



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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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. 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

Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

ARR. COLLEEN ADENT

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

This is the day that 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 thought the cross was the end.

We thought that when the stone closed the tomb, that was it.

But this is it:

the cross is empty;

the stone is rolled away.

We thought the story was finished.

We thought love died, that when you breathed your last, that was it.

But this is it:

the story has just begun;

and love endures forevermore.

One word says it all:

Alleluia!

* Hymn 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Call to Confession

April Martin

Prayer of Confession

**When we crown you the Lord of love, O God,
but then decry what your love asks of us;
forgive us.**

**When we crown you the Lord of peace, O Christ,
but then refuse what your peace requires of us;
forgive us.**

**When we crown you the Lord of years, O Spirit,
but then forget how you have always been faithful to us;
forgive us.**

**When we crown you the Lord of our life,
but then insist on our own way;
forgive us.**

(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!

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Marie Maynard

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

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

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH

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,
on Venmo (@ShandonPres), or by visiting shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Anthem

Chancel Choir
DR. JABARIE GLASS

Be Calm and Peaceful
J. S. BACH

Be calm and peaceful and trust in God, on his bounteous love relying.
In him true peace abides, without him vain is striving.
He is our friend and guide, our Savior, who leads to life eternal.
In him is true peace.

He knows our needs and will comfort us when we ask his guidance.
Trust, and no ills o'erwhelm thee: always his love believing.
He is our hope, our strength, our life-giver, who leads us on to perfect life.
In him is true peace.

* Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD HUNDRETH

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

* Hymn 542

God Be with You Till We Meet Again
GOD BE WITH YOU

* Benediction

Postlude

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott
JOHANN WALTHER

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Vivian Pickle (acolyte), States Hamilton (acolyte), April Martin, Heather Woolard-Lawson, Marie Maynard, Rev. John Cook, the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, and Byron Duell (live-stream).

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

AFTER WORSHIP — Join us for fellowship and light refreshments on the front sidewalk. A deacon will be available in the Sower's Chapel for prayer.

Announcements

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAY — Join us every Wednesday for 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 Monday 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, 6:10 pm in Room 209. The pastors and program staff will each lead a discussion on one of the minor prophets.

April 17 — Habakkuk — Rev. Jenny McDevitt

April 24 — Amos — April Martin

May 1 — Micah — Rev. John Cook

May 8 — Hosea — Matthew McCall

SPIRE DEADLINE — Tomorrow is the deadline to submit items to be included in the next edition of *The Spire*. This edition will cover ministry events in May, June, and July. Please submit items to Matt McCall at mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org.

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.

PARTNERING WITH DREHER HIGH SCHOOL — The Outreach Ministry is considering ways the church might partner with our neighborhood high school, Dreher. If you are interested in meeting to explore various ways in which we might support Dreher students and staff, please contact John Cook at jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org or Rowena Nylund at rnylund@sc.rr.com.

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.

SHANDON WEEKDAY SCHOOL — Join us for a night out at Craft and Draft on Devine Street April 25 at 6 pm for the Inaugural SWS Auction! Book a babysitter and join us for an open bar, great food, a silent auction, and music! Tickets are \$60 per person and can be purchased through Venmo (@ShandonWeekdaySchool). Please add names of attendees in the 'What's this for' section. If you would like to contribute extra money to help our staff attend, please add that in your comment as well. Proceeds go directly to Shandon Weekday School.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING — Anyone who volunteers with our children and youth ministries must complete an annual training on our Child Protection Policy. The next training will be Sunday, April 28, at 9:15 am in Davis Hall. Please bring a laptop or tablet if possible. Questions? Contact Jen Lutterbie at jennifer.lutterbie@gmail.com.

LIMITED TIME ONLY CHAMBER CHOIR — Under the direction of Dr. Alicia Walker, Limited Time Only Chamber Choir will present their spring concert, "Celebration and Solace," on Sunday, April 28 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. General Admission is \$15 at the door. Students are free. A portion of all ticket sales will support Arts at Shandon.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY — This year's class of confirmands are excited to share their gifts in worship on May 12. They will provide music, 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.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION — During worship on May 19, we will honor our graduating high school seniors and recognize all of our graduates in the bulletin and in prayer. Please submit names by May 14 to April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org.

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, music will be provided by The Root Doctors, and our very own Garrett Humphries will lead shag dancing.

ART AND THE BIBLE CAMP THIS SUMMER — Art and the Bible Camp will take place the week of July 8-12. Registration is full; email Heather Woolard-Lawson to be added to the wait list: hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org. Volunteers are needed to ensure that all the children have a safe and fun week. To volunteer, go to bit.ly/volunteerartandthebible or contact Heather.

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

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
Shandon Presbyterian Church**
10:30 am, in-person and online

shandonpresbyterian.org
607 Woodrow Street in Columbia

Next Week

Peace is Not the Absence of Evil, It Is the Boldness of Righteousness
Rev. Jenny McDevitt

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

- 9 am** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (campus-wide)
- 10 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 11:45 am** Officer Training (Room 209)
- 2 pm** Presbyterian Church of Ghana (Davis Hall)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (McDonald Youth Center)

MONDAY, APRIL 15

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:15 pm** SOW Dinner (Davis Hall)
- 6 pm** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 6 pm** Arise and Shine Children's Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:10 pm** Majoring in the Minors (Room 209)
- 6:30 pm** Children's Bible Study (Room 224)
- 6:30 pm** Shandon Ringers Rehearsal (Room 223)
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

- 6:30 pm** Boy Scouts District Leadership (Davis Hall)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

- 9 am** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (campus-wide)
- 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)
- 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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