



Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

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New Roots, by Laura Wright Pittman

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

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/spccchildprotection.

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

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

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

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give as the world gives."

Peace is not the absence of chaos,
it is the presence of hope.

Peace is not the absence of conflict,
it is the embodiment of courage.

Peace is not the absence of evil,
it is the boldness of righteousness.

Peace is not the absence of pain,
it is the compassion of presence.

Peace is not the absence of change,
it is the commitment to justice.

Peace is not about absence, because peace is never passive.
Peace is active. Alive. On the move.

Peace is always possible.

So let us worship the God of peace,
peace that passes all understanding.

Let us worship the God of promises kept.

Let us worship the God of boundless creativity.

**Let us worship the God of second chances
and third chances and 400th chances.**

Let us worship the God of radical acceptance
and uncompromisingly good news.

Let us worship the God of gentle wisdom and endless welcome.

Let us worship the God of daring dreams and defiant joy.

Let us worship God!

* Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, forgive us.
Sometimes peace is so far away,
we cannot even imagine what it would feel like.
Other times peace is close enough to be within our grasp,
but we lack the conviction to reach for it.
We fail to be your peaceful people, O God,
when our resolve is weak,
our egos are fragile,
or our imagination is lacking.
Draw us closer and closer to you
until we realize you are everything we need. (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

Allison Brumfield

New Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 32:1-15 (page 692 of the Old 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 Chaos, It Is the Presence of Hope"

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith
April Martin

**Life is a gift to be received with gratitude
and a task to be pursued with courage.
In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise of God's renewal of life and society,
and God's victory over all that is wrong.
With an urgency born of this hope,
we apply ourselves to our present tasks,
ever striving for a better world.**

* Hymn 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

HYMN OF PROMISE

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

As an extension of Jesus' own hospitality, the communion bread is gluten-free and the cups all contain grape juice. You are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread, and dip your bread in the cup.

Prayer after Communion

Offering

*You may also give by texting SHANDONPC to 73256,
on Venmo (@ShandonPres), or by visiting shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Anthem

Chancel Choir
DR. JABARIE GLASS

Here, O My Lord
RUSSEL SCHULZ-WIDMAR

* 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.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

* Benediction

Postlude

Lobe den Herren

JOHANN WALTHER

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. John Cook, Heather Woolard-Lawson, Allison Brumfield, April Martin, the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, and Byron Duell (livestream).

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

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 — Wednesday evening programming resumes this Wednesday, April 10 with 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, beginning April 10 at 6:10 pm in Room 209. The pastors and program staff will each lead a discussion on one of the minor prophets.

April 10 — Joel — Heather Woolard-Lawson

April 17 — Habakkuk — Rev. Jenny McDevitt

April 24 — Amos — April Martin

May 1 — Micah — Rev. John Cook

May 8 — Hosea — Matthew McCall

SERVE AT TRANSITIONS — Shandon will serve dinner tonight to the residents of Transitions Homeless Center from 4:50-6 pm. For more information and to sign up to serve today, go to bit.ly/serveattransitions.

YOUTH GROUP — Youth Group resumes today, 5-7 pm in the McDonald Youth Center. Join in for a time of study, music, fun activities, and dinner. Questions? Contact April Martin at amartin@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.

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.

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.

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, there will be a band and shag dancing!

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

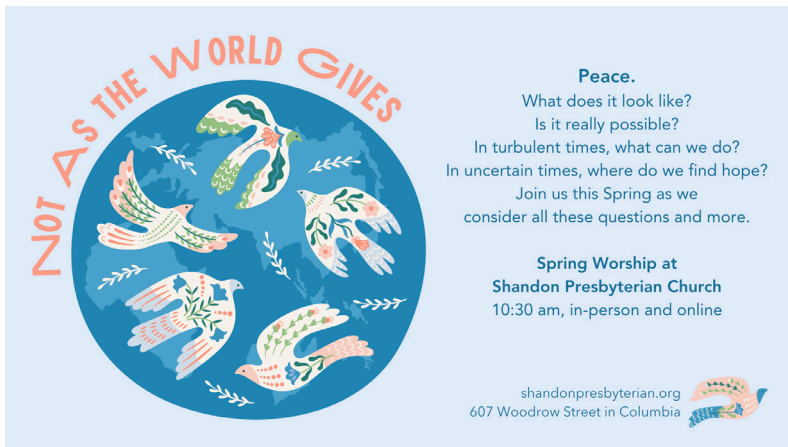
Shandon Ringers — Wednesdays, April 10 to May 15, 6:30 to 7:15 pm, Room 223

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

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.

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 Conflict, It is the Endurance of Love
Rev. Jenny McDevitt

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- 9 am** Childcare (Rooms 107 & 107B)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (campus-wide)
- 9:15 am** Confirmation Breakfast (Room 209)
- 10 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am** Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 11:45** Children's Ministry (Library)
- 2 pm** Presbyterian Church of Ghana (Davis Hall)
- 2 pm** LTO Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4:50 pm** Serve at Transitions (off-site)
- 5 pm** Youth Group (McDonald Youth Center)

MONDAY, APRIL 8

- 12 pm** Personnel Ministry (off-site)
- 6:15 pm** SWS Board (Room 209)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 6:45 pm** Boy Scouts (Davis Hall)

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

- 9 am** Finance (Zoom)
- 5:30 pm** Worship and Music Ministry (Room 224)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

- 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)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 (CON'T)

- 6:10 pm** Majoring in the Minors (Room 209)
- 6:30 pm** Children's Bible Study (Room 224)
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

- 6pm** Deacons (Davis Hall)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

- 8 am** Circle 8 Trip to Ridgeway (off-site)

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)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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