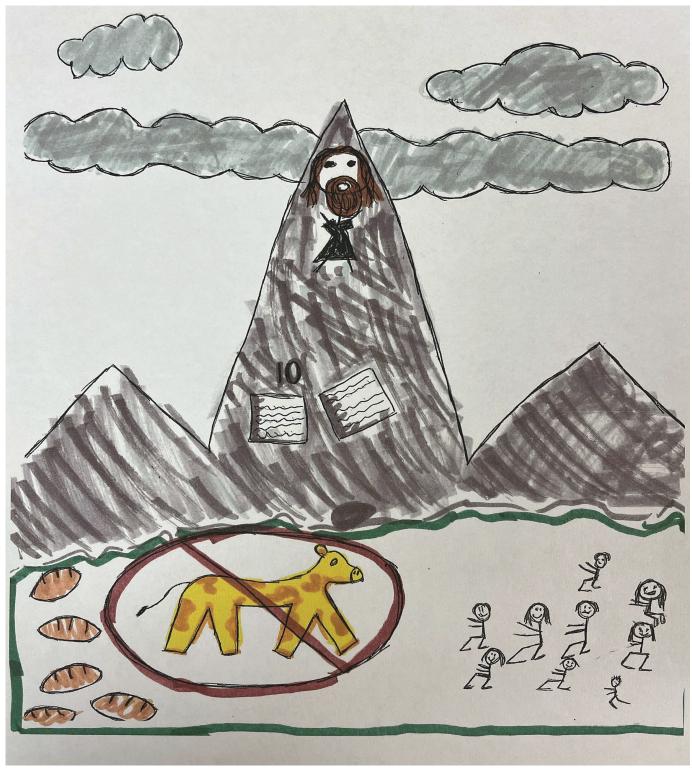
Youth Sunday • April 23, 2023 • 10:30 am



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 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 Thy Word

MARK HAYES

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.

Gathering Music

Mason Butler, Cello Madi Dooley, Violin

\* Call to Worship

Ruth Phelps The people cried out to Moses,

"Why did you make us leave Egypt?"

The people asked for food and water in the desert.

God provided manna and made water spring out of a rock.

The Israelites broke the ten commandments.

**God forgave them and tried again.**Sometimes we behave like the Israelites.

God forgives us and tries again.

\* Hymn 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

Call to Confession

Grace Rivers

Prayer of Confession

We are imperfect people.

We don't always treat others as we should.

Give us strength to do the right things.

We are often distracted by other things when we should be focused on you.

We confess that we prioritize our devices over you, God.

Friends, sports, and school have kept us from setting aside time to spend with you.

Forgive us for being jealous of others.

We do not always trust in you, God.

Too often, we do not believe in things we cannot see.

Even though you are not visible like a golden calf,

you are always in our presence.

Catch us, Lord, when we stray from your commandments.

Remind us that your rules are meant to help us live safe and full lives.

(Silent prayer)

# Assurance of God's Grace Mayzie Winburn

\* Response

#### Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord

LOUEZ LE SEIGNEUR

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

\* 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

Bella Stakley, Hampton

Rogers, and Lane Oana

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

Belle Maynard

Scripture Lesson
Sullivan Rogers

Deuteronomy 5:1-22, CEB

Moses called out to all Israel, saying to them: "Israel! Listen to the regulations and the case laws that I'm recounting in your hearing right now. Learn them and carefully do them. The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Mount Horeb. The Lord didn't make this covenant with our ancestors but with us—all of us who are here and alive right now. The Lord spoke with you face-to-face on the mountain from the very fire itself. At that time, I was standing between the Lord and you, declaring to you the Lord's word, because you were terrified of the fire and didn't go up on the mountain." The Lord said: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You must have no other gods before me. Do not make an idol for yourself—no form whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. Do not bow down to them or worship them because I, the Lord your God, am a passionate God. I punish children for their parents' sins—even to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me. But I am loyal and gracious to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. Do not use the Lord your God's name as if it were of no significance; the Lord won't forgive anyone who uses his name that way. Keep the Sabbath day and treat it as holy, exactly as the Lord your God commanded: Six days you may work and do all your tasks, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. Don't do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your oxen or donkeys or any of your animals, or the immigrant who is living among you—so that your male and female servants can rest just like you. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt, but the Lord your God brought you out of there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. That's why the Lord your God commands you to keep the Sabbath day. Honor your father and your mother, exactly as the Lord your God requires, so that your life will be long and so that things will go well for you on the fertile land that the Lord your God is giving you. Do not kill. Do not commit adultery. Do not steal. Do not testify falsely against your neighbor. Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's wife. Do not crave your neighbor's house, field, male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor. Those are the words the Lord spoke to your entire assembly with a loud voice while on the mountain, from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick smoke. He added no more. God wrote them on two stone tablets, then gave them to me."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Laura Evelyn Rogers and Grace Rivers

# Responding to the Word

\* Hymn 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

Prayers of the People Madi Dooley and Mason Butler

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

Barnes Dragner You may also give by texting SHANDONPC to 73256

or visiting our website, shandonpresbyterian.org.

Anthem

Youth Choir Take My Life, That I May Be

ARR, MARK SEDIO

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;

take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.

\* Response

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- \* Prayer of Dedication *Lane Oana*
- \* Hymn 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

- \* Benediction McCall Kemp
- \* Postlude

On What Has Now Been Sown

## **Worship Notes**

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY** are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Mason Butler, Madi Dooley, Ruth Phelps, Grace Rivers, Mayzie Winburn, Bella Stakely, Hampton Rogers, Lane Oana, Belle Maynard, Sullivan Rogers, Laura Evelyn Rogers, Barnes Dragner, the Youth Choir, and McCall Kemp.

**SERVING AS USHERS TODAY** are Ryan Boutahar, Margaret Nolan, and Victoria Shifflett.

**TODAY'S LITURGY** —The liturgy for this service was written by members of the Senior and Middle School youth groups and by April Martin.

**THE COVER IMAGE** was created by members of the Middle School youth group.

**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** — Join us this Wednesday, April 26 with dinner at 5:15 in the Activity Center and programming for all ages beginning at 6 pm. Adult classes will be "Discipleship and Vocation," taught by April Martin, and "Practicing Mindfulness," taught by Susan Yelverton. Make your dinner reservations by 6 pm Monday.

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

**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 presents Limited Time Only Chamber Choir, directed by Dr. Alicia Walker. The concert is titled "Carpe Diem," and will feature a variety of texts that celebrate the beauty and opportunity of each day we are given. Admission is \$15 at the door. Student admission is free.

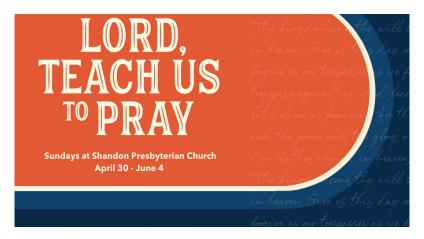
**GRADUATING SENIORS** — During worship on May 21, we will honor our graduating high school seniors and recognize all of our graduates in the bulletin and in prayer. Please submit names by May 14 to April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org

**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. Submit applications by May 1. 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. Join us this week for exam study breaks. 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, follow us on instagram (@ukirksc), or contact Rev. John Cook at jcook@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. Sign up at bit.ly/artandthebible. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Heather Woolard at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org.

# **Upcoming Worship**



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 for Those You Least Want To
May 14 | When Prayer Remains Unanswered
May 21 | 'Thoughts and Prayers' Are Not Enough
May 28 | When you Just Can't Pray
June 4 | Is There Anything We Shouldn't Pray For?

### This Week at Shandon

#### **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)

11:45 am Young Adult Gathering (River Rat Brewery)

2 pm LTO Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)3:30 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

### **MONDAY, APRIL 24**

5:30 pm Personnel Ministry (off-site)

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

**6:45 pm** Boy Scouts (Room 224)

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 25**

No events scheduled.

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26**

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

**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 27**

**10 am** Bible Study (Library)

**7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 28

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

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

**9:30 am** LTO Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

**9 am** Childcare (Davis Hall)

**9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)

**10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)

**11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)

**11:45 am** Youth Lunch (Room 224)

**12:30 pm** Youth Depart for USC Softball (Portico) **3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

4 pm LTO Chamber Choir Concert (Sanctuary)

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