



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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Mary Southard, CSJ

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

Matthew McCall

Carillon

LOUIS VIERNE

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

The earth is full of glory.
The earth is full of blessing.
The earth belongs to God.

The heavens are full of truth.
The heavens are full of mystery.
The heavens belong to God.

We are full of wonder.
We are full of longing.
We belong to God.

* Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

Call to Confession

Jackson Ringley

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
You have given us eyes
but we have not always looked at creation's beauty.
You have given us ears
but we have not always listened to nature speaking.
You have given us tongues
but we have not always joined Earth's song of praise.
You have given us hands
but we have not always been makers and menders.
You have given us feet
but we have not always shared in the dance of life.
You have given us minds
but we have not always thought beyond ourselves.
You have given us wills
but we have not always chosen the good.
You have given us hearts
but we have not always loved without reserve.
You have made us in your image;
forgive us that we do not always display your likeness.**

(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

Rev. John Cook

Prayer for Illumination

Stacey Brennan

Scripture Lesson

Romans 8:19-25

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

The Groaning of Creation

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

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

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

Anthem

Jennifer Mitchell

Cry No More
DAN FORREST

In the shadows where we linger, in this darkness we call home,
where the sighs are deep and doubtful, and our aspirations groan,
all is not in vain, beloved, our travail is not unknown.

*Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last;
Love incarnate, hold your children, till the storms of life are past.*

Though we have not faith to seek him, Christ himself will draw us near,
deep, abiding rays of mercy cast their light on only fear.
Cry no more, ye poor weary, our redeeming Lord is here.

Sure defender, never failing, radiant Savior, Holy Friend,
Gift of Glory, Hope of heaven, call us now to faith!
Alleluia! Blest compassion, grace is shining without end!

* 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 17

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!
WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

* Benediction

* Postlude

For the Beauty of the Earth
ARR. AARON DAVID MILLER

Worship Notes

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship was written by Ruth Burgess. The Prayer of Confession was written by Pat Bennett in *A Heart for Creation* by Wild Goose Publishing.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY, Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Jackson Ringley, Rev. John Cook, Stacey Brennan, and Jennifer Mitchell.

AFTER WORSHIP — Join us outside for cookies and other refreshments. A deacon will be present near the baptismal font to receive prayer concerns or pastoral updates.

Announcements

CREATION CARE NOW — For the church, water is a sacred gift, and our stewardship of it has profound spiritual, as well as physical consequences. The United Methodist Church writes: "Water is an integral part of God's radical expression of God's love for all humanity. Water cannot be monopolized or privatized. It is to be shared like air, light, and earth." (*Book of Resolutions, 2016.*) The PCUSA has issued this statement, "Humans are making excessive demands upon, and doing reckless damage to, the lakes and streams, the ground water, and even to the oceans. Meanwhile, most third-world nations cannot afford the systems that would provide safe drinking water." One thing you can do now is go online and find out about *Living Waters for the World*, an initiative of the Synod of Living Waters that provides clean water systems in Central America and beyond; consider donating it or to a local group dedicated to the health and accessibility of our waters.

ADOPT-A-STREET-CLEAN-UP — Shandon has adopted several streets surrounding the church through Keep the Midlands Beautiful. We will host our second clean-up today at 2:30pm. Simply meet on the sanctuary steps at that time to participate. Long pants and closed-toe shoes are required, and participants under the age of 18 will need a parent or guardian to sign a waiver for them. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Jackson Ringley at JRingley@shandonpresbyterian.org.

FAMILY PROMISE — Shandon is hosting Family Promise today through June 4. There are four families currently in the program. While the families remain in the current set up of one mobile home and three apartments, we provide gas cards, grocery cards, restaurant cards and some fast food cards to support them for the week. Please prayerfully consider supporting this mission. You can still sign up online at bit.ly/FamilyPromiseMay22. Pruchasted gift cards should be delivered to the church by tomorrow.

MOMS DEMAND ACTION — Our friends at Bethel A.M.E. have invited us to join them in walking in observation of National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Saturday, June 4, walkers will gather at 8:30 am at the Bethel Administration Offices Entrance. Advance registration is requested by email to wms@bethelcolumbia.org. The walk is sponsored by Bethel's Women's Missionary Society. They also remind us to wear orange June 3-5 in support of the same cause. With questions, or for more information, contact Betty Gurnell at gurnellfc@aol.com.

CHANCEL CHOIR SCHEDULE — The Chancel Choir has concluded Wednesday evening rehearsals for the summer. Rehearsals will take place most Sundays during June, July, and August. Anyone who would like to sing with the Chancel Choir during the summer is welcome and encouraged to join us on Sunday mornings to prepare and lead music for worship. **Next Sunday, June 5, the choir will meet at 9:45 am to prepare "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" for worship.**

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.

EARTH AS ART — Through June 5, “Earth as Art” will be on display in the Atrium Gallery. “Earth as Art” is a collaboration with the USGS and NASA. Since the 1970s, satellites have taken images of Earth from space. The ongoing record gives scientists the ability see the impact of natural events and soaring human populations around the world. By combining different wavelengths of light, views of clouds, mountains or rivers are transformed into works of art. During our Creation Care worship series, come revel in the beauty of the earth.

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.

Shandon Weekday School Offering full and part-day summer camps designed for busy parents and active kids.

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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.

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