



Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

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by Samuel Roth

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/spcchildprotection.

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

Madi Dooley, violin

Concertino

HANS MILLIES

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

Ellington Rogers

Listen up!

We are listening.

The Lord is the only God.

We believe.

Follow God's commandments.

We will follow.

Love the Lord like no one else.

We will love God.

* Hymn

Come, All You People

UYAIMOSE



U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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Call to Confession
Anderson Wilke

Prayer of Confession

**We know we have messed up.
We worship our cell phones, good grades, and our jobs.
We fight with our siblings.
We use unkind words.
We disrespect the planet.
We are distracted by laziness, video games, and being online.**

**You are not our first priority, God.
We have not followed your commandments.
We do not always love our neighbors.**

**Equip us to do better, to do things you want us to do,
And to love you with all of our strength.
Empower us to go out of our way to worship you. *(Silent prayer)***

Kyrie

**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
Samuel Roth

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!
And also with you!

Proclaiming the Word

The Word with Children
*Lane Oana,
Bella Stakely,
and Hayden Thorpe*

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
Rayan Boutahar

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, CEB

Israel, listen! Our God is the Lord! Only the Lord! Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength. These words that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds. Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up. Tie them on your hand as a sign. They should be on your forehead as a symbol. Write them on your house's door frames and on your city's gates.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermons

Listen Up!

*Grace Rivers, Bella Stakely,
Laura Evelyn Rogers, Hampton Rogers,
and Henry Melkomian*

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 626

As the Deer

AS THE DEER

Minute for Mission

Patty Quattlebaum

MORE Justice: Nehemiah Action

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

Youth Choir

ASHLEE POOLE, DIR.

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

* 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 69

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM

* Benediction

Postlude

Matthew McCall

Thy Word

ARR. MARK HAYES

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Madi Dooley, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Ellington Rogers, Anderson Wilke, Samuel Roth, Lane Oana, Bella Stakely, Rayan Boutahar, Grace Rivers, Laura Evelyn Rogers, Hampton Rogers, Henry Melkomian, the Youth Choir, directed by Ashlee Poole, Matthew McCall, and Byron Duell (live-stream).

TODAY'S LITURGY — All of today's liturgy, including the Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Prayers of the People, was composed by Shandon's Youth.

COVER ART — Today's bulletin cover was created by Samuel Roth.

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

NEHEMIAH ACTION — Shandon's MORE Justice team invites you to attend the Nehemiah Action taking place tomorrow, Monday, March 18 at 6 pm, in the auditorium of Eau Claire High School. We will celebrate the actions of 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, will departs at 5 pm contact Rev. John Cook at jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org.

SHANON ON WEDNESDAY — Join us this Wednesday, March 20, for activities for all ages. Dinner reservations are requested by Monday at 6 pm by calling the church office or on Realm.

5:15 pm — Dinner (Davis Hall)

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

6:10 pm — Practicing Our Faith: Saying Yes and No (Room 209)

6:30 pm — Children's Bible Study (Room 224), Shandon Ringers Rehearsal (Room 223)

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

UNIVERSITY CHORUS —The USC University Chorus, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, will present a concert on March 21 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. The program, "This Troubled World," will feature the world premiere of "Whose Names Are Unknown" by Shruthi Rajasekar, adapted from Sanora Babb's novel of the same title. The concert is free and open to the public.

PALM SUNDAY — Next Sunday, March 24 is Palm Sunday The children of the church and the Chancel Choir will gather on the Sanctuary steps at 10:20 am to prepare for the Palm Processional. Adults are welcome to accompany their children if needed or desired. The service itself is a celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and serves as the beginning of Holy Week. Capital City Brass, the Arise and Shine Children's Choir, the Chancel Choir, and the Shandon Ringers will lead worship.

EASTER EGG HUNT — It's time for one of our biggest, most eagerly-anticipated events! This year's egg hunt — for children through fifth grade — will take place Sunday, March 24 11:45 am. Though eggs will be hidden all around the church, we will begin by gathering in the Activity Center. The egg hunt is open to the entire community and we always have a number of Shandon Weekday School families and Shandon neighborhood families join us. While only children will actually hunt for the eggs, everyone is welcome to attend and join in the excitement!

SPECIAL OFFERING —On Sunday, March 24, we will collect the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. This denominational offering supports three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People. You may contribute in the offering plate or by going to onrealm.org/ShandonPresbyte/give/OGHS. More information can be found at specialofferings.pcusa.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/spclilies or by completing an order form found at the reception desk. Today is the deadline to order.

MAUNDY THURSDAY — Maundy Thursday is March 28. We will observe this important day with intergenerational worship service around tables in the Activity Center. A light supper will be served along with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This service is designed to be meaningful for all ages. Childcare will begin at 6 pm, worship begins at 6:10 pm. RSVPs are never required for worship, but can help us plan and prepare dinner. Go to bit.ly/spcmaundythursday to let us you're coming.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY — Central Midlands Habitat for Humanity and Shandon Presbyterian Church are looking for between 15 and 30 volunteers to help a family build their own house. We will be sponsoring a day during their annual Faith Build on Saturday, April 6. No experience necessary, but all participants must be at least 18 years old. There will be two shifts, 8-11:30 am and another from 12-3 pm, with time for lunch in between. We can host up to 15 volunteers at a time and you can choose to work either or both shifts. For more information or to volunteer, contact Hugh Jacobs at hughjacobs865@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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

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Palm Sunday

March 24
Early Church, 8:30 am
Worship with Palm Processional, 10:30 am
Easter Egg Hunt, 11:45 am



Maundy Thursday

March 28, 6 pm (in-person only)
Intergenerational Worship around Tables
with Communion and a Light Supper



Good Friday

March 29, 7 pm
Tenebrae Service with Scripture, Music,
and the Extinguishing of Candles



Easter Sunday

March 31
Outdoor Worship, 9 am (in-person only)
Potluck Breakfast, 10 am
Sanctuary Worship with Chancel Choir, 11 am

This Week at Shandon

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)

MONDAY, MARCH 18

- 3:30 pm** University Chorus Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm** Nehemiah Action (off-site)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 6:45 pm** Boy Scouts (Davis Hall)

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

- 5 pm** USC Instrumental Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:15pm** Session (Room 209)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 3:30 pm** University Chorus Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 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 (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 21

- 6 pm** SWS Board (Room 209)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball Practice (Activity Center)
- 7:30 pm** University Chorus Concert (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

- 3 pm** Memorial Service for Sara and Reggie Freeman (Sanctuary)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

- 8:15 am** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 8:30 am** Early Church (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 9:30 am** Shandon Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:20 am** Palm Processional (Front Steps)
- 10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 11:45 am** Easter Egg Hunt (Activity Center)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

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