

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 Davis Hall 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

Modérément Animé

CLAUDE DEBUSSY

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

When God set the stars in the sky
and separated the land from the sea,

God's name was Power.

When God gathered Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
Mary and Martha, Andrew, James and John,

God's name was Shepherd.

When God healed the sick and forgave the sinful,
when God gave sight to the blind and befriended the lonely,

God's name was Grace.

When God did not turn away from the cross,
but instead carried it to the end,

God's name was Love.

When God did not let death have the last word,
thereby denying its sting forever,

God's name was Redeemer.

God still answers to all these names and even more.

Let us worship the Lord, our God!

* Hymn 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

Call to Confession

April Martin

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

We hesitate to speak about sin

because it is unfashionable:

we don't want to hurt anyone's feelings;

the world rewards bright and shiny lives;

and aren't we all insecure enough already?

We hesitate to speak about sin

because we are afraid:

**we are ashamed of the grip it has on us;
we worry we will test the limits of your love;
and aren't some things better left unspoken?**
**We forget that when we hesitate to speak about sin,
we recognize less of your grace.**
Forgive us,
and fill us with honesty, courage, and faith, we pray.
(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!

Minute for Mission
Lizzy Van Harn

More Justice

Proclaiming the Word

The Word with Children
Heather Woolard

This time in worship is designed for children up through fifth grade. Afterwards, kindergarten-aged and younger may attend extended care in Davis Hall. 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
Rev. Lucy Youngblood

Scripture Lesson

John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "**I am he.**" But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "**The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight.**" They said to him,

"Where is he?" He said, **"I do not know."** They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, **"He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."** Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, **"He is a prophet."** The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, **"I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."** They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, **"I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"** Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, **"Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."** They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, **"And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him."** Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, **"Lord, I believe."** And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

A Man Born Blind

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 470

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

LONGING

The 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

Be Thou My Vision

ARR. ALICE PARKER

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not nor vain empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

* 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 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

* Benediction

* Postlude

Little Prelude in D Minor

J. S. BACH

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, April Martin, Heather Woolard, Lizzy Van Harn, Rev. Lucy Youngblood, Rev. John Cook, the Chancel Choir directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, Catherine Hazan (violin), Holly Workman (violin), Cierra Asmond (viola), and Pai Liu (cello).

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Katherine Cuddy in honor of her father, Jim Cuddy's 90th birthday.

AFTER WORSHIP — Join us for cookies and fellowship in the Activity Center. 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 (Room 202)

A Study on the Book of Revelation (Room 209)

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)

ARTS AT SHANDON — Arts and Shandon presents Charles D. Frost in an organ recital next 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/splililies 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. Deliver your items to the church pod starting March 10. Drop-offs can be made during regular church hours. Keys to unlock the pod can be retrieved from the receptionist.

FAMILY PROMISE — Shandon is hosting four families with Gill Creek Baptist Church the week of April 2-8, 2023. Sign up at bit.ly/spcfamilypromise to bring gift cards for gas, groceries, and restaurants.

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.

This Week at Shandon

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)

MONDAY, MARCH 20

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

- 6:15 pm** Session (Room 209)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

- 9:30 am** Quilt Group (Room 210)
- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:15 pm** SOW Dinner (Activity Center)
- 6 pm** SOW Programming (various locations)
- 6:30 pm** Shandon Ringers Rehearsal (Room 223)
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

- 10:30 am** Rev. John Wells Memorial Service
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

- 9 am** Childcare (Davis Hall)
- 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)
- 4 pm** Arts at Shandon: Charles Frost (Sanctuary)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (Room 214)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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