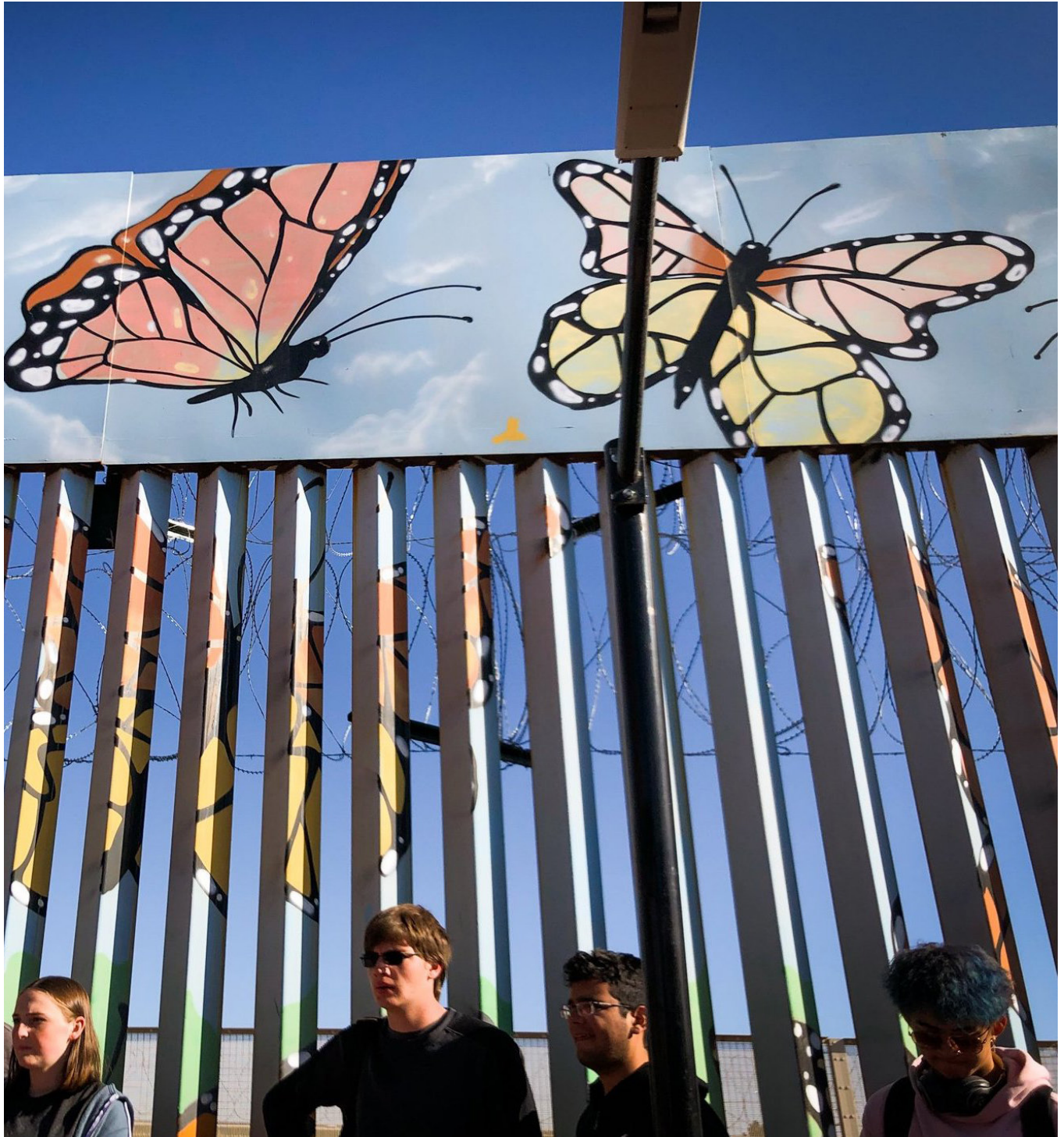




Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

February 5, 2023 • 10:30 am



The wall along the US-Mexico border

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

Sonata No. 58

DOMENICO SCARLATTI

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

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing!

Enter the courts of the Lord with praise!

* Hymn 35

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Call to Confession

Rev. Miriam Maldonado Escobar

God's word reminds us of the human struggle we all face:

I do not understand my own actions.

For I do not do what I want,

but I do the very thing I hate.

Now if I do what I do not want,

I agree that the law is good.

But in fact it is no longer I that do it,

but sin that dwells within me.

(Romans 7:15-17)

So now let us turn to God, asking to be forgiven, cleansed from sin.

Prayer of Confession

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,

nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not welcomed the refugee,

nor have we opened our arms to the stranger.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,

or walked humbly with you, our God.

Forgive us, O God.

Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,

and give us the courage and strength

to be reconciled to others;

through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. (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

Rev. John Cook

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Mark Adams

Scripture Lessons

Mark 12:13-17

Then they sent to Jesus some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it." And they brought one. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." And they were utterly amazed at him.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Mark Adams

Is It Legal to Be Christian?

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 697

Take My Life

HENDON

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*All are welcome at Christ's table. As an act of hospitality,
all of the bread is gluten-free and all of the cups contain grape juice.*

Prayer after Communion

Offering

*You may also give by texting SHANDONPC to 73256
or visiting our website, shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Anthem

Chancel Choir
DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

I Will Be a Child of Peace
ELAINE HAGENBERG

O Holy Father, I will be a child of peace and purity
for well I know Thy hand will bless the seeker after righteousness.

* 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 756

O God of Every Nation
LLANGLOFFAN

* Benediction

* Postlude

Lobe den Herren
JOHANN WALTHER

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. Miriam Maldonado Escobar, Rev. John Cook, Rev. Mark Adams, and the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass.

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

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. The meeting will be live-streamed following worship, but voting will take place in-person only.

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAYS — Join us each Wednesday for dinner and programming for all ages. Dinner is served at 5 pm in the Activity Center and programming for all ages begins at 6 pm. Make dinner reservations by Monday at 6 pm via Realm or calling the Church Office. Current adult classes are a study on the Gospel according to Mark with Rev. Jenny McDevitt and a study on the book of Revelation with Rev. Dr. Robert Walker. Childcare is available for children under the age of four.

DR. JOHN M PRESTON RETREAT — Final payments to attend the Dr. John M. Preston Shandon Retreat for Spiritual Enrichment are due to the Business Office **today**. Payments may be made at onrealm.org. Contact Catherine Teal at cteal@shandonpresbyterian.org if you have questions.

ARISE AND SHINE CHILDREN'S CHOIR — The Arise and Shine Children's Choir will sing in worship on Sunday, February 12. The children will practice in the Sanctuary at 10 am that morning.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING — We will again participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring this year on Sunday, February 12. You may include a designated offering in the offering plates on Sunday, leave a donation in the soup pot located in the Narthex, or contribute at bit.ly/souper2023. All contributions collected will go to Harvest Hope Food Bank in Columbia. For over 30 years, this youth-inspired movement, which started in Columbia, has been harnessing the enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend to tackle hunger in communities across the nation.

ASH WEDNESDAY — Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22. From 8 to 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.

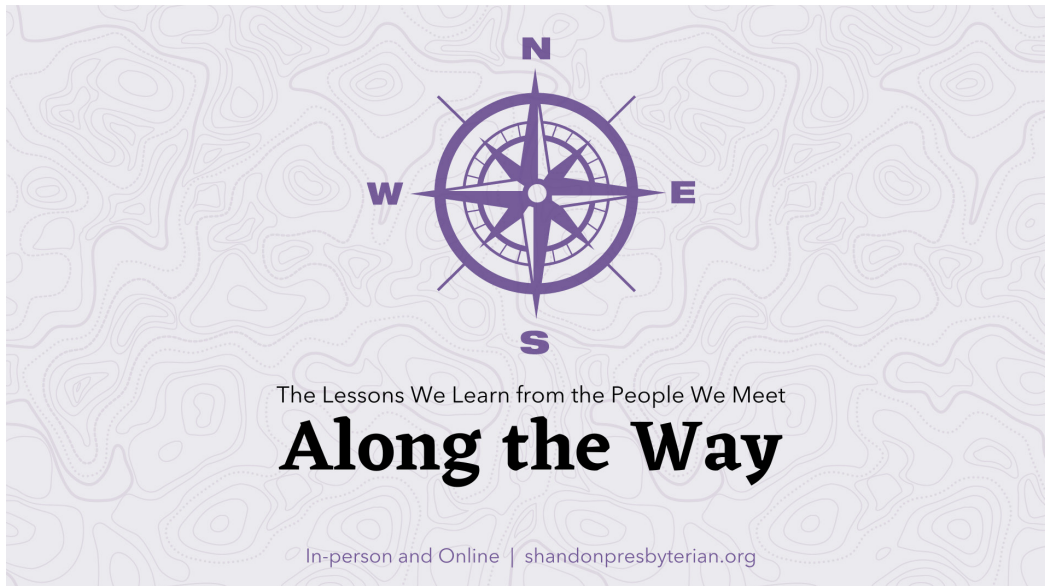
HUNGER MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY — Our Weekend Backpack Program provides meals to students who otherwise would be without meals when school is not in session. During February, we will be collecting shelf-stable milk (8 oz.), healthy granola bars, and individual servings of mac-and-cheese. Volunteers 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.

LIVESTREAM ASSISTANCE — Since May 2021, worship services have been streamed online every Sunday morning. This important part of our worship ministry is supported by a talented and dedicated group of volunteers. If you would like to join the team, sign up by going to bit.ly/LivestreamVolunteers. No experience necessary; training provided.. For more information contact Matt McCall at mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org.

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 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 here: www.presbysmusic.org/2023conference. Financial assistance is available; contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org. If interested in attending, contact Matt McCall at mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org.

Lent at Shandon



Ash Wednesday | February 22
Ashes to Go at 8 am | Dinner at 5 pm | Worship at 6 pm

Palm Sunday with Procession | April 2 at 10:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt | April 2 | 11:45 am

Maundy Thursday | April 6
Dinner at 5 pm | Worship at 6 pm

Good Friday Worship | 6 pm

Easter Sunday | April 9
Outdoor Worship 9 am | Potluck Breakfast at 10 am | Indoor Worship at 11 am

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 9 am Childcare (Room 107B)
- 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)
- 3 pm Cub Scouts (Room 224)
- 3:30 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5 pm Youth Group (Room 214)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 10:30 am Presbyterian Women (Room 224)
- 6 pm More Justice (Choir Room)
- 6:30pm Education Ministry (Library)
- 7 pm Outreach Ministry (Room 224)
- 7 pm Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 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)
- 6:30 pm Shandon Ringers Rehearsal (Room 223)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 10 am Bible Study (Library)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 9:30 am LTO Chamber Choir (Choir Room)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 9 am Childcare (Room 107B)
- 9:15 am Sunday School (various locations)
- 10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 3 pm Cub Scouts (Room 224)
- 3:30 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 6:15 pm Youth Group (Room 214)

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
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