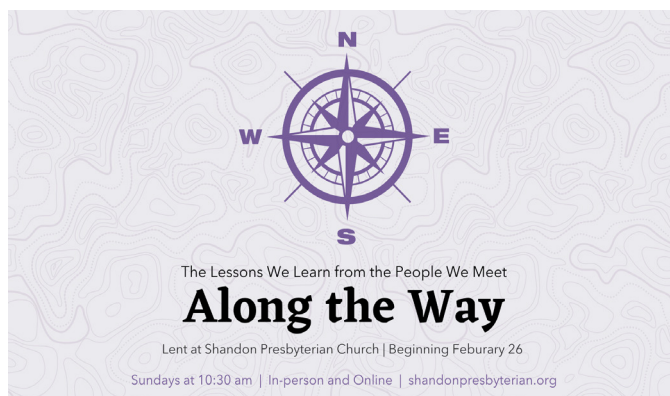
**READ SCRIPTURE IN WORSHIP** — Worship is something we do together. It requires an active role of each of us — praying, singing, listening, and more. If you would like to help lead the congregation in worship by reading Scripture, sign up at [bit.ly/SPCreaders](https://bit.ly/SPCreaders). Details are included at the link. Readers of all ages are welcome! Questions? Contact Matt McCall at [mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/MontreatWM). Financial assistance is available; contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at [jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org). If interested in attending, contact Matt McCall at [mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**ART AND THE BIBLE CAMP** — Shandon's Children's Ministry invites rising kindergartners 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](https://bit.ly/artandthebible). If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Heather Woolard at [hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/WomensConnection2023) to let us know you plan to come.

## Lent at Shandon



### **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

### **Maundy Thursday | April 6**

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

### **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 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)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 6:45 pm** Boy Scouts (Room 224)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 2 pm** USC Concert Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:15 pm** SOW Dinner (Activity Center)
- 6 pm** SOW Programming (various locations)
- 6 pm** Tell Me More About Shandon (Room 214)
- 6:30 pm** Shandon Ringers Rehearsal (Room 223)
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 2

- 10 am** Bible Study (Library)
- 11 am** Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
- 6 pm** Deacons (Room 209)
- 7:30 pm** USC Concert Choir (Sanctuary)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

*No events scheduled.*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

- 9 am** Childcare (Room 107B)
- 9 am** Child Protection Policy Training (Library)
- 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)
- 11:45 am** Officer Training (Room 209)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
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### The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff  
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