



# Shandon Presbyterian Church

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## Welcome to Shandon Presbyterian Church

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a longtime member, you have made us better by being with us in worship today.

Every week, our service begins with a word of welcome. We take this seriously. Just as God welcomes all, so too do we strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God's kingdom. We don't all look alike or act alike or think alike. We come from different backgrounds, we bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we come together and worship the same God.

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. It is our hope and our prayer that you will experience something personal and relevant this morning — a word of hope, a call to action, a spark of faith, a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stay for awhile. We'd love to get to know you and help you learn more about us. Well ... that's what we'd say back in "normal" days. The invitation remains, however. We may not be gathering in-person on Sunday mornings right now, but we hope you'll take advantage of other ways of getting acquainted. Reach out to one of our pastors. Explore our website and poke around on our Facebook page. Join us for various drive-through or walk-through events on Sunday afternoons. Reserve some time in our Sanctuary to experience one of our sacred spaces for yourself.

At Shandon Presbyterian Church, we strive to be honest in all of our relationships, so we'll say this from the beginning: if you're looking for a perfect church, we're not it. We don't always get it right. Rather, we're a group of imperfect people who 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

# Gathering Around the Word

## Prelude

*Matthew McCall*

Meditation on Hyfrydol

MARK SEDIO

## Welcome

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

## Call to Worship

*Martha Bode*

Come and dwell in the shelter of the Lord;  
**under God's wing we are safe and secure.**

From the highest heights to the deepest depths,  
**God is with us, our rock and our refuge.**

We trust in God who delivers us;  
**we soar into each new day, shining like the sun.**

## Hymn 43

*Verses 1, 3 and 4*

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

(Refrain) And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day.  
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

(Refrain)

4. For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

(Refrain.)

## Call to Confession

*Hannah Ratliff*

## Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,**

**Our lives are full of routine:**

**waking, eating, working, sleeping.**

**We fall so naturally into patterns.**

**We see what we have always seen**

**and desire the comfort of what is familiar.**

**You are there in our ordinary rhythms, O God,**

**of that we have no doubt.**

**And so anything unexpected can make us nervous.**

**We become afraid of going out on a limb**

**or soaring into the unknown.**

**Yet, we miss some of your grace  
when we keep our feet on the ground.  
Forgive us our anxiety  
and remind us that your wing will always enfold us  
even as you offer us new horizons. (Silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children  
*Rev. John Cook*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Exodus 19:1-8a

At the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.' So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.'

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

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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Sermon  
*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

The Vulture: Ugliness and Beauty

## Responding to the Word

### Anthem

*Shandon Choral Scholars*  
DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

My Eyes for Beauty Pine  
HERBERT HOWELLS

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God's grace,  
no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.

O splendor thence is shed from all the stars above:  
'Tis named when God's name is said,  
'tis love, 'tis heavenly love.

And every gentle heart that burns with true desire  
is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

### Prayers of the People

#### 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 Tithes and Gifts

*Text SHANDONPC to 73256 or visit [shandonpresbyterian.org](http://shandonpresbyterian.org)*

#### Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
OLD HUNDRETH

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

#### Benediction

#### Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major  
DAVID N. JOHNSON

## Worship Notes

Leading worship today are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Martha Bode, Hannah Ratliff, Rev. John Cook and the Shandon Choral Scholars: Johnnie Felder, Dr. Jabarie Glass, Peter Haley, Andrew Mitchell and Jennifer Mitchell, Ashlee Poole and Kelley Powell, directed by Dr. Alicia Walker.

The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

## Announcements

**WORSHIP RETURNS TO THE SANCTUARY MAY 23.** Join us on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, for our return to the Sanctuary. Services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Registration required. Check your email for the link to sign up online or call the church office. Details about how services will be adapted to ensure we are keeping everyone healthy and safe are available on our website. Online worship will continue at shandonpresbyterian.org.

**USHERS AND GREETERS NEEDED.** Returning to the Sanctuary means we need you! In order to support our safety protocols, we need additional ushers and greeters. Training specific to this new season of worship will be provided for both new and returning ushers and greeters. To volunteer or for more information, contact Jessica Joyner, [jjoyner@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jjoyner@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**FOOD DONATIONS SUPPORT STUDENTS.** Donations of shelf-stable food for A.C. Moore Elementary and Dreher High School students can be dropped off weekdays in the designated box under Shandon's portico or at the entrance to outdoor worship on Sundays.

- This month we are collecting Chef Boyardee ABCs, Beefaroni, spaghetti and lasagna (7.5-ounce size); granola bars; shelf-stable white milk (8 ounces).

**STAYING CONNECTED WITH CARE CARDS.** The Care Card Ministry sends card to our members for pastoral joys and concerns. If you would like to assist with this ministry, please contact Margaret Hicks, [margaret@sc.rr.com](mailto:margaret@sc.rr.com) or 803-917-1005.

**HONOR LOVED ONES WITH SANCTUARY FLOWERS.** Shandon Presbyterian's tradition of giving memorials and honorariums in the form of sanctuary flowers are an important part of worship. To donate flowers, contact Jess Joyner at [jjoyner@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jjoyner@shandonpresbyterian.org). The cost is \$120. Flower donations will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.

**MISS A SUNDAY?** Want to hear a sermon a second time? Check out our worship archive. Links to full worship services, sermon pdfs and weekly bulletins on our website. Go to [bit.ly/spcworshiparchive](https://bit.ly/spcworshiparchive). And don't forget our podcast, available on iTunes and SoundCloud, [soundcloud.com/shandonpresbyterian](https://soundcloud.com/shandonpresbyterian).

**SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL.** We invite you to join our virtual children's and adult Sunday School classes for spring 2021. For Zoom links, see the weekly Sunday morning email, or contact Molly Spangler, [mspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:mspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**SHANDON ON WEDNESDAY CHECK-IN.** Please join us for SOW Check-ins on Facebook and YouTube. Tune in for a meditation and prayer with the pastoral staff each Wednesday evening.



### **The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church**

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor  
Rev. John Cook, Associate Pastor for Discipleship  
Rev. Molly Spangler, Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, and Families  
Hannah Ratliff, Shandon/UKirk Pastoral Assistant  
Matthew McCall, Director of Music and Organist  
Dr. Alicia Walker, Chancel Choir Director  
Ashlee Poole, Youth Choir Director  
Sally Tackett, Children's Choir Director  
John Maynard, Handbell Director  
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