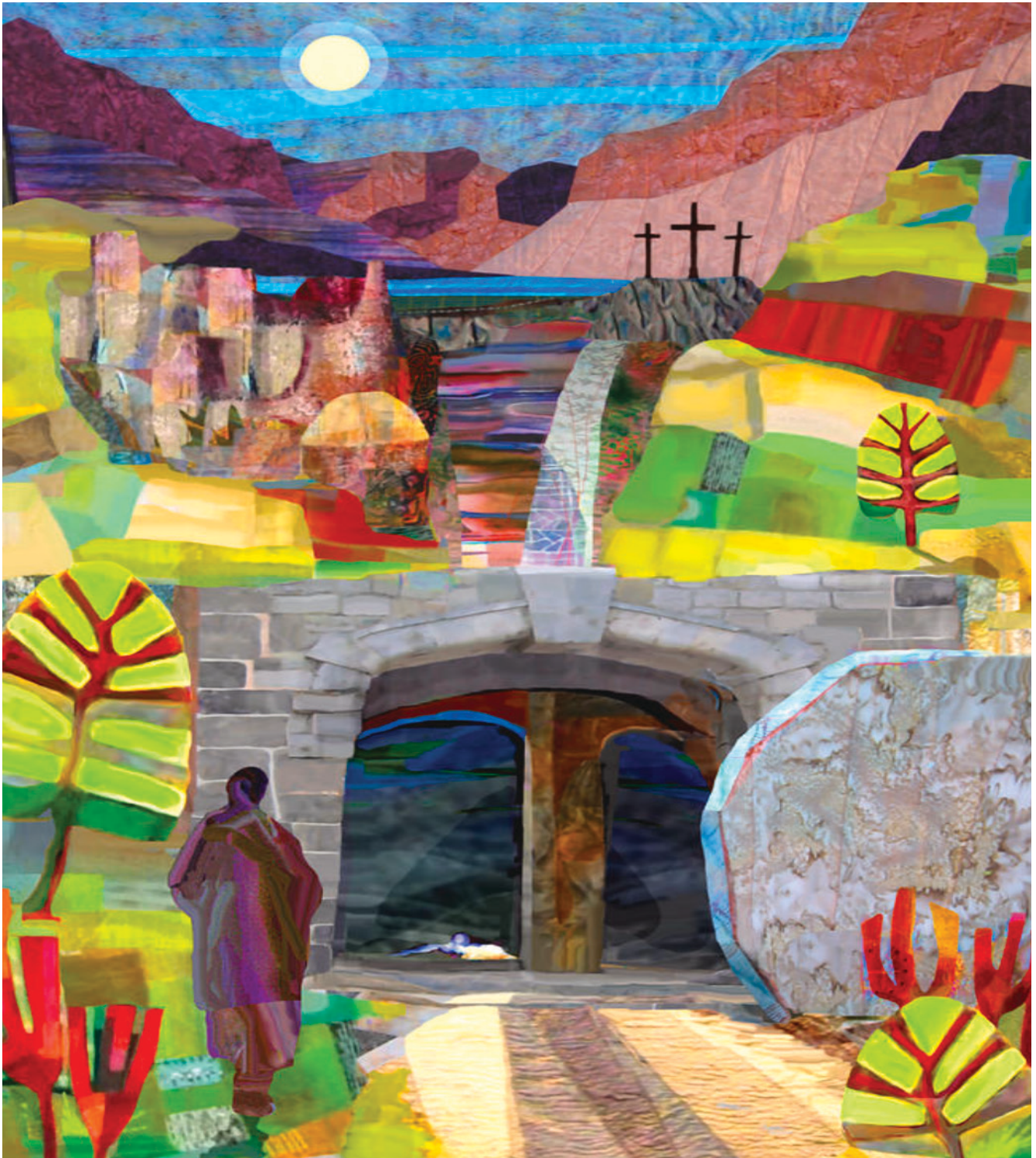




Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

Easter Sunday • April 9, 2023 • 11 am



On the Third Day He Will Rise, Michael Torevell

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 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

Fantasia in G

J. S. BACH

The Easter Proclamation

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

April Martin

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

* Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!

EASTER HYMN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, O God, if in the perplexity of this day,
the musings of the church should become too simple.**

**Forgive us, O God, if in the mystery of this day,
the voice of the church should succumb to timidity.**

**Forgive us, O God, if after the pageantry of this day,
the memory of the church should fade or grow weary.**

**We confess Christ risen,
the literal embodiment of a God
who stops at nothing to offer us everything.**

**And so, O God,
let the joy of this day obliterate all fear;
let the love of this day make the world quiver with hope;
let the wonder of this day change us forever. (Silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

* Response of Praise

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!**

* Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you!

* Hymn 251

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (verses 1, 4, and 5)

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

Our Life Together

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

Leck Patterson

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

An Unsubtle Easter

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in an astounding God,
who surprises us on Easter morning,
who reveals through an empty tomb
how God is always doing a new thing.**

**We believe in God,
who is light in the darkness,
who never gives up on love,
who is always working for our good,
who weeps when we weep and laughs when we laugh,
who calls us to be more than we are
and transforms our tears into alleluias.**

**We believe in Christ,
present at the time of creation,
heard in the words of the prophets,
alive in the lessons taught to disciples.**

**We believe in Christ risen,
not stuck in a tomb of despair,
nailed to a cross,
or buried in the past,
but alive forever and with us always.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the invisible, ongoing presence of God,
the joy, hope, and peace of endless possibility
unfolding around us all the time.**

**We believe the Spirit calls us to community,
to compassion,
to welcome,
and to acts of mercy and justice.**

**God cannot be contained:
not by books or institutions,
not by fear or hate,
and certainly not by a tomb.**

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen.

* Hymn 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

Prayers of the People
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.**

Offering

*You may also give by texting SHANDONPC to 73256
or visiting our website, shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Anthem
Chancel Choir

'Hallelujah,' from Christ on the Mount of Olives
LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son.
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy.
Now, proclaim his grace and glory. Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son.

* Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

* Benediction

* Postlude

Toccata

CHARLES M. WIDOR

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, April Martin, Heather Woolard, Leck Patterson, Rev. John Cook, the Chanel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, Byron Duell (trumpet), and George Bernard (trumpet).

Announcements

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED — The church office will be closed tomorrow, April 10 in observance of Easter. Regular hours resume on Tuesday, April 11.

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAY — SOW will not take place this Wednesday, 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. Adult classes on April 19 will be "Discipleship and Vocation," taught by April Martin, and "Anxiety in Children and Teenagers," taught by Sarah Smith.

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. Final rehearsal will take place at 5 pm on April 16.

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.

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.

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.

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 16 to May 17, 7:30 to 8:45 pm, Room 222

Shandon Ringers — Wednesdays, April 16 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 16 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. Extended sessions from 8-9 am and 3-5:30 pm are also available. Sign up at bit.ly/artandthebible. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Heather Woolard at hwoolard@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. For those interested in hearing more, join Rev. Jenny McDevitt for a special Sunday school offering at 9:15 am on April 23 in the Activity Center.

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 16

Worship at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

April 23 | Youth Sunday

Shandon's Youth will lead worship at 10:30 am 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. 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?

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