



Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

The Fourth Sunday in Lent • March 10, 2024 • 10:30 am



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

AED devices — located behind the Sanctuary; use the southwest door (to the left of the Chancel)

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 worship. We are better when all members of our family are here! In order to make worship 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 104 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). 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, contact Heather Woolard-Lawson at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org. Our child protection policy can be viewed at bit.ly/spccchildprotection.

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

Jesus Calls Us

EMMA LOU DIEMER

Welcome

Rev. Lucy Youngblood

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

Christ, when did we see you?

We see because we seek.

We seek because we want to be shown.

When did we hear you?

We hear because we listen.

We listen because you call us.

When did we help you?

We help because we lend a hand.

We open our hands because you opened yours.

We come to seek, to listen, to reach out, and to sing the faith.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Hear our honest confession, O God:

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed;

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be.

Once again, God, make us holy, and wholly yours. (Silent prayer)

* Kyrie

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

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

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 104. 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

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25:31-36

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'"

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Lucy Youngblood

"I Am the Least of These"

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

The 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,
on Venmo (@ShandonPres), or by visiting shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Anthem

Dr. Jabarie Glass

Arise, My Soul, Arise

DAN FORREST

Arise, my soul, arise. Shake off thy guilty fears;
the bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears.
Before the throne my surety stands, my name is written on his hands.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary,
they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "nor let that ransomed sinner die."

My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear.
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh, and "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

* Response

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 372

O for a World

AZMON

* Benediction

Postlude

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

PAUL MANZ

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Lucy Youngblood, Dr. Jabarie Glass, and Andrew Mitchell (live-stream).

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship was written by Rev. Lucy Youngblood. The Prayer of Confession is adapted from *Book of Common Worship*.

AFTER WORSHIP — Join us for fellowship and refreshments on the front sidewalk after worship. A deacon will be present in the Sower's Chapel for prayer.

Announcements

EARLY CHURCH — During Lent, we are offering a second Sunday morning worship service. Early Church meets from 8:30-9:10 am in the Sanctuary. The liturgy is similar to the 10:30 service, but somewhat abbreviated. Instead of a full-length sermon, a 5-minute introduction to the text is offered, followed by guided conversation. Prayers include specific requests you share with us. This service takes place Sundays 17 and 24.

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAY —

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

6 pm — Childcare (Room 107); Arise and Shine Children's Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

6:10 pm — Practicing Our Faith (Room 209)

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

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

PRACTICING OUR FAITH — Join our pastoral and program staff in exploring different spiritual practices throughout Lent. This series, "Practicing Our Faith," takes place Wednesdays at 6:10 pm in Room 209.

March 13: Dr. Jabarie Glass, on the practice of singing

March 20: Heather Woolard-Lawson, on the practice of saying yes and no

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN — All women of Shandon Presbyterian Church are invited to attend the Presbyterian Women Friendship/Birthday Celebration, Thursday, March 14, at 6 pm, in Davis Hall. We will enjoy fellowship over hors d'oeuvres, elect new officers, and collect the annual Birthday Offering. RSVP by March 12 to by emailing Holly Fetner at hollyfetner@att.net.

YOUTH SUNDAY — Youth Sunday is March 17 at 10:30 am. This year's theme is the Shema, found in Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Shandon's Youth have been preparing all year — creating liturgy, preparing music, and writing sermons. Youth will lead the entire service, including preaching, and the youth choir will sing.

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD — During March, we are collecting shelf-stable milk and 7.5 ounce containers of Chef Boyardee pasta. Shandon provides food for local students who are food insecure on weekends. To volunteer, contact Rowena Nylund at (803) 743-7122 or go to bit.ly/spcweekendbackpack.

NEHEMIAH ACTION — Shandon's MORE Justice team invites you to attend the Nehemiah Action on Monday, March 18 at 6 pm at Eau Claire High School Auditorium. We will celebrate the actions of our local officials to address gun violence, food insecurity, and affordable housing, and will urge their continued efforts. If you would like to ride the church bus, which departs at 5 pm, contact Rev. John Cook at jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org.

EASTER EGG HUNT — The annual Easter egg hunt for children through fifth grade will take place Sunday, March 24 in the Activity Center at 11:45 am. Questions? Contact Heather Woolard-Lawson at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org.

EASTER LILIES — Honor or remember those dear to you by dedicating lilies to adorn the sanctuary this Easter. Cost is \$17 per lily. Order online at bit.ly/splilies or by completing an order form found at the reception desk. Deadline to order is March 24.

SPIRE DEADLINE — The next issue of *The Spire* will cover May, June, and July. Please submit items related to your ministries by April 15 to Matt McCall at mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org.

ACOLYTES — Children in at least second grade are invited to lead worship as acolytes. Parents, sign up at bit.ly/shandonacolytes. Questions? Contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org.

READ SCRIPTURE IN WORSHIP — Would you like to read scripture in worship during the 10:30 am service? You can sign up by going to bit.ly/SPCreaders. For more information, contact Matt McCall at mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org.

PEACEMAKING INVITATION — The Peacemaking Ministry has provided a Lenten calendar intended to create more mindful behaviors throughout the year. Printed calendars are available at the reception desk. Calendars can be accessed online at bit.ly/peacemakinglent2024.

ART AND THE BIBLE CAMP THIS SUMMER — Art and the Bible Camp will take place the week of July 8-12. Space is limited! Parents, go to bit.ly/artandthebible2024 to register children. Volunteers are needed to ensure that all the children have a safe and fun week. To volunteer, go to bit.ly/volunteerartandthebible or contact Heather Woolard-Lawson at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org.

Holy Week
Shandon Presbyterian Church

 <p>Palm Sunday March 24 Early Church, 8:30 am Worship with Palm Processional, 10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt, 11:45 am</p>	 <p>Maundy Thursday March 28, 6 pm (in-person only) Intergenerational Worship around Tables with Communion and a Light Supper</p>
 <p>Good Friday March 29, 7 pm Tenebrae Service with Scripture, Music, and the Extinguishing of Candles</p>	 <p>Easter Sunday March 31 Outdoor Worship, 9 am (in-person only) Potluck Breakfast, 10 am Sanctuary Worship with Chancel Choir, 11 am</p>

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

- All Day** Congregational Retreat
- 8:15 am** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 8:30 am** Early Church (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 2 pm** LTO Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

MONDAY, MARCH 11

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

- 9 am** Finance Ministry (Zoom)
- 5:30 pm** Worship and Music Ministry (Room 224)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

- 9:30 am** Quilt Group (Room 210)
- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:15 pm** SOW Dinner (Davis Hall)
- 6 pm** Childcare (Room 106)
- 6 pm** Arise and Shine Children's Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:10 pm** Practicing Our Faith: Singing (Room 209)
- 6:30 pm** Children's Bible Study (Room 224)
- 6:30 pm** Shandon Ringers' Rehearsal (Room 223)
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

- 6 pm** PW Birthday-Friendship Dinner (Davis Hall)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- 8:15 am** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 8:30 am** Early Church (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 11:30 am** Officer Training (Room 209)
- 2 pm** LTO Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

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