



Shandon Presbyterian Church
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Supposing Him to be the Gardener by Harrison A Prozenko

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

Welcoming Children

Children are always welcome in worship! Families are welcome to sit anywhere in the Sanctuary, though little ones are often more engaged when they are able to see everything going on. We understand that children come fully equipped with wiggles, giggles, questions and noises. Your child's presence among us is a gift. We include a time especially for children as part of each worship service. Childcare is available in Room 107 for kindergarten-aged children and younger, if that is your preference. For more information about children's and family ministries, please contact Jackson Ringley at jringley@shandonpresbyterian.org.

Current Covid-19 Protocols

At Shandon Presbyterian Church, your health and safety is extremely important to us. So, too, is the health and safety of our community. Following CDC recommendations, **masks are optional at Shandon Presbyterian Church**. Food and drink are permitted indoors. Some activities will continue outside, especially before summer weather sets in. Anyone who wishes to remain masked is encouraged to do so. Thank you for recognizing that anyone who remains masked has any number of good reasons for doing so, and for being respectful of that. Our paid staff are fully vaccinated. We encourage vaccination for all who are eligible.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Frances Webb

What God Ordains Is Good

J. S. BACH, ARR. GERALD NEAR

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Please sign the friendship folder located along the inside aisle of each pew and pass it to those seated near you.

* Call to Worship

In the beginning, there was a garden.

**When God made the heavens and the earth
God planted a garden in Eden, in the east,
where a river flows and trees grow.**

Genesis 2

At his end, there was a garden.

**In Gethsemane, Jesus prayed,
and tears flooded his eyes.
Then, they hung him on a tree.**

Hebrews 5

When all is said and done, there will be a garden:

**where a river runs with the water of life
and trees grow along the banks
and the leaves of those trees
are for the healing of the nations.**

Revelation 21

Let us worship God!

Let us worship the King of Creation!

* Hymn 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

LYONS

Call to Confession

Jackson Ringley

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, save us from ourselves.

When we are so capable

we forget how to learn;

when we are so on-top-of-things

we forget how to be surprised;

when we are so eager

we forget how to be thoughtful;

when we are so anxious

we forget you are in control;

forgive us.

Remake us in your good image. (Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

* Response

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

* 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

Prayer for Illumination
Wayne Bryan

Scripture Lesson

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Supposing Him to Be the Gardener

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 713

Touch the Earth Lightly

TENDERNESS

Confirmation

Rayan Boutahar, Liam Edwards, Marshall Hughes, Henry Melkomian, Halen Moss, Lane Oana, Grace Rivers, Hampton Rogers, Laura Evelyn Rogers, Abby Toole, Baylis Wang, and Anderson Wilke

Presentation

Profession of Faith

* Affirmation of Faith

**I believe God is the beginning and the end.
God is the creator, the one who started it all.
God is merciful, all knowing, and loving.
God is our guide for life,
someone we can look up to when we need comfort.**

**I believe Jesus is the Son of God, God incarnated.
Jesus is God's Son who died on the cross for our sins.
During his life, he taught us many lessons, performed miracles,
and encouraged faith.**

**I believe the Holy Spirit is the breath of God.
The Holy Spirit transcends all people.
It is within everything and surrounds everything
and is with us all the time.
I trust in the Spirit that I am in this world for a reason
and God has paved a path for me to follow.
The Holy Spirit seeks people out
and gives us different tasks
and different perspectives.**

**I believe we can disagree with others about God,
so long as we keep our hearts and minds open.**

**I believe God wants us to love our neighbors
and lift up all those around us.
When we love people, the earth, and animals,
we are also loving God.**

**I believe God loves me because God loves everyone,
no matter who they are or where they come from,
and I am no exception.
God loves us even if we make mistakes,
and gives us the gift of forgiveness.
God loves every person who has set foot on this earth,
and will continue to until the end of time.**

Baptism
Henry Melkomian and Grace Rivers

Prayer and Anointing

Welcome

Offering

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

Anthem

*Chancel Choir,
Dr. Jabarie Glass, Dir.*

For the Beauty of the Earth
JOHN RUTTER

* 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 you heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

* Benediction

* Postlude

Trumpet Celebration

PAUL KEITH

Worship Notes

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. The Affirmation of Faith is compiled from the confirmands' individual statements of faith.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Frances Webb (guest organist), Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Jackson Ringley, Wayne Bryan, and the Chancel Choir under the direction of Dr. Jabarie Glass.

AFTER WORSHIP — Join us outside for cookies and other refreshments. A deacon will be present in the Sower's Chapel to receive prayer concerns or pastoral updates.

Announcements

CREATION CARE NOW In a culture that is increasingly divorced from the natural environment, how are we to respond to the call in Scripture to care for creation? Everything we are physically comes from the earth, from this garden that we are called to “till and keep” (Gen 2:15) and that in turn keeps us. In her book, *Inhabiting Eden*, the Rev. Patricia Tull would have us begin with awareness and gratitude: “Gratitude is the proper response for us as inhabitants of this world, a home that we neither bought nor paid for nor could ever have designed” (p.30). One thing you can do now: spend a few minutes each day outside opening your senses to God’s creation; find one thing that speaks to you, lifts you, and say a prayer of thanks for its presence.

CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC — After worship on May 22, join us on the church lawn for a potluck picnic celebrating the end of the Sunday School year. We will honor our Sunday School teachers. Please bring an entree, side, or dessert big enough feed your family and a few more. Drinks will be provided. Additionally, the Dick Goodwin Jazz Band will gladden our hearts as the final event of the Arts at Shandon season.

GRADUATING SENIORS — Is your high school or college student graduating this year? Help us celebrate this milestone with you! Complete the graduation survey at bit.ly/SPCgraduation22. Please complete the survey by today. High school seniors will be recognized in worship on May 22. All graduating students will be featured in the June edition of “The Spire.”

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT MINISTRY — Our church is responding to the world’s refugee crisis by forming a refugee resettlement team, a Shandon Circle of Welcome. Through Lutheran Services of the Carolinas we will host a refugee family for 6-12 months, starting over the summer. Until our family arrives, we have ways you can help Afghan and Ukrainian families. Contact Rev. John Cook at jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org for more information.

YOUNG ADULTS FIREFLIES GAME — Young Adults, add Sunday, May 22, to your calendars. We’re buying tickets as a group and going to the Columbia Fireflies game at Segra Park. The game starts at 5:05 pm. If this date doesn’t work for you, don’t worry — we’re adding more events to the calendar soon. Register online at bit.ly/ShandonFireflies.

CHANCEL CHOIR SCHEDULE — The Chancel Choir will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm on May 18, and 25. After that, rehearsals will shift to 9:45 on Sunday mornings for the summer. Anyone who would like to sing with the Chancel Choir during the summer is welcome and encouraged to join us each Sunday morning to prepare and lead music for worship.

ARISE AND SHINE CHOIRS SCHEDULE — The Arise and Shine Choirs for children will meet at 6 pm on Wednesday, May 18, for musical fun and games. All children are welcome and encouraged to enjoy this time making music and simply having fun. After May 18, Arise and Shine choirs will break for the summer.

UKRAINE RELIEF — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is providing financial support to Ukraine’s neighboring countries who are receiving refugees. To contribute to that effort, please indicate “PDA - UKRAINE” on your check or envelope. You may also contribute online at bit.ly/pdaukraine.

MAY BACKPACK FOOD DONATIONS — This month, we are collecting individual servig cups of mac-and-cheese and shelf-stable milk. Please drop off donations in the designated box or go to bit.ly/spcmaybackpack for more information about donating online.

Spring Worship Series

For the Beauty of the Earth:

A Theology of Creation Care



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May 15 through June 5

10:30 am | in person & online | shandonpresbyterian.org

Worship Archives

Miss a service? Want to hear a prayer a second time or read a sermon text? Our worship archives include weekly bulletins, links to livestream recordings, and PDFs of sermon manuscripts (as available).

Visit shandonpresbyterian.org, then select Worship and Music. Sermons are also available as a podcast on SoundCloud and Apple Podcasts.

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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