



Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

Palm Sunday • April 2, 2023 • 10:30 am



Palmsonntag, Kai Althoff

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 Davis Hall 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

Carillon

LOUIS VIERNE

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

The crowds that went ahead of him
and the crowds that followed him were shouting:
Hosanna! Hosanna!

**They carried palm branches in their hands
and they carried hope in their hearts.**

The king was coming.

He is our king.

He is our life.

He is our God.

Like his followers in that first parade of palms,
we, too, sing praise to the one who saves us.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

* Hymn 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WIL ICH DER GEBEN

Anthem

Arise and Shine Choir

Blessed Is He

Call to Confession

April Martin

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive us.

**We do not fully know this Jesus
who upends how we view the world.**

**We do not fully know this Jesus
who challenges how we understand ourselves.**

**We do not fully know this Jesus
who destroys how we are subject to death.**

Rejoice with us when we shout, "Hosanna!"

Forgive us when we shout, "Crucify!"

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

* Hymn 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

* 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

Elizabeth Langley

Scripture Lesson

John 12:12-19

Please join in reading aloud the bold portion of the lesson.

The great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, **"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord — the King of Israel!"** Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt." His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!"

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

The Crowd

Responding to the Word

Anthem

Chancel Choir

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ARR. GILBERT MARTIN

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

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!

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
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.**

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

Shandon Ringers

Exultation

MATTHEW COMPTON

* 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 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

* Benediction

* Postlude

Ride On, King Jesus

ARR. DAVID KIDWELL

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, April Martin, the Arise and Shine Children's Choir, Heather Woolard, Elizabeth Langley, the Chancel Choir directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, Rev. John Cook, and the Shandon Ringers.

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 in the Activity Center. A deacon will be present near the baptismal font to receive prayer concerns or pastoral updates.

Announcements

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING — Today we will receive offerings for the One Great Hour of Sharing that will support three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People. You may contribute in the offering plate or at shandonpresbyterian.org/give.

EASTER EGG HUNT — The annual Easter egg hunt for children through fifth grade will take place in the Activity Center today following worship.

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 or by completing an order form found at the reception desk. Today is the deadline to order.

HOLY WEEK AT SHANDON — Join us during Holy Week for meaningful worship experiences.

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 6 pm, Activity Center — Intergenerational worship around tables with Communion and a light supper.

Good Friday, April 7, 6 pm, Sanctuary — Tenebrae service with scripture, music, and candles.

Easter Sunday, April 9, 9 am, Church Lawn — Outdoor worship

Easter Sunday, April 9, 11 am, Sanctuary — Worship with choir and brass

EASTER BREAKFAST — Celebrate Easter with a potluck breakfast at 10 am in the Activity Center. Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share!

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAY — SOW will not take place on April 5 (Holy Week) or April 12. Regular SOW programming will resume on Wednesday, April 19 with dinner at 5:15 in the Activity Center and programming for all ages beginning at 6 pm.

FAMILY PROMISE — Shandon is hosting four families with Gill Creek Baptist Church the week of April 2-8, 2023. Sign up at bit.ly/spcfamilypromise to bring gift cards for gas, groceries, and restaurants.

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.

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.

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.

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM — During April, we are collecting shelf-stable milk (8 oz) and peanut butter.

Upcoming Worship

April 6 | Maundy Thursday

Dinner and worship at 6 pm in the Activity Cetner

April 7 | Good Friday

Tenebrae worship at 6 pm in the Sanctuary

April 9 | Easter

Outdoor worship at 9 am on the Church Lawn
Indoor worship at 11 am in the Sanctuary

April 16

Worship at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

April 23 | Youth Sunday

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



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.

April 30 | The Lord's Prayer

May 7 | Pray 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 2

- 9 am** Childcare (Davis Hall)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 10:20 am** Palm Sunday Procession (Front Steps)
- 10:30 am** Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Activity Center)
- 11:45 am** Easter Egg Hunt (Activity Center)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5 pm** Youth Music (Choir Room)
- 5:30 pm** Youth Group (Room 214)

MONDAY, APRIL 3

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

- 10:30 am** Presbyterian Women (Room 224)
- 6 pm** Graduate Vocal Concert (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm** Education Ministry (Library)
- 7 pm** Outreach Ministry (Room 224)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

- 10 am** Bible Study (Library)
- 11 am** Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
- 6 pm** Maundy Thursday Dinner and Worship with Communion (Activity Center)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

- 6 pm** Good Friday Tenebrae Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

- 9 am** Outdoor Worship (Church Lawn)
- 10 am** Potluck Breakfast (Activity Center)
- 10:30 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 11 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12 pm** Fellowship (Activity Center)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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