

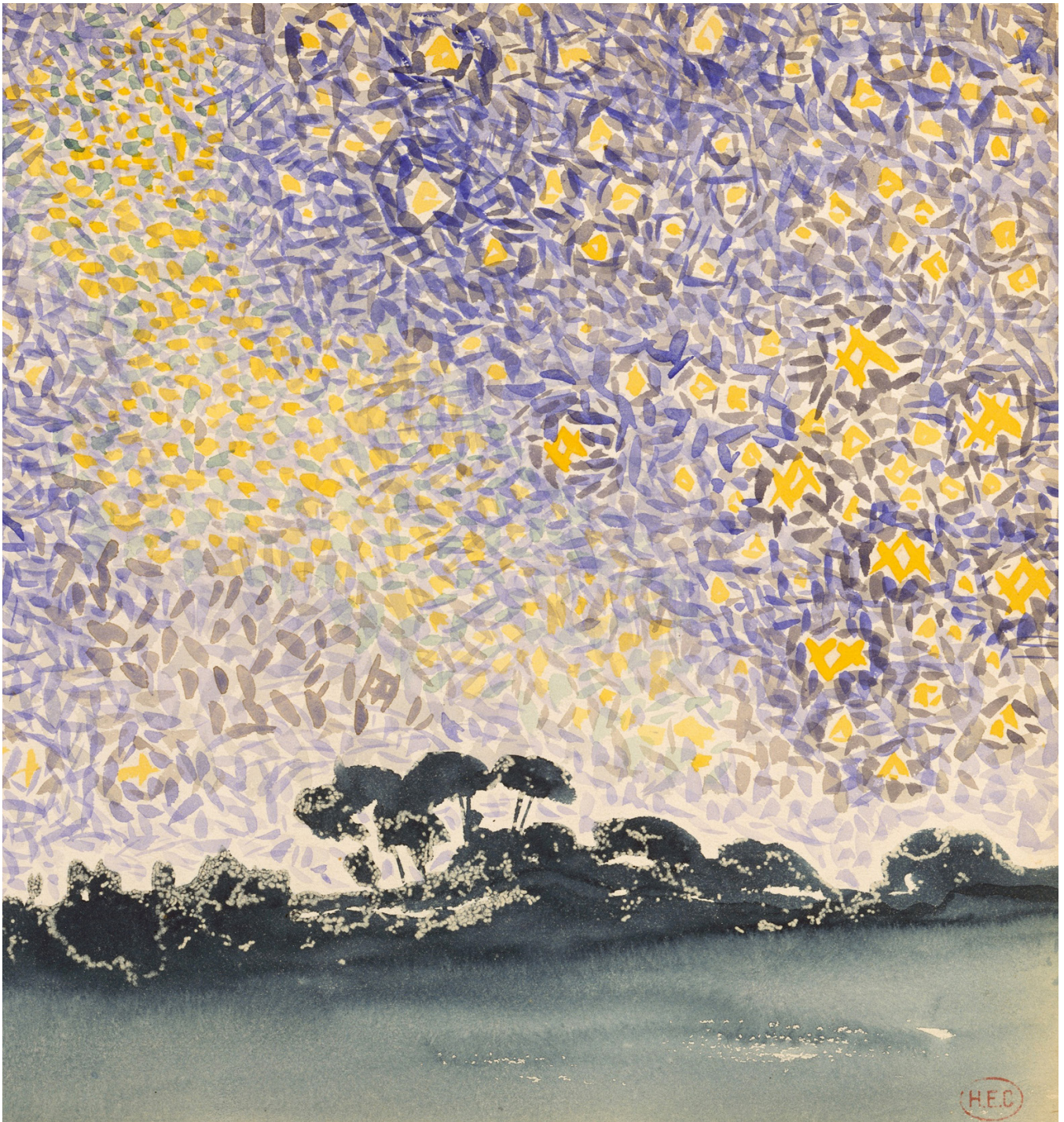


Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

March 13, 2022 • 10:30 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Lent



Landscape with Stars, Henri Edmond Cross

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

Welcoming Children

Children are always welcome in worship! Families are welcome to sit anywhere in the Sanctuary, though little ones are often more engaged when they are able to see everything going on. We understand that children come fully equipped with wiggles, giggles, questions and noises. Your child's presence among us is a gift. We include a time especially for children as part of each worship service. Child care is available in Room 107 for kindergarten-aged children and younger, if that is your preference. For more information about children's and family ministries, please contact Jackson Ringley at jringley@shandonpresbyterian.org.

Current Covid-19 Protocols

At Shandon Presbyterian Church, your health and safety is extremely important to us. So, too, is the health and safety of our community. Following CDC recommendations, **masks are optional at Shandon Presbyterian Church**. Food and drink will be permitted indoors. Some activities will continue outside, especially before summer weather sets in. Anyone who wishes to remain masked is encouraged to do so. Thank you for recognizing that anyone who remains masked has any number of good reasons for doing so, and being respectful of that.

We love our neighbors and we believe these practices are the best way to put that love into action. Our paid staff are fully vaccinated. We encourage vaccination for all who are eligible.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Matthew McCall

Liturgical Improvisation No. 1

GEORGE OLDROYD

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Introit

Arise and Shine Choirs

God Loves Everyone

JOHN H. MORTON

* Call to Worship

Indigenous peoples remind us:

Every one of us is the result of the love of thousands.

We gather in worship remembering that love.

It is love that comes first from the God of Abraham and Isaac,
the God of Sarah and Hagar.

It is love that lights up the night sky with stars,

bright enough to calm any fear and lead the wandering home.

It is love passed down through the generations.

It is love we can trust.

And so with all those who have gone before us,

let us praise the living God!

* Hymn 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

Forgive us for all the times we are hesitant

to say the words we most need to say.

Hear us now as we pray from the depth of our hearts.

Hear us in our weariness as we say:

Help me.

Hear us in our sorrow as we say:

Save me.

Hear us in our loneliness as we say:

Hold me.

Hear us in our brokenness as we say:

Forgive me.

Hear us in our vulnerability as we say:

Love me.

Reveal to us, O God,

the truth that will make us whole. (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

Prayer for Illumination

Scott Lutterbie

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."

But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

A Different Kind of Lent: Trusting

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

NOEL

Prayers of the People
Jackson Ringley

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.

Grant Peace, We Pray
FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord,
in our time peace, oh, send us!
For there is none on earth but thee,
none other to defend us.
Thou only, Lord, canst fight for us.

* Response

For the Life That You Have Given

IN BABILONE

**For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with the 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 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

* Benediction

Postlude

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

ARR. HEALEY WILLAN

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Mayzie Winburn (acolyte), Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. John Cook, Scott Lutterbie, Jackson Ringley and the Chancel Choir under the direction of Dr. Jabarie Glass.

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. The Call to Worship references a quote by writer Linda Hogan, Writer in Residence for The Chickasaw Nation.

TODAY'S COVER IMAGE — *Landscape with Stars* is a work by Henri Edmond Cross, a French painter and printmaker most acclaimed as a master of Neo-Impressionism. His early works were in the dark colors of Realism. The change from his early, somber, Realist work was gradual. After meeting with Claude Monet, he painted predominantly in the brighter colors of Impressionism. In addition to depicting a star-spangled sky, this image was chosen because it reminds us that we are influenced and shaped by those who have come before us and those who walk alongside us.

AFTER WORSHIP TODAY — Join us outside for cookies, coffee and other refreshments. A deacon will be present in the Sower's Chapel (near the baptismal font) to receive prayer concerns or pastoral updates.

Announcements

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES — A variety of new adult education offerings are planned for 2022 including:

- "A Reintroduction to the Women of the Torah and the Throne." Sundays through April 10, 9:15 a.m. in the McDonald Youth Center.
- "Presbyterian Leadership 101," an overview of PC(USA) theology, polity, history, leadership, ministries and scripture. 7 p.m. Thursdays through April 7, Davis Hall.
- For more details, go to bit.ly/spcspring2022.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MARCH 15 — We welcome your news for the April issue of The Spire. Please submit items of interest to the congregation to cward@shandonpresbyterian.org.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING — Shandon will collect this major special offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA) on Sunday, March 20. Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger, promote development and assist in areas of disaster throughout the world.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH — The Nominating Committee is accepting recommendations through March 15 for members of an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. The APNC will be composed of seven individuals, including at least one youth. You may nominate individuals using our online form at bit.ly/apnc2022, by emailing Nominating Committee Co-Chair Sarah Ramsey, sarahsramsey@gmail.com, or by filling out a form located at the church reception desk.

UKRAINE RELIEF — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has determined that their best avenue of aid to the people of Ukraine is to provide financial support to neighboring countries who are receiving floods of Ukrainian refugees. To contribute to that effort, please indicate "PDA - UKRAINE" on your check or envelope. You may also contribute online through Realm at bit.ly/pdaukraine.

ENJOY A CUP OF SPRING — Barring bad weather, Café Justo will be for sale on the sidewalk after the Sunday worship service. Spring is the perfect time to enjoy a delicious cup of Café Justo. How about a cup with Easter brunch? Available in whole bean or ground and caffeinated or decaf in a variety of roasts. Only \$10 for a full pound. For information or to place an order in advance, email Rowena Nylund, Rnylund@sc.rr.com, call 803-252-7752 or text 803-743-7122.

EASTER LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY — The worship committee will adorn the sanctuary with lilies for Easter Sunday. You may remember or honor a loved one by sponsoring a lily. Order deadline is April 8. Go to bit.ly/splilies2022 to order online. To print an order form to return to the church office, go to bit.ly/liliesprint2022. Cost is \$16 each; payment information is included with the order forms. You may pick up your lilies after the 11 a.m. Easter worship service.

MARCH BACKPACK FOOD DONATIONS — This month, we are collecting shelf-stable milk and Chef Boyardee ABCs, Beefaroni, lasagna and spaghetti. Please drop off donations in the designated box.

SAVE THE DATE: EASTER EGG HUNT — Following the worship service on Sunday, April 3, on the front lawn and playgrounds. Fun and light refreshments for kids and kids-at-heart.

MORE JUSTICE NEHEMIAH ACTION — MORE Justice, a coalition of 35 synagogues and churches, works to address poverty and injustice in the Midlands. Shandon members can support these goals by attending the Nehemiah Action Assembly at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 4, at the Columbia Convention Center. Carpooling is encouraged. Transportation by Shandon bus can accommodate 14 passengers. To reserve a seat on the bus, contact Brittany Young, byoung@shandonpresbyterian.org. To register for the event, go to bit.ly/nehemiahaction2022.

Upcoming Worship

A DIFFERENT KIND OF LENT

Everything feels different this year.

Maybe Lent should be different, too.

What if we paved our Lenten road with gentleness and grace?

What sort of resurrection might we be ready to receive if we spend this season making space to breathe?

3.6.2022 RESISTING	3.13.2022 TRUSTING	3.20.2022 RESTING	3.27.2022 RECON- SIDERING	4.3.2022 ANOINTING	4.10.2022 UNTYING	4.14.2022 FEASTING	4.15.2022 YIELDING
						MAUNDY THURSDAY 7 PM	GOOD FRIDAY 7 PM

Easter Worship

9 a.m. Outdoor Worship

10 a.m. Potluck Brunch and Fellowship

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Worship Archives

Miss a service? Want to hear a prayer a second time or read a sermon text? Our worship archives include weekly bulletins, links to livestream recordings, and PDFs of sermon manuscripts (as available).

Visit shandonpresbyterian.org, then select Worship and Music.

Sermons are also available as a podcast on SoundCloud and Apple Podcasts.

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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