



# Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

The Second Sunday in Lent • March 5, 2023 • 10:30 am



*Study for Nicodemus Visiting Jesus, Henry Ossawa Tanner*

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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

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 Room 107B 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](mailto: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](mailto:jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org).

## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*John Hicks*

Allegretto, from Clarinet Sonata

CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS, OP. 167

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 come to worship.

**We come to listen.**

We come to engage our hearts.

**We come to engage our minds.**

We come to be comforted.

**We come to be discomforted.**

We come to be changed.

**We come to rest.**

We come to find courage for the days ahead.

**We come to worship.**

\* Hymn 395

**Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

LIEBSTER JESU

Call to Confession

*Rev. John Cook*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, forgive us.**

**We struggle to tell you how it is with us,**

**because we hardly understand ourselves.**

**We are a mixed-up mess of conflicted feelings and contradictory actions.**

**We have let down the people we love.**

**We have not loved with our whole hearts.**

**We have compromised our ideals.**

**We have unrealistic expectations.**

**We have yielded to temptation.**

**We have lost track of our joy.**

**We have puffed up our self-importance.**

**We have discounted our true worth.**

**We have rushed to judgment of others.**

**We have let ourselves off the hook.**

**Make sense of our hearts, O God, and fill us with your grace.**

(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!**

## **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 Room 107B. 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

*Jon Edwards*

Scripture Lesson

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**



Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Nicodemus (Blessed Are the Mind-Blown)

## Responding to the Word

\* Hymn 215

### What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The 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

*All are welcome at Christ's table. As an act of hospitality,  
all of the bread is gluten-free and all of the cups contain grape juice.*

Prayer after Communion

Offering

*You may also give by texting SHANDONPC to 73256  
or visiting our website, shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Anthem

Chancel Choir

DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

Sicut Cervus

GIOVANNI PIERLUIGI DA PALESTRINA

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum  
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.*

As the hart longs for water,  
so my soul longs for God.

\* 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 36

## For the Fruit of All Creation

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\* Benediction

\* Postlude

*Matthew McCall*

Largo

G. F. HANDEL

## Worship Notes

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY** are John Hicks, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. John Cook, Heather Woolard, Jon Edwards, the Chancel Choir directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, and Matthew McCall.

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

**AFTER WORSHIP** — Join us for cookies and fellowship on the front sidewalk. 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](http://onrealm.org) by Monday at 6 pm)

**6 pm** — Gospel Portraits of Jesus: A Lenten study with Rev. John Cook (Room 202)  
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)

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** — All women of Shandon Presbyterian Church are invited to the annual Birthday Friendship Celebration, in the Activity Center, Tuesday, March 14 at 6 pm. We extend a special welcome to all women who have joined our congregation in the past year. The evening will include sweet and savory goodies, the election of officers for the next year, and the collection of the annual Birthday Offering. For more information or to RSVP, contact Deborah Goodwin at [dbra48@gmail.com](mailto:dbra48@gmail.com).

**BAPTISM ORIENTATION** — If you or your family is considering participating in the sacrament of baptism, please join Rev. Jenny McDevitt and Heather Woolard for an orientation class designed to help answer any questions about the meaning or logistics of baptism. This class will be offered Sunday, March 19 at 11:45 am in the Sanctuary. Sign up by emailing Heather Woolard at [hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**ARTS AT SHANDON** — Arts and Shandon presents Charles D. Frost in an organ recital on 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](http://bit.ly/splililies) or by completing an order form found at the reception desk. Deadline to order is April 2.

**WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM** — Thank you to all who volunteer and contribute to this ministry. During March, we will collect 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](mailto:rnylund@sc.rr.com).

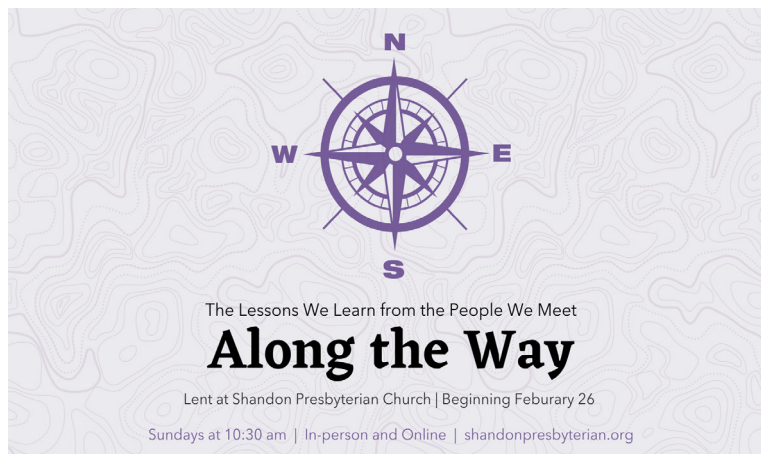
**READ SCRIPTURE IN WORSHIP** — Worship is something we do together. It requires an active role of each of us — praying, singing, listening, and more. If you would like to help lead the congregation in worship by reading Scripture, sign up at [bit.ly/SPCreaders](https://bit.ly/SPCreaders). Details are included at the link. Readers of all ages are welcome!

**MONTREAT WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONFERENCE** — During the week of June 18-23, come and experience meaningful worship, lots of music-making opportunities, and workshops for a week in the mountains of Montreat, NC. All ages are welcome— this is a wonderfully intergenerational event. Please note: church staff will attend, but not as chaperones. Youth and children must have an adult in attendance to whom they are responsible. More information available at [bit.ly/MontreatWM](https://bit.ly/MontreatWM). Financial assistance is available; contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at [jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org). If interested in attending, contact Matt McCall at [mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**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](https://bit.ly/artandthebible). If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Heather Woolard at [hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**WOMEN'S CONNECTION** — Join us at Montreat August 11-13, for Women's Connection! This weekend is programmed by Montreat staff. Kate Bowler, author and professor at Duke Divinity School, is the keynote speaker. Participants will register with Montreat individually. Registration for the event is \$250 per person. If you would like to attend but would need scholarship funds to do so, please contact Jenny at [jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org). There will be an extra cost for housing once we know how many people are attending. For now, simply sign up at [bit.ly/WomensConnection2023](https://bit.ly/WomensConnection2023) to let us know you plan to come.

## Lent at Shandon



### **Palm Sunday | April 2**

Palm Procession | 10:20 am, Sanctuary Steps  
Worship with Communion | 10:30 am, Sanctuary  
Easter Egg Hunt | 11:45 am, Activity Center

### **Maundy Thursday | April 6**

Dinner | 5 pm, Activity Center  
Worship with Communion | 6 pm, Sanctuary

### **Good Friday | April 7**

Worship | 6 pm, Sanctuary

### **Easter Sunday | April 9**

Outdoor Worship | 9 am, Church Lawn  
Potluck Breakfast | 10 am, Activity Center  
Indoor Worship | 11 am, Sanctuary

## This Week at Shandon

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

- 9 am Childcare (Room 107B)
- 9 am Child Protection Policy Training (Library)
- 9:15 am Sunday School (various locations)
- 10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 11:45 am Officer Training (Room 209)
- 3:30 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 2 pm Williams Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
- 3 pm Youth Group (Meet at the Portico)

### MONDAY, MARCH 6

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 7

- 10:30 am Presbyterian Women (Room 224)
- 6:30 pm Education Ministry (Library)
- 7 pm Outreach Ministry (Room 224)
- 7 pm Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

- 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 pm Officer Training (Room 209)
- 6:30 pm Shandon Ringers Rehearsal (Room 223)
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 9

- 10 am Bible Study (Library)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 10

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 11

- All day Congregational Retreat (Montreat)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12

- All day Congregational Retreat (Montreat)
- 9 am Childcare (Room 107B)
- 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)

### The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff  
Rev. John Cook, Associate Pastor for Discipleship  
Matthew McCall, Director of Music and Media  
Dr. Jabarie Glass, Director of the Chancel Choir  
Heather Woolard, Director of Children's Ministry  
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