



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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Temptation of Christ, by Peter Koenig

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

ARR. CHRIS RICE

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

Earth and heaven cry out together:

Alleluia!

Love and life cry out together:

Alleluia!

The sun and the skies cry out together:

Alleluia!

Joy and triumph cry out together:

Alleluia!

* Hymn 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Toady!

LLANFAIR

Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

You asked for our hands, that you might use them for your purpose.

We gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.

You asked for our mouths to speak out against injustice.

We gave you a whisper, that we might not be accused.

You asked for our eyes to see the pain of poverty.

We closed them, for we did not want to see.

You asked for our lives, that you might work through us.

We gave you a small part, that we might not get too involved.

God, forgive our calculated efforts to serve you,

and forgive us for forgetting the call you have placed on our lives —

to be disciples of your peace.

Renew us, that we may work to bring about your kingdom

on earth as it is in heaven. *(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

Cheri Stakely

New Testament Lesson

Luke 4:1-19 (page 61 of the New Testament)

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 Evil, It Is the Boldness of Righteousness

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

**Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom.
We believe that God is at work in our world
 turning hopeless and evil situations into good.
We believe that goodness and justice
 will triumph in the end
 and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever.
One day all tears will be wiped away;
 the lamb will lie down with the lion,
 and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.
True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired,
 they are assured and guaranteed in Christ.
This is our faith.
This is our hope.**

* Hymn 840

When Peace like a River

VILLE DU HAVRE

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, DIR.

Psalm of Hope

ANDREA RAMSEY

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?
You are my hope, O God, my rock, my refuge.
In you, I put my trust. Let me never be ashamed.

* 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.**

* Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

* Benediction

Postlude

Earth and All Stars

ARR. KEITH KOLANDER

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Ann Maynard (acolyte), Belle Maynard (acolyte), Cheri Stakely, Rev. John Cook, Heather Woolard-Lawson, the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, and Byron Duell (live-stream).

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship is by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. The Prayer of Confession is adapted from "A Prayer from South Africa," included in *A World at Prayer*. The Affirmation of Faith is *A Twentieth-Century South African Creed*.

THE ROSEBUDS on the table celebrate the births of Julian Michael Coseo, son of Teresa and Michael Coseo, born March 18, and Gibbs Staire George, son of Jesse and Hunter George, grandson of Zealy and Mike Jenkins, born April 11.

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 GREEN — After worship today, the Outreach Ministry will sell canvas tote bags for \$8 on the front sidewalk. "Shandon Green: Preserving God's Creation" aims to educate church and community members about ways to reduce our carbon footprint and promote sustainability. Inside the bags you'll find more information about volunteer opportunities available at Shandon and Turn90, the agency that brought our ideas about the bags to fruition. Help make sustainability a movement, not a trend! Forms of payment are Venmo (@ShandonPres) or check (made payable to Shandon Presbyterian Church).

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 24 — Amos — April Martin

May 1 — Micah — Rev. John Cook

May 8 — Hosea — Matthew McCall

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD — During April, we are collecting shelf-stable milk, pudding cups, and fruit cups (in juice or water). 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.

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.

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.

SERVE AT TRANSITIONS — Shandon serves dinner at Transitions Homeless Center the first Sunday of every month. We will serve again on May 5, at 4:50 pm. For more information or to sign up, go to bit.ly/3U0paQg.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS — Shandon has a healthy scholarship fund that supports students pursuing undergraduate, graduate or seminary degrees. Applications can be found and submitted at bit.ly/spcscholarship24. Please complete the application by May 6, 2024 to be considered for a scholarship for the 2024-2025 year. For more information, contact April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP — All men of the church are invited to enjoy Columbia's Bierkeller together, May 11, at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact Peyton Hassinger at peyton.hassinger@gmail.com.

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 recognize all of our graduates — high school, college, and advance degrees — in the bulletin and in prayer. High school graduates will receive a special blessing during worship. Please submit names of those you would like to acknowledge and celebrate during worship to April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org by May 14.

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 for shagging will be provided by The Root Doctors!

LET'S PLAY BALL — On Sunday, June 9, at 5 pm, Shandon will gather at Segra Park to cheer on the Columbia Fireflies as they take on the Fayetteville Woodpeckers. Tickets are \$11 each and must be purchased ahead of time by going to bit.ly/SPCfireflies24. Tickets will be available for pick-up at the will-call window at the stadium. Children two years and younger are free.

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.

This Week at Shandon

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)

MONDAY, APRIL 22

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

No events scheduled.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

- 9:30 am** Quilt Group (Room 210)
- 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 25

- 6 pm** SWS Auction (Craft and Draft)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- 8 am** Delta Kappa Gamma (Davis Hall)

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- 9 am** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 9:15 am** Child Protection Policy Training (Room 202)
- 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)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4 pm** LTO Chamber Choir Concert (Sanctuary)
- 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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