



Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

Easter Sunday • March 31, 2024 • 11 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/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

Matthew McCall

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

J. S. BACH

The Easter Proclamation

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt
and Rev. John Cook*

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

* Processional Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Call to Confession

April Martin

Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, O God, if in the perplexity of this day
the musings of the church should become too simple.**

**Forgive us, O God, if in the mystery of this day
the voice of the church should succumb to timidity.**

**Forgive us, O God, if after the pageantry of this day
the memory of the church should fade or grow weary.**

**We confess Christ risen,
the literal embodiment of a God
who defeats every form of death to offer us abundant life.**

**And so, O God,
let the joy of this day obliterate all fear;
let the love of this day make the world quiver with hope;
let the wonder of this day change us forever. *(Silent prayer)***

Assurance of God's Grace

* Response

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you!

* Hymn

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA, VERSES 1 AND 4

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

*Brooks Brannon, daughter of Hilary and Kyle Brannon
Chase Hicks, elder, on behalf of the Session
Ruth Phelps, on behalf of the children of the congregation*

Song of Welcome

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.**

Prayer for Illumination

Henry Hall

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 118:1, 14, 19-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!
The Lord is my strength and my might;
God has become my salvation.

**Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that have answered me
and become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They all come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

"I Am the Gate"

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

**We believe in an astounding God,
who surprises us on Easter morning,
who reveals through an empty tomb
how God is always doing a new thing.**

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

**We believe in God,
who is light in the darkness,
who never gives up on love,
who is always working for our good,
who weeps when we weep and laughs when we laugh,
who calls us to be more than we are,
who transforms our tears into alleluias.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd."

**We believe in Christ,
present at the time of creation,
heard in the words of prophets,
alive in the lessons taught to disciples.**

Jesus said, "I am the true vine."

**We believe in Christ risen,
not stuck in a tomb of despair,
nailed to a cross,
or buried in the past,
but alive forever and with us always.**

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the invisible, ongoing presence of God,
the joy, hope, and peace of endless possibility,
unfolding around us all the time.**

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."

**We believe the Spirit calls us to community,
to compassion,
to welcome,
and to acts of mercy and justice.**

Jesus said, "I am the gate."

**God cannot be contained:
not by books or institutions,
not by fear or hate,
and certainly not by a tomb.
Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen.**

* Hymn 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

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

Chancel Choir

DR. JABARIE GLASS

All That Hath Life and Breath, Praise Ye the Lord!

RENE CLAUSEN

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,
shout to the Lord, alleluia!
Praise the Lord with joyful song,
sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, alleluia, praise Him!
All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,
sing to the Lord a new-made song, praise His name, alleluia!
Unto thee, O Lord, have I made supplication,
and cried unto the rock of my salvation;
but thou hast heard my voice, and renewed my weary spirit.
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation.

* Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit, evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 233

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

* Benediction

Postlude

Toccata, from Symphonie V

CHARLMES M. WIDOR

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. John Cook, Scott Phinney, Byron Duell (trumpet), April Martin, Heather Woolard-Lawson, Chase Hicks, Ruth Phelps, Henry Hall, the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, Jim McNeish (live-stream), and Edie McNeish (live-stream).

THE FOLLOWING IMAGES are provided as a visual aid for this morning's sermon.



Announcements

EASER LILIES — If you dedicated a lily in honor or in memory of a loved-one, you may take it home following the conclusion of the 11 am service. Remaining lilies will be available under the portico beginning Tuesday morning.

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

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAY — Mid-week programming will not take place this Wednesday, April 3, but will resume on Wednesday, April 10 with dinner in Davis Hall at 5:15 pm, followed by activities for all ages. Childcare will be available beginning at 6 pm for infants and toddlers. Make dinner reservations by Mondays at 5 pm on Realm or by calling the church office at (803) 771-4408.

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 one of the minor prophets.

April 10 — Joel — Heather Woolard-Lawson

April 17 — Habakkuk — Rev. Jenny McDevitt

April 24 — Amos — April Martin

May 1 — Micah — Rev. John Cook

May 8 — Hosea — Matt McCall

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Sunday school classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 9:15 am. For information regarding children's education, contact Heather Woolard-Lawson at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org, for youth and young adults, contact April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org, for college and UKirk, contact Rev. John Cook at jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org, and for adults, contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org.

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. To volunteer, go to bit.ly/spchabitat.

SERVE AT TRANSITIONS — Shandon serves dinner to the residents of Transitions Homeless Center the first Sunday of every month. For more information and to sign up to serve on April 7, go to bit.ly/serveattransitions.

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD — During April, we are collecting shelf-stable milk and individual servings of mac-and-cheese. 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.

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.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY — This year's class of confirmands are excited to share their gifts in worship on May 12. They will provide music, write and lead liturgy, and be confirmed as members of the church. April Martin will preach. Final rehearsal will take place on Sunday, April 28 during youth group, 5-7 pm.

CHURCH PICNIC AND SHAGGIN' — 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 shag dancing!

YOUTH GROUP — Youth Group will resume April 7, 5-7 pm in the McDonald Youth Center. Join in for a time of study, music, fun activities, and dinner. For more information, contact April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org.

UKIRK — All college students are invited to UKirk Presbyterian Student Center (1702 Greene Street) for weekly ministry opportunities: Bible Study on Mondays at 6:30 pm and dinner and UKirk Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. UKirk also offers rides to Sunday morning worship at Shandon; simply meet us at the Student Center at 10:15 am. For more information go to ukirksc.org or contact Rev. John Cook at jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY — Shandon has a wide variety of musical opportunities for all ages. You are invited to prayerfully consider becoming part of the music ministry and enrich our worship experiences.

Chancel Choir — Wednesdays, April 10 to May 15, 7:30 to 8:45 pm, Room 222

Shandon Ringers — Wednesdays, April 10 to May 15, 6:30 to 7:15 pm, Room 223

Youth Music — Sundays during youth group, 5 to 7 pm, McDonald Youth Center

Arise and Shine Children's Choir — Wednesdays, April 10 to May 22, 6 to 6:30 pm, Room 222

ART AND THE BIBLE CAMP THIS SUMMER — Art and the Bible Camp will take place the week of July 8-12. Volunteers are needed to ensure that all the children have a safe and fun week. To volunteer, go to bit.ly/volunteerartandthebible. If you would like your child to be added to a wait-list, please email Heather Woolard-Lawson at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org

Easter Lilies

given to the glory of God

in memory of

Samantha King

David & Carolyn Crockett, Jr.

David & Willie Crockett, Sr.

J.P. & Onie Jones

Elizabeth Calloway Grimball

Laura Ann Miller

Guy & Kay White

David M. White, Sr.

Flynn Harrell

Our Parents and Our Son

Elliott Olin McElveen, Jr.

Helen & Watson Dawes

Miriam & Gerald Quattlebaum

Richard Fadeley

Corrie & Everett Gladden

Our Great-grandparents, Corrie & Everett Gladden

Blackwell & Mary Murchison

J.B. & Catherine Allen

Our Grandparents

Tim Hoyt Duncan

Reggie & Sara Freeman

Rev. David Johnson

Ray Schilling

Pearl Schilling

Mr. & Mrs. Grady L. Patterson, Jr.

Dr. John & Frances Timmons

given by

The Tillirson Family

Paula Crockett, their daughter

Paula Crockett, their granddaughter

Paula Crockett, their granddaughter

Morgan Grimball

Katy and all the dogs and horses

Carolyn, Marshall & Alston White

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Anne Harrell

Wayne Bryan & Mimi Parrott

His Family

Patty & Bill Quattlebaum

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Beth & Brian Moore

Peter & Leigh Gladden Lalos

Vincent Hall & Corrie Rose Rice

Laura Murchison

Their Family

The Humphries

Jane Gardner

Jane Gardner

E.J., Anna Marie, Olivia, Nazareth, Spencer,

Noah & Gideon

Janet Schilling Bailey

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Their Family

Johnny & Laura Timmons

in memory of
Alice Timmons Morrisey
My parents, Jim & Anne Cuddy
Our Parents
Bert & Elise Kramer
Frank & Margaret Jordan
Carroll & Jean McDuffie
Ruby & Eddie Scott & Phyllis
Mary & James Hodges
Myra Wyman
Jay Patton
Mr. & Mrs. V.E. Dawson
Jon Paul Thames
Mr. & Mrs. L.E. Thames
Mr. & Mrs. O.L. Hwang
Timmy Thames
Samuel Gregg O'Neal, Jr
Betsy Hane & Annie Hall
Marilyn J. Miss
Nan & George Steedman
Our Parents
Frank & Margaret Jordan
Steven Lee Smoak
Edna Martin Pugh, my Mother
Peggy Pugh Kelly, my Sister
James & Marie Higginbotham
Edward Harris

given by
Johnny & Laura Timmons
Katherine Cuddy
Stacey & Jim Brennan
Bob Kramer & Margaret Jordan
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John & Whitney McDuffie
Susan & Edwin Scott
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Ada Wyman Patton
Ada Wyman Patton
Jim & Chae Thames
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Sandra O'Neal
The Hall Family
John & Susan Steedman
John & Susan Steedman
Jay Taylor & Carolyn Click
Leck & Sally Patterson
Julie Petoskey Smoak, his mother
Fred Pugh
Fred Pugh
Phillip & Ashley Simoneaux
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in honor of
Ellen McDuffie
The Church Staff
Marie Fadeley
Brooks Dyer Brannon
Keith & Jan Brannon
Cynthia & Eddie Dyer
Jamie Brannon & John Comeford
Sadie Medlock
Our Parents
Gracie Brown
Frances, Tyler, Elizabeth, Mary Redden, Francie & Ellie
Our Grandchildren: Thompson, Clark, Joseph & Emma
Jim & Janet Roberts
Scott, Jen, Amelia & Rachel Lutterbie
Shandon Presbyterian Staff
Edwin & Caitlin Scott, James & Meghan Scott
Shandon Staff
Confirmation Class Teachers, Confirmands & Mentors
Stacey & Jim Brennan
Wanda & Alan Harris
Jeanne Simoneaux
Our children, Catherine Ann & Henry
Our Parents
Our children & Grandchildren

given by
The Hampton Family
Wayne Bryan & Mimi Parrott
Beth & Brian Moore
Hilary & Kyle Brannon
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Her Grandparents, Laura & Travis Medlock
The Humphries
Jane Gardner
Johnny & Laura Timmons
Stacey & Jim Brennan
John & Whitney McDuffie
Ellen McDuffie & Sarah Ramsey
Shandon Weekday School
Susan & Edwin Scott
Jim & Chae Thames
Jim & Chae Thames
Will, Lauren, Thompson & Joseph Brennan
Philip & Ashley Simoneaux
Philip & Ashley Simoneaux
Jay Taylor & Carolyn Click
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Leck & Sally Patterson

Upcoming Worship



Peace.

What does it look like?

Is it really possible?

In turbulent times, what can we do?

In uncertain times, where do we find hope?

Join us this Spring as we consider all these questions and more.

**Spring Worship at
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10:30 am, in-person and online

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607 Woodrow Street in Columbia



April 7

Peace Is Not the Absence of Chaos, It Is the Presence of Hope

April 14

Peace Is Not the Absence of Conflict, It Is the Endurance of Love

April 21

Peace Is Not the Absence of Evil, It Is the Boldness of Righteousness

April 28

Peace Is Not the Absence of Pain, It Is the Compassion of Presence

May 5

Peace is Not the Absence of Change, It Is the Commitment to Justice

This Week at Shandon

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)

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Church Office closed.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

- 10:30 am** Presbyterian Women (Room 224)
- 6 pm** Outreach Ministry (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

- 11 am** Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- 9 am** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (campus-wide)
- 9:15 am** Confirmation Breakfast (Room 209)
- 10 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am** Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 2 pm** Presbyterian Church of Ghana (Davis Hall)
- 2 pm** LTO Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4:50 pm** Serve at Transitions (off-site)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (McDonald Youth Center)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff
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