



Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

The Third Sunday in Lent • March 3, 2024 • 10:30 am



The Vine and the Branches, by Laura Sotka

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

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/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.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Matthew McCall

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor

J. S. BACH

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

We are guests invited —

**invited to worship,
invited to receive,
invited to share.**

I am the Bread of Life, Jesus says.

**Whoever comes to me will never go hungry,
and whoever trusts in me will never be thirsty.**

I am the True Vine, Jesus says.

**Abide in me as I abide in you;
as the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.**

* Hymn 504

We Come as Guests Invited

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

Call to Confession

April Martin

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)*

* Kyrie

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

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Proclaiming the Word

Reception of New Members

Hillary and Kyle Brannon, Chris Bernetich, Joshua Vallentine

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Allison Brumfield

Scripture Lesson

John 15:1-13

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt


"I Am the True Vine"

Responding to the Word

* Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other

AURELIA



Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us; teach
Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life we
Let your ac - cept - ance change us, so that we may be moved in
Lord, for to - day's en - count - ers with all who are in need, who
us as sis - ter, bro - ther, each per - son to em - brace. Be pre - sent Lord, a -
strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for
liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love; to prac - tice your ac -
hun - ger for ac - cept - ance, for jus - tice and for bread, we need new eyes for
mong us and bring us to be - lieve we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and
peo - ple, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or
cept - ance un - til we know by heart the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and
see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on: re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord,
meant to love and live.
as they may be - come.
laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
free us, make us one!

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Rev. John Cook

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

As an extension of Jesus' own hospitality, the communion bread is gluten-free and the cups all contain grape juice. You are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread, and dip your bread in the cup.

Prayer after Communion

Offering

You may also give by texting SHANDONPC to 73256,
on Venmo (@ShandonPres), or by visiting shandonpresbyterian.org.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

DR. WILLIAM MCCONNELL, DIR.

If Ye Love Me

THOMAS TALLIS

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth.

* 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 836

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

* Benediction

Postlude

Jesus, Still Lead On

PAUL MANZ

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Amelia Lutterbie (acolyte), April Martin, Heather Woolard-Lawson, Allison Brumfield, Rev. John Cook, the Chancel Choir, guest-directed by Dr. William McConnell, and Byron Duell (live-stream).

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

EARLY CHURCH — During Lent, we are offering a second Sunday morning worship service. Early Church meets from 8:30-9:10 am in the Sanctuary. The liturgy is similar to the 10:30 service, but somewhat abbreviated. Instead of a full-length sermon, a 5-minute introduction to the text is offered, followed by guided conversation. Prayers include specific requests you share with us. This service takes place Sundays, March 10, 17, and 24.

PRACTICING OUR FAITH — Join our pastoral and program staff in exploring different spiritual practices throughout Lent. This series, "Practicing Our Faith," takes place Wednesdays at 6:10 pm in Room 209.

March 6: no class, attend the Maryville College Choir Concert in the Sanctuary

March 13: Dr. Jabarie Glass, on the practice of singing

March 20: Heather Woolard-Lawson, on the practice of saying yes and no

SERVE AT TRANSITIONS — The first Sunday of each month, Shandon serves dinner at Transitions Homeless Center. For more information about serving today, go to bit.ly/3wks0Y1.

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAY — This Wednesday, gather for dinner in Davis Hall at 5:15 pm (reservations are due to the church office by noon on Monday) followed by a concert by Maryville College Concert Choir. Childcare begins at 6 pm for children four years and younger. Children five years through 5th grade can join Heather for a Bible Study in Room 224.

MARYVILLE COLLEGE CHOIR — Shandon is excited to welcome the Maryville College Concert Choir this Wednesday, March 6 at 6:10 pm in the Sanctuary. This is the first stop on their spring tour. The concert is free and open to the public. Our very own April Martin, a graduate of Maryville College, will join the choir as soloist.

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.

NEHEMIAH ACTION — Shandon's MORE Justice team invites you to attend the Nehemiah Action on Monday, March 18 at 6 pm at Eau Claire High School Auditorium. We will celebrate the actions of our 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, which departs at 5 pm, contact Rev. John Cook at jcook@shandonpresbyterian.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/spllilies or by completing an order form found at the reception desk. Deadline to order is March 24.

PEACEMAKING INVITATION — The Peacemaking Ministry has provided a Lenten calendar intended to create more mindful behaviors throughout the year. Printed calendars are available at the reception desk. Calendars can be accessed online at bit.ly/peacemakinglent2024.

HOLY WEEK — Join us for meaningful worship opportunities during Holy Week, including: Palm Sunday, March 24 at 8:30 and 10:30 am in the Sanctuary; Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 6:10 pm in the Activity Center; Good Friday, March 29 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary; and Easter Sunday, March 31 at 9 am on the Church Lawn and 11 am in the Sanctuary.

ART AND THE BIBLE CAMP THIS SUMMER — Art and the Bible Camp will take place the week of July 8-12. Parents, go to bit.ly/artandthebible2024 to register children. To volunteer, go to bit.ly/volunteerartandthebible.

Upcoming Worship

"I Am, So You Can"

"I am the resurrection and the life."
"I am the light of the world."
"I am the good shepherd."
"I am the vine."
"I am the way, the truth, and the life."
"I am the bread of life."
"I am the gate."

Lent at Shandon Presbyterian Church
8:30 & 10:30 am in person | 10:30 am livestream

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

- 8:15 am** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 8:30 am** Early Church (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 10 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 11:30 am** Children's Ministry (Library)
- 11:45 am** Officer Training (Room 209)
- 2 pm** Presbyterian Church of Ghana (Davis Hall)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4:50 pm** Serve at Transitions (off-site)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, MARCH 4

- 5:30 pm** Retreat Band Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 6:45 pm** Boy Scouts (Davis Hall)

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:15 pm** SOW Dinner (Davis Hall)
- 6 pm** Childcare (Room 106)
- 6:10 pm** Maryville College Concert Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

- 11 am** Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
- 6 pm** Deacons (Davis Hall)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

- All Day** Congregational Retreat (Montreat)

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

- All Day** Congregational Retreat
- 8:15 am** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 8:30 am** Early Church (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 10 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am** Worship (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)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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