



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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They gave him a piece of broiled fish,
and he took it and ate it in their presence.

Piece of Broiled Fish, by Kirsten Malcolm Berry

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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.

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

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 204 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.

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

Sonata in G

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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

Resurrection comes to our hearts.

**Christ speaks a word of peace
and quiets our fears.**

Resurrection comes to our minds.

**Christ frees us from the need to understand and explain
and awakens us to joy and wonder.**

Resurrection comes to our bodies.

**Christ redeems every bit of our being;
nothing about us is ever lost or forsaken.**

Resurrection come to us

because Christ is alive!

* Hymn 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O God.

We thought this week would be different.

We thought we would be different.

Inspired by the empty tomb,

we meant to pray more.

Desiring to know your death-defying ways,

we meant to study more.

Striving to trust your resurrection promise,

we meant to rest more.

Hoping to meet Jesus in our daily living,

we meant to serve more.

We have not lived up to our Easter expectations.

For the ways we have not lived up to your expectations,

have mercy on us, we pray. (Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

* Response

Glory Be to the Father

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

* 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 204. 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

Kathleen McDaniel

Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:36-43

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

A Fishy Resurrection

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

**Jesus was dead and buried,
but God raised him from the dead.
We are certain that Jesus lives.
He lives as God with us,
touching all of human life with the presence of God.
He lives as one of us with God.
Because he shares our humanity**

**and has bound us to himself in love,
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.
We declare that Jesus is Lord.
His resurrection is a decisive victory
over the powers that deform and destroy human life.
The world appears to be dominated by people and systems
that do not acknowledge his rule,
but his lordship is real.
It demands our loyalty and sets us free
from the fear of everything that threatens us.
We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ
in every sphere of life.
Jesus is Lord.
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.**

* Hymn 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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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
or visiting our website, shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Anthem

Christopher Moore

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

ARR. MOSES HOGAN

He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got all the power in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands.
He's got you and me sister, in his hands.
He's got the little baby in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got mother and father in his hands.
He's got the stars and moon right in his hands.
He's got everybody in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

* Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 233

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

* Benediction

* Postlude

Trumpet Tune on Christ Is Alive

J. WAYNE KERR

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. John Cook, Heather Woolard, Kathleen McDaniel, April Martin, Christopher Moore, and the Chancel Choir.

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. The Affirmation of Faith comes from "A Declaration of Faith," PC(US), 1977.

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

Announcements

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAY — Regular SOW programming resumes this Wednesday, April 19 with dinner at 5:15 in the Activity Center and programming for all ages beginning at 6 pm. Adult classes on April 19 will be "Discipleship and Vocation," taught by April Martin, and "Anxiety in Children and Teens," taught by Sarah Smith. Make your dinner reservations by Monday at 6 pm.

YOUTH SUNDAY — Shandon Presbyterian Youth are excited to share their gifts during worship on April 23. Youth will provide music, deliver sermons, and lead liturgy. Today, youth will rehearse music at 5 pm and practice leading worship at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

YOUNG ADULTS — Shandon's young adult ministry will meet at River Rat Brewery following worship on April 23 for fellowship. Children are welcome to join! Questions? Contact April at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH PASTOR JENNY — In recent years, there have been astonishing discoveries made about John 11. These discoveries have been affirmed at the highest levels of biblical scholarship and may even change the way we have always understood Mary and Martha. Join Rev. Jenny McDevitt for a special Sunday school offering at 9:15 am on April 23 in the Activity Center.

YOUTH GROUP — Following worship on April 30, the youth will attend a USC softball game together. To sign up and receive more details, contact April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org. Families with youth, check your email for a full schedule of upcoming opportunities.

ARTS AT SHANDON — Join us April 30 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary as Arts at Shandon present Limited Time Only Chamber Choir, Directed by Dr. Alicia Walker. Admission is \$15 at the door. Students are free.

SHANDON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS — Shandon has a healthy scholarship fund that supports students pursuing undergraduate or seminary degrees. Applications can be found on the reception desk or at bit.ly/shandonscholarships. 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: Women's Bible Study on Mondays at 5 pm, Men's Bible Study at Drip Coffee on Tuesdays at 10 am, and dinner and UKirk We Rock on 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.

JOIN THE 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 19 to May 17, 7:30 to 8:45 pm, Room 222

Shandon Ringers — Wednesdays, April 19 to May 17, 6:30 to 7:15 pm, Room 223

Youth Music — Sundays, April 16 and May 7, 5 to 5:30 pm, Room 222

Arise and Shine Children's Choir — Wednesdays, April 19 to May 17, 6 to 6:30 pm, Room 222

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. Sign up at bit.ly/artandthebible. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Heather Woolard at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org.

REFUGEE FAMILY HOME DRIVE — The Shandon Circle of Welcome is helping a refugee family setup their new home! We are seeking donations of new or very gently used items from the lists found at bit.ly/spchomedrive. Deliver your items to the Pod in the church parking lot.

Upcoming Worship

April 23 | Youth Sunday

Shandon's Youth will lead worship at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

New Series: Lord, Teach Us to Pray

We know we should pray. But prayer raises all sorts of questions. How do we pray? What should we say? How do we know if it 'worked' or not? For whom should we pray? Is there anything we *shouldn't* pray for? As we continue in the Easter season, join us as we think about prayer and how we talk with God. Rev. Jenny McDevitt will preach throughout this series.

April 30 | The Lord's Prayer

May 7 | Praying Without Ceasing

May 14 | When Prayer Goes Unanswered

May 21 | Prayers for When the World Is Falling Apart

May 28 | Praying for Those You Least Want To

June 4 | Is There Anything We Shouldn't Pray For?

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

- 9 am** Childcare (Davis Hall)
- 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** LTO Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 3 pm** Allen University Faculty Recital (Sanctuary)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, APRIL 17

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

- 12 pm** MORE Justice (Room 224)
- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:15 pm** SOW Dinner (Activity Center)
- 6 pm** SOW Programs (various locations)
- 6:30 pm** Shandon Ringers (Room 223)
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

- 10 am** Bible Study (Library)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

- 9 am** Childcare (Davis Hall)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 9:15 am** Youth Sunday Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 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

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