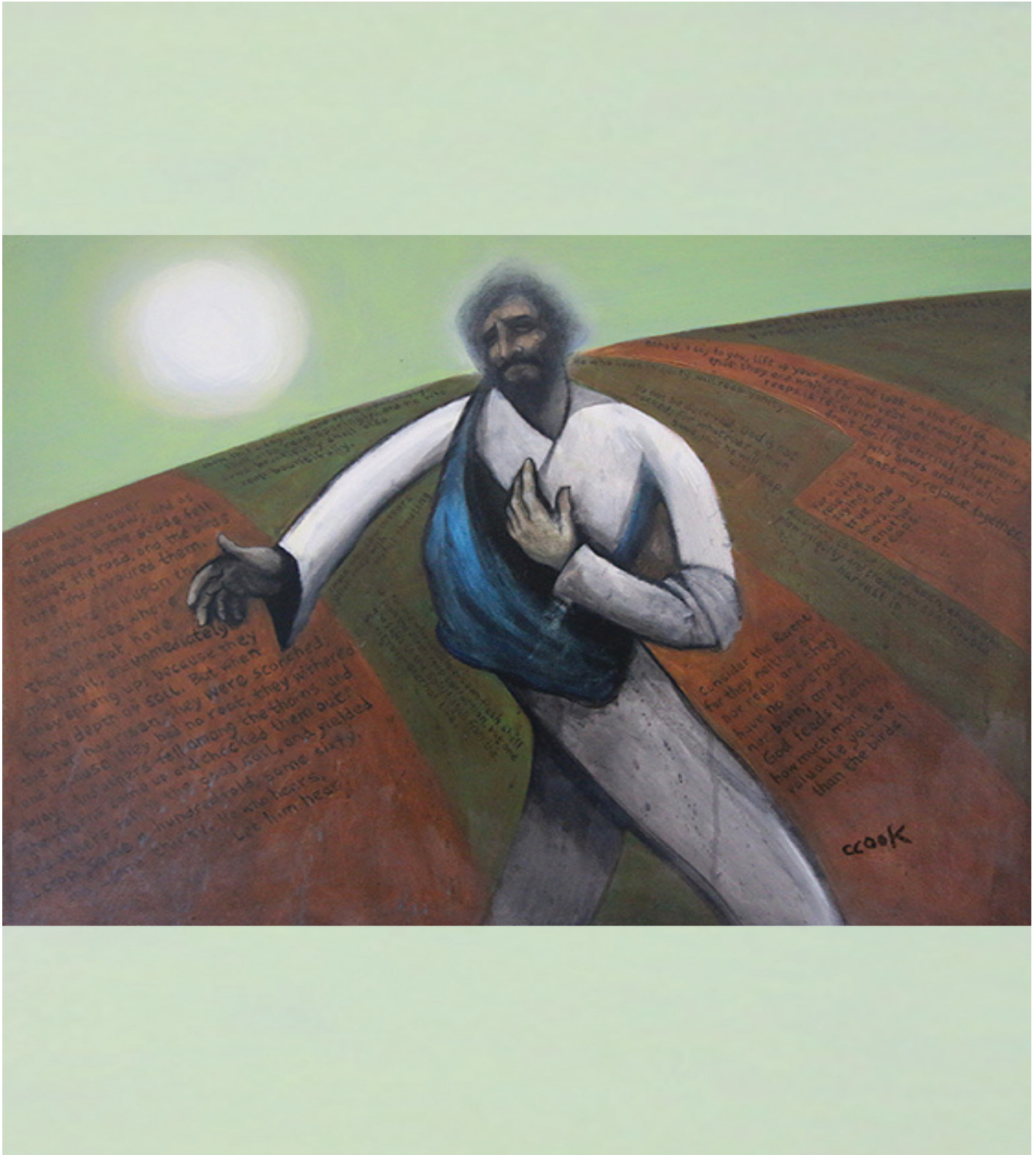




Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

The Third Sunday in Lent • March 12, 2023 • 10:30 am



The Sower, Chris Cook

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

My Song Is Love Unknown

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Welcome

Dr. Jabarie Glass

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

Let us offer up to God a worthy offering of praise.

**Our God is a great God,
who created the heavens and the earth
and is the Author of life.**

Our God, the Son, seeks out what is God's,
restoring the sinner to life in Jesus Christ.

**Our God, the Holy Spirit, dwells with God's people,
making them the temple of the Lord.**

Let us offer the Lord a worthy offering of praise.

Truly, God is worthy to be praised!

* Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

Call to Confession

Lara Winburn

Prayer of Confession

**We confess, O Lord,
that we have failed to live as your holy people.
We have been slow to help the hurting,
indifferent to sharing your good news in Christ,
and slack in prayer.**

**Forgive us, O God,
when our faults lead others to doubt your power and presence.
Restore us by your Holy Spirit, we pray.
Make us a people whose lives display your purposes and goodness.
We ask this in Christ's name.**

(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

Rev. Dr. Franklin Fant

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

Scripture Lesson

Mark 4:26-34

[Jesus] also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Franklin Fant

Big Things in Small Packages

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

The Prayers of the People

Dr. EJ Pavy

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

Walter Graham

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

WILLIAM MARION RUNYAN

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changes not, thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

* 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 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

* Benediction

* Postlude

Finale from Organ Sonata No. 6

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Dr. Jabarie Glass, Lara Winbrun, Rev. Dr. Franklin Fant, Dr. EJ Pavy, and Walter Graham.

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Dr. Franklin Fant.

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 by Monday at 6 pm)

6 pm — Gospel Portraits of Jesus: A Lenten study with Rev. John Cook (Room 202)
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)

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.

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.

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.

EASTER LILIES — Honor or remember those dear to you by dedicating lilies to adorn the sanctuary this Easter. Cost is \$16 per lily. Order online at bit.ly/spclilies or by completing an order form found at the reception desk. Deadline to order is April 2.

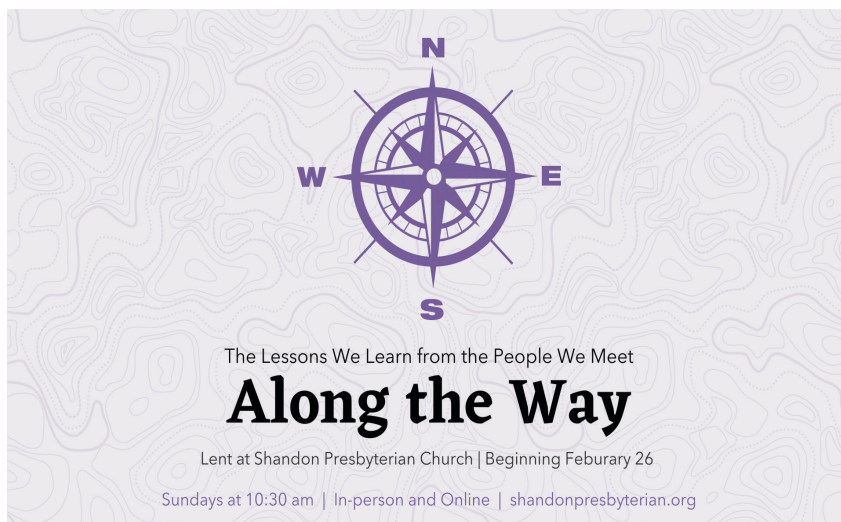
REFUGEE FAMILY HOME DRIVE — The Shandon Circle of Welcome is helping our refugee family settle into their new home! We are seeking donations of new or very gently used items from the lists found at bit.ly/spchomedrive. There are eleven members of the family: mom, dad, sister, grandma, and seven children! Let's help them get a warm and cozy start in their new lives. Deliver your items to the church pod starting March 10.

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM — During March, we are collecting 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. Details are included at the link. Readers of all ages are welcome!

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. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Heather Woolard at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org.

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

Good Friday | April 7

Worship | 6 pm, Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday | April 6

Dinner | 5 pm, Activity Center
Worship with Communion | 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, MARCH 12

- All Day** Congregational Retreat (Montreat)
- 9 am** Childcare (Room 107B)
- 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)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

MONDAY, MARCH 13

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

- 9 am** Finance Ministry (Zoom)
- 6 pm** PW Birthday Celebration (Activity Center)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:15 pm** SOW Dinner (Activity Center)
- 6 pm** SOW Programming (various locations)
- 6 pm** Officer Training (Room 209)
- 6:30 pm** Shandon Ringers Rehearsal (Room 223)
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

- 10 am** Bible Study (Library)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

- 7 pm** Music Honor Society Meeting (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

- 9 am** Childcare (Davis Hall)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 11:45 am** Baptism Orientation (Sanctuary)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (Room 214)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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