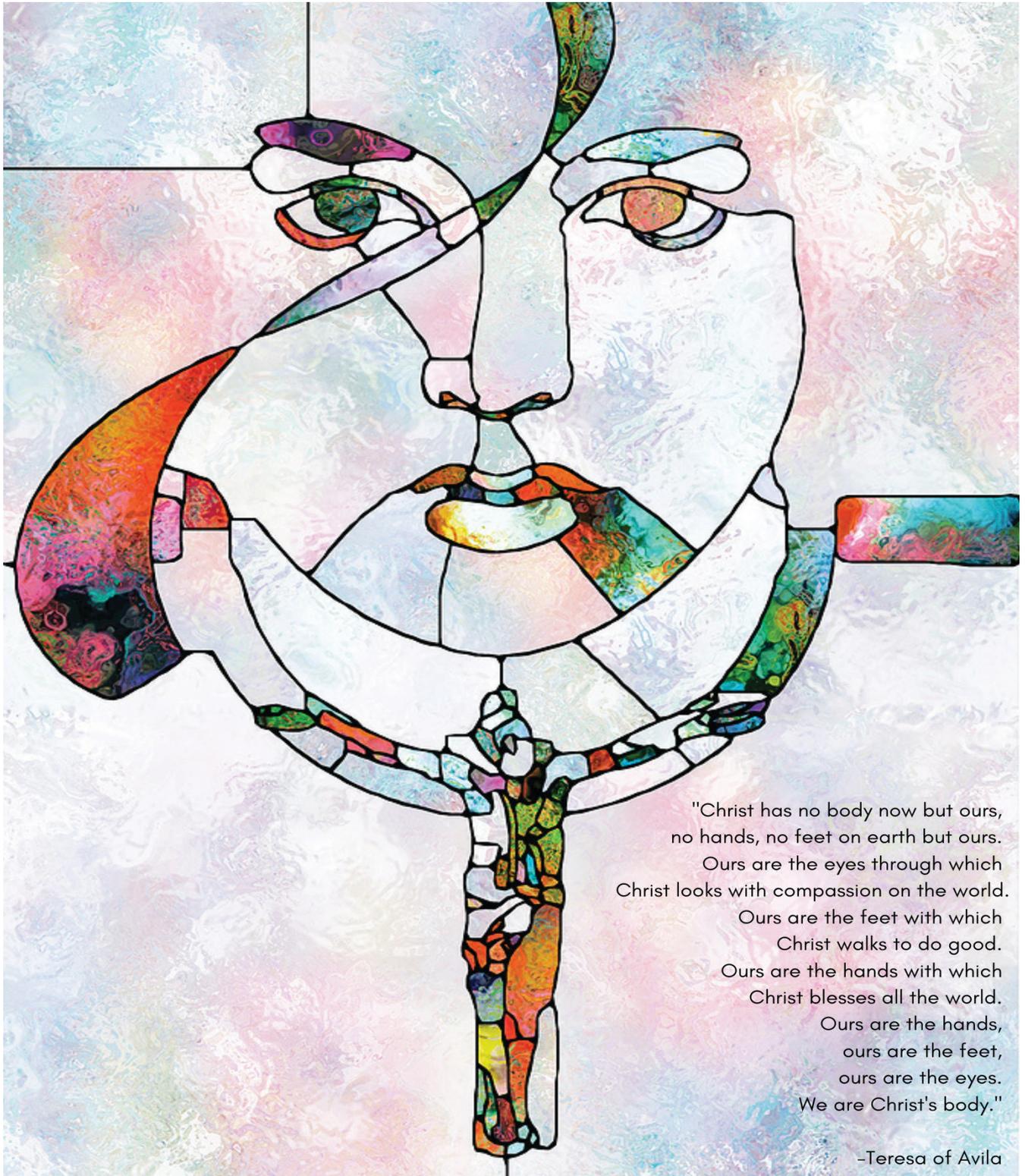




Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

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"Christ has no body now but ours,
no hands, no feet on earth but ours.
Ours are the eyes through which
Christ looks with compassion on the world.
Ours are the feet with which
Christ walks to do good.
Ours are the hands with which
Christ blesses all the world.
Ours are the hands,
ours are the feet,
ours are the eyes.
We are Christ's body."

-Teresa of Avila

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 Room 204 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

Shandon Ringers

For the Beauty of the Earth

ARR. CATHY MOKLEBUST

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

This is the day 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

The world belongs to God,

the earth and all its people.

How good it is, how wonderful

to live together in unity.

Love and faith come together,

justice and peace join hands.

If Christ's disciples keep silent,

the stones will shout aloud.

Open our lips, O God,

and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

* Hymn 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Call to Confession

Heather Woolard

Prayer of Confession

Jesus Christ,

Prince of Peace,

Savior of the World,

forgive us.

You, more than any other,

know the cost of doing good,

the risk of living righteously,

of courage required to strive toward God's promised day.

We hesitate to follow your example.

We are overwhelmed by the enormity of the world's need.

We are afraid of conflict.

We assume someone else could do a better job.

Help us set aside our worries

in order to pursue your will.

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

* Response

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

**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

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.

Senior Recognition

April Martin

Carew Bates, Elizabeth Shifflett, and Ava Wilke

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

ARR. DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

Prayer for Illumination

Hampton Rogers

Scripture Lesson

James 2:14-26

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith apart from works, and I by my works will show you faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is worthless? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and by works faith was brought to completion. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

'Thoughts and Prayers' Are Not Enough

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God,
whose love is the source of all life
and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face
in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil
that seeks to enslave us all,
and whose love, defeating even death,
holds the glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful
and filled with doubt,
we trust God,
and, in the name of Jesus Christ,
commit ourselves, in the service of others,
to seek justice and live in peace,
to care for the earth,
and to live in the freedom of forgiveness,
the powerful spirit of love,
and the company of the faithful.
In these ways, we are the church,
all for the glory of God.**

* Hymn 346

For the Healing of the Nations

ST. THOMAS

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

Chancel Choir

No Night There

DAN FORREST

God is with us; God is for us; do not be afraid.
There shall be no night there, no crying there,
God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.
Even in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.
Lo, I am with you always, even to the 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, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

* Benediction

* Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

ARR. PAUL MANZ

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are the Shandon Ringers, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, April Martin, Heather Woolard, Sarah Land (violin), Hampton Rogers, the Chancel Choir directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, and Matthew McCall

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship and the Affirmation of Faith come from the Iona Community's Worship Book. The Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

IN WORSHIP TODAY, we celebrate high school graduates Carew Bates, Mira Lathren, Elizabeth Shifflett, Audrey White, Ava Wilke, and Grace Woodham. We also celebrate college graduates Sydney Jenkins, Daisy Lawrence, Louis Parr, Ansley Roberts, Kathleen Powers, and Kate Timbes. Finally, we celebrate Abby White, who completed her graduate school program.

AFTER WORSHIP — A deacon will be present in the Sower's Chapel for prayer.

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC — Join us on the church lawn after worship today for a picnic celebrating the end of the Sunday School year. In addition to good food and fellowship, Edgewire Music will provide live music for all to enjoy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Sunday School classes will take a summer hiatus beginning May 28.

YOUTH GROUP — Youth are going bowling this afternoon! We'll meet at 5:30 pm at Bowlero in Cayce to celebrate the end of the year. Questions? Contact April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org.

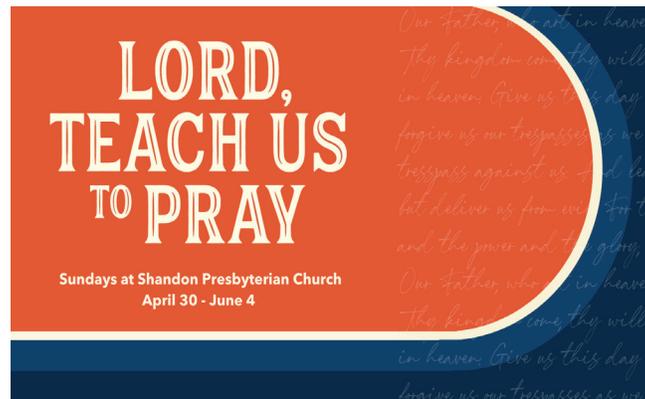
YOUNG ADULT GET TOGETHER SERIES — Shandon's young adults are invited to enjoy a series of events this summer! Kick-off the summer with a game night, Wednesday, May 31, 6-8pm in Davis Hall. On June 7, 6-8 pm, the series will continue with an evening at WECO Bottle and Biergarten in West Columbia. Childcare will be provided at the church for both events. For more information, contact April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org.

SUMMER CHOIR — The Chancel Choir invites anyone who would like to sing to join beginning Sunday, May 28. Rehearsals will take place 9:45 am on Sundays in the Choir Room.

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. Sign up at bit.ly/artandthebible. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Heather Woolard at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org.

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM — This ministry provides supplemental food every weekend for students at AC Moore, Rosewood, and Dreher. Thank you for your financial and food contributions to this project. During May we are collecting shelf-stable milk (8 oz) and canned pork and beans (8 oz).

Upcoming Worship



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 | Teach Us To Pray

May 7 | Praying for Those You Least Want To

May 14 | When Prayer Remains Unanswered

May 21 | 'Thoughts and Prayers' Are Not Enough

May 28 | When You Just Can't Pray

June 4 | Is There Anything We Shouldn't Pray For?

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, MAY 21

- 9 am** Childcare (107B)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Congregational Picnic (Church Lawn)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5:30 pm** Youth Bowling (Bowlero, Cayce)

MONDAY, MAY 22

- 6 pm** Emergency Management (Room 224)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 6:45 pm** Boy Scouts (Room 224)

TUESDAY, MAY 23

No events scheduled.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

- 9:30 am** Quilt Group (Room 210)
- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)

THURSDAY, MAY 25

- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, MAY 26

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

SATURDAY, MAY 27

- 2 pm** USC Voice Studio Recital (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, MAY 28

- 10 am** Childcare (107B)
- 10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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