



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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March 20, 2022 • 10:30 a.m.

The Third Sunday of Lent



You Are Worthy, Lauren Wright Pittman

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 are 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. Our paid staff are fully vaccinated. We encourage vaccination for all who are eligible.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Matthew McCall

Be Still, My Soul

ARR. COLLEEN ADENT

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

* Call to Worship

The world says, "Keep going until you drop."

**Jesus says, "Come away with me.
Let us go alone to a quiet place
and rest for awhile."**

Mark 6:31

The world says, "Your worth is directly proportional to what you produce."

**Jesus says, "What my father said to me,
'You are my child, my beloved one.
With you I am well pleased.'"**

Luke 3:22

The world says, "There is no rest for the weary."

**Jesus says, "Come to me, all you
who are weary and carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."**

Matthew 11:28

The world says, "Beat back the darkness at any cost."

**Jesus says, "Let the darkness come.
Darkness is when sleep rescues the exhausted.
And only in the darkness can you see how
'I am the light of the world.'"**

John 8:12

* Hymn 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

Call to Confession

Jackson Ringley

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

Scripture Lesson

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 183

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

AUSTIN

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
or visiting our website, shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Anthem

Chancel Choir
DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

O God, Create In Me a Clean Heart
HOWARD HELVEY

O God, create in me a clean heart;
renew a right spirit; O renew my spirit.
Cast me not away from your radiant presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit, your Spirit from me.
Unto me restore the joy of your salvation;
uphold me with your Spirit, with your willing Spirit.

* 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

Come and Find the Quiet Center

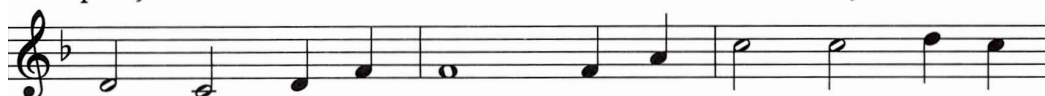
BEACH SPRING



1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd-ed life we
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the
3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's



lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the
pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our
pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -



frame where we are freed: Clear the cha - os and the
be - ing, touch-es base, mak - ing space with - in our
brate the space we gain: There's a place for deep-est



clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can see all the
think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing
dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the



things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

* Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in D Minor

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Carew Bates (acolyte), Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Jackson Ringley, Joe Hicks, Rev. John Cook 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.

TODAY'S COVER IMAGE — Inspired by Luke 13:1-9, artist Lauren Wright Pittman created this block print titled *You Are Worthy*. She writes, "In this image, I wanted the fig tree to look unremarkable, surrounded by the hands of the Gardener reaching down to lovingly massage the soil. The sleeves contain patterning of simplified visual references to everything a plant needs to not only survive, but to thrive. Starting close to the roots and moving upward, the patterns include water, air, sunlight, nutrients, and space. The emphasis in this image is on what is happening below the surface, in the depths of the dirt. The roots stretch toward the hands of the Gardener as the specks of dirt seem to also image the stars of the vast universe. Within us, despite what we produce, despite what can be seen at the surface, we contain multitudes. We bear the image of God, and our mere existence makes us worthy of Sabbath and the loving arms of the Gardener reaching out to provide us with everything we need."

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

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING — We are collecting this major special offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in worship this morning. Each gift supports efforts to relieve hunger, promote development and assist in areas of disaster throughout the world. To contribute, please indicate "OGHS" on your check or envelope, or donate online at onrealm.org/ShandonPresbyte/give/OGHS.

TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON — This exhibit, which opens in the Atrium Gallery at noon today, accompanies Shandon's hosting of *Requiem Gravare*. The opening includes a conversation with artist Judy Hubbard. Judy's multidimensional works explore life, death and grief through the passage of time and will be on display through April 14. Her works are complemented by Robert Walker who created a compilation of images reflecting on the stages of grief. The UofSC Concert Choir, conducted by Alicia Walker, will present *Requiem Gravare* by British composer Will Todd at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26.

PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE. Shandon will offer a service of music and prayer for the war in Ukraine at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23. Child care will be provided. The service also will be livestreamed.

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/spclilies2022 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.

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.

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?

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| 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

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff

Rev. John Cook, Associate Pastor for Discipleship

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Jackson Ringley, Educational Ministries Assistant

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