



# Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

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*I am the Way, Daphne Stephenson*

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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](mailto:hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org). Our child protection policy can be viewed at [bit.ly/spccchildprotection](http://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](mailto:jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org).

## Gathering Around the Word

### Prelude

*Capital City Brass*

My Spirit be Joyful

J. S. BACH

### Call to Worship

*Rev. John Cook*

Matthew 21:1-9

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "**Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**"

### \* Processional Hymn 196

#### **All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

VALET WILL ICH DER GEBEN

### Anthem

*Arise and Shine*

*Children's Choir*

ALLISON YABLONSKI, DIR.

Shout Hosanna

ROBERT C. EVANS

### Call to Confession

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

### 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)**

### Assurance of God's Grace

### \* Hymn 197

#### **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

ELLACOMBE

\* Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

Our Life Together

*Please sign the friendship folder located along the inside aisle of each pew and pass it to those seated near you.*

## Proclaiming the Word

The Word with Children

*Heather Woolard-Lawson 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.*

The Sacrament of Baptism

*Jackson Mabry Ramsey, son of Matt and Sarah Ramsey  
Ellen McDuffie, elder, on behalf of the Session  
Amelia Lutterbie, on behalf of the children of the church*

Song of Welcome

**Baptized in Water**

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked the with sign of Christ our King;  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Prayer for Illumination

*Elizabeth Langley*

Scripture Lesson

John 14:1-6a

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermons

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

"I Am the Way and the Truth and the Life"

## Responding to the Word

### Music for Meditation

*Shandon Ringers*

MATTHEW MCCALL, DIR.

My Song Is Love Unknown

ARR. CATHY MOKLEBUST

*My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die.*

*Sometimes we strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day hosannas to our King.  
Then, "Crucify," is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.*

*Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine:  
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise, I all my days could gladly spend.*

### The Prayers of the People

*April Martin*

### 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

*Chancel Choir*

DR. JABARIE GLASS

Ride On, King Jesus

ARR. MOSES HOGAN

*Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' king.  
Oh, ride on King Jesus, ride on. No man can a hinder thee.*

*I was but young when I begun, but now my race is almost done.  
King Jesus rides a milk-white horse; the river of Jordan he did cross.*

*He's the King, Lord of all. Jesus is the first and he's the last.  
Jesus is the Lord, Lord of Lords. Jesus is the Prince, Prince of Peace.*

### \* 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 215

### **What Wondrous Love Is This**

WONDROUS LOVE

\* Benediction

Postlude

*Capital City Brass*

Galliard Battaglia

SAMUEL SCHEIDT

## **Worship Notes**

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY** are Capital City Brass, Rev. John Cook, Arise and Shine Children's Choir, directed by Allison Yablonski, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Heather Woolard-Lawson, Ellen McDuffie, Amelia Lutterbie, Elizabeth Langley, Shandon Ringers, directed by Matthew McCall, April Martin, the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, and Byron Duell (live-stream).

**THE FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Eugene Rogers in memory of his wife, Susan Dodson Rogers, whose birthday is April 1.

**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**

**SPECIAL OFFERING** — Today, we 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](http://onrealm.org/ShandonPresbyte/give/OGHS). More information can be found at [specialofferings.pcusa.org](http://specialofferings.pcusa.org).

**EASTER EGG HUNT** — The annual Easter egg hunt for children through fifth grade will take place today at 11:45 am. Though eggs will be hidden all around the church, we will begin by gathering in the Activity Center. While only children will actually hunt for the eggs, everyone is welcome to attend and join in the excitement!

**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/splililies](http://bit.ly/splililies) or by completing an order form found at the reception desk. Today is the deadline to order.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE** — SOW activities will not take place this Wednesday, March 27. Please join us for the following Holy Week opportunities:

**Maundy Thursday** — March 28 at 6:10 pm in the Activity Center — We will observe this important day with intergenerational worship 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. RSVPs are never required for worship, but can help us plan and prepare dinner. Go to [bit.ly/spcmaundythursday](http://bit.ly/spcmaundythursday) to let us you're coming.

**Good Friday** — March 29 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary — This evening Tenebrae service includes the slow extinguishing of candles as the story of Jesus' final hours is read aloud. Music interspersed with brief periods of silence invite solemn reflection. Childcare will begin at 6:45 pm.

**Outdoor Easter Worship** — March 31 at 9 am on the Church Lawn — Celebrate the Resurrection with all nature. Congregational singing will be lead by our Choral Scholars and trumpet. In the event of rain, we will move to the Sanctuary. Childcare will begin at 8:45 am.

**Potluck Easter Breakfast** — March 31 at 10 am in the Activity Center — Bring your favorite shareable breakfast food and enjoy fellowship with friends old and new.

**Indoor Easter Worship** — March 31 at 11 am in the Sanctuary — This festive service contains all the traditional fanfare of Easter, lead by the Chancel Choir, organ, and trumpet.

**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](https://bit.ly/spcweekendbackpack).

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** — The Church office will be closed on Monday, April 1. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, April 2.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** — Central Midlands Habitat for Humanity and Shandon Presbyterian Church are looking for up to 30 volunteers to help a family build their own house on Saturday, April 6. No experience is 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](mailto:hughjacobs865@gmail.com).

**MAJORING IN THE MINORS** — Explore the minor prophets during SOW, beginning April 10 at 6:10 pm in Room 209. The pastors and program staff will each lead a discussion on one of the minor prophets.

April 10 — Hosea — Matt McCall

April 17 — Habakkuk — Rev. Jenny McDevitt

April 24 — Amos — April Martin

May 1 — Micah — Rev. John Cook

May 8 — Joel — Heather Woolard-Lawson

**BOOK CLUB** — The SPC Book Club meets on the fourth Monday of the month at Elizabeth Crouch's home to discuss a great book and to enjoy the fellowship of readers. The upcoming books are: *The Last Train to Key West* by Chanel Cleeton on April 22, and *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman on Tuesday, May 28 (note: special Tuesday meeting due to Memorial Day). Please contact Elizabeth at 502-409-2272 or Tiffany Beverly at 803-587-0030 for more information.

**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](mailto:mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**CHURCH PICNIC** — After worship on May 19, join us on the Church Lawn for a picnic celebrating the end of the Sunday School year. The main course will be provided; you are encouraged to bring a side or dessert to share. We will honor our Sunday School teachers, so all current Sunday School teachers should plan to attend. In addition to good food and fellowship, there will be a band and music for dancing!

**ACOLYTES** — Children in at least second grade are invited to lead worship as acolytes. Parents, sign up at [bit.ly/shandonacolytes](https://bit.ly/shandonacolytes). Questions? Contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at [jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/SPCreaders). For more information, contact Matt McCall at [mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto: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](https://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](https://bit.ly/volunteerartandthebible) or contact Heather Woolard-Lawson at [hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org).

## This Week at Shandon

### 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)

### MONDAY, MARCH 25

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 26

*No events scheduled.*

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

- 9:30 am** Quilt Group (Rom 210)
- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

- 6 pm** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 6:10 pm** Maundy Thursday Worship (Activity Center)

### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 6:45 pm** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 7 pm** Good Friday Tenebrae (Sanctuary)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 30

- 9 am** Worship and Music Ministry (Sanctuary)

### EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

- 8:45 am** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 9 am** Outdoor Worship (Church Lawn)
- 10 am** Potluck Breakfast (Activity Center)
- 10:30 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 11 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12 pm** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 2 pm** Presbyterian Church of Ghana (Davis Hall)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

### 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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