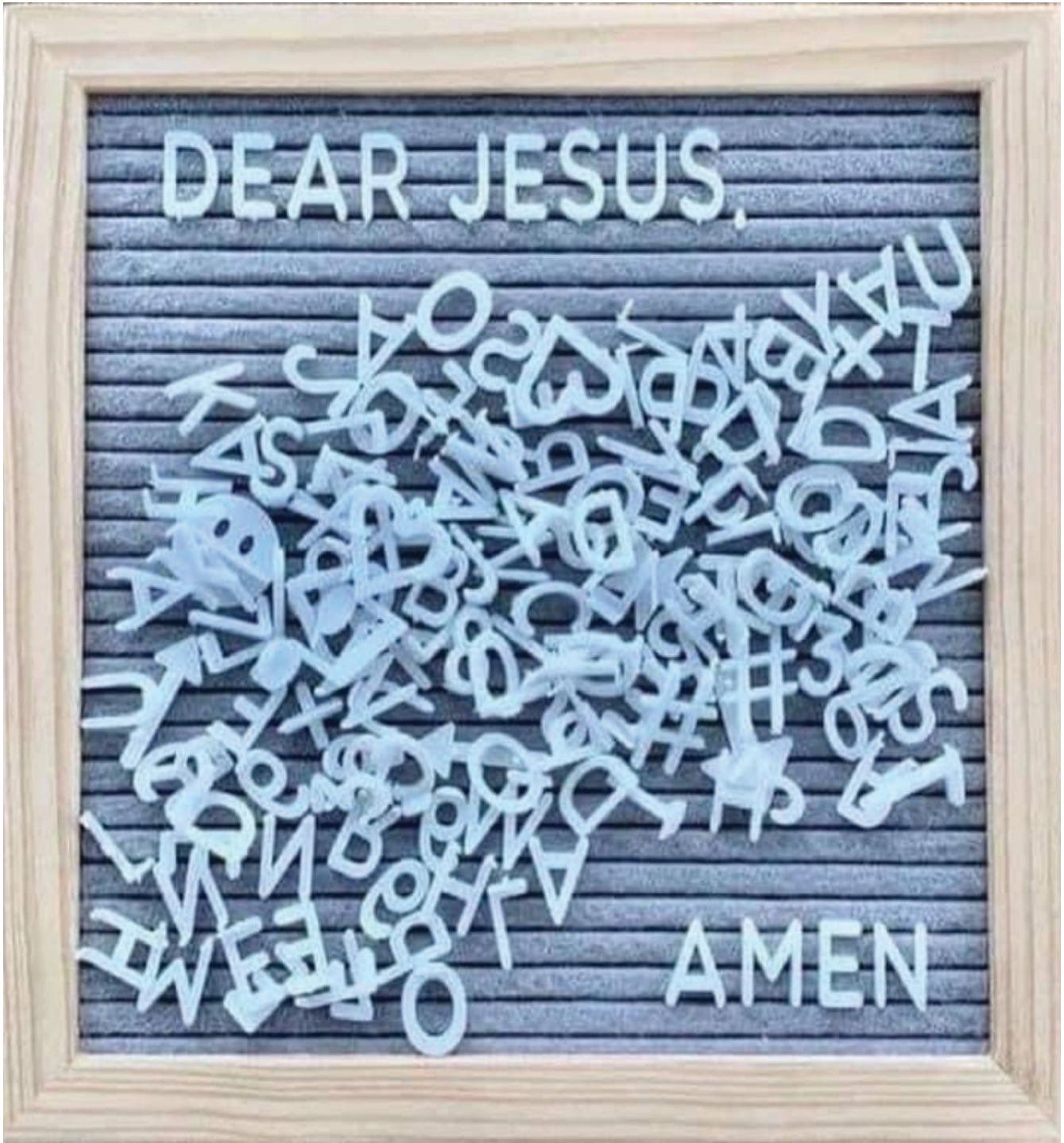




Shandon Presbyterian Church
607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

Pentecost Sunday • May 28, 2023 • 10:30 am



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

Matthew McCall

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C Major

D. BUXTEHUDE

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

We gather today in praise of the Spirit:

the Spirit who hovered over the chaos;

the Spirit who was poured out upon all people;

the Spirit who descended upon Jesus at his baptism;

the Spirit who called us beloved;

the Spirit who never leaves us on our own;

the Spirit who intercedes for us when we need it most;

the Spirit who will welcome us home.

We gather today in praise of the Spirit,

the presence of God among us still today.

Genesis 1

Numbers 11

Matthew 3

Mark 1

John 14

Romans 8

Revelation 22

* Hymn 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

Praying

MARY OLIVER

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch

a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest, but a doorway

into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Author of Life, forgive us.

We allow ourselves to be intimidated by prayer.

We think it needs to be eloquent.

We suspect it ought to be confident.

We've been taught it must be unceasing.

**We put too much pressure on ourselves to get it "right."
We forget you know our hearts better than we do.**

**Breathe life into our confusion.
Calm our overwhelm with your peace.
Bring your Spirit into our silence. (Silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

* Response of Praise

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!

Minute for Mission

Andrián González

Café Justo

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

John Maynard

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:1-8, 12-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will

show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

Scripture Lesson

Romans 8:26-27

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

When You Just Can't Pray

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 776

O God, Be Gracious

TALLIS' ORDINAL

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

Come Down, O Love Divine

P. R. DIETRICH

Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling.

* Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDETH

**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 280

Come, Holy Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

* Benediction

* Postlude

Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herr Gott

J. S. BACH

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are the Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Heather Woolard, John Maynard, and the Chancel Choir directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass.

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

AFTER WORSHIP — Join us for fellowship and refreshments on the front sidewalk. A deacon will be present in the Sower's Chapel for prayer.

Announcements

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, 6-8 pm in Davis Hall. Childcare will be provided 6-8 pm. 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 5:30-8:30 pm. For more information, contact April Martin. at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org.

SUMMER CHOIR — The Chancel Choir invites anyone who would like to sing this summer to join us for rehearsal at 9:45 am on Sundays in the Choir Room.

BENEFIT RECITAL — Daisy Lawrence, one of our talented Choral Scholars, has received an invitation to participate in the prestigious Trentino Music Festival in Trentino, Italy. To help offset the costs of accepting the invitation, Daisy will be presenting a recital on Sunday, June 4 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. Admission is free and there will be ways to make a financial contribution for anyone who wishes to support Daisy.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN — All women of the church are invited to attend the combined summer circle meeting on Tuesday, June 13 at 10 am in Davis Hall. There will be a time of fellowship, a light breakfast, and a brief program. This year's speaker is our own Rev. Lucy Youngblood, a 2001 graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary and Minister of Word and Sacrament with the PC(USA). For more information, contact Deborah Goodwin at dbra48@gmail.com.

MIGRANT MINISTRY DINNER — Shandon will join Trinity Presbytery's Migrant Ministry in hosting a dinner for migrant workers at two work camps in the Batesburg-Leesville area on June 13. Sign up to serve dinner, provide desserts or salads, contribute hygiene items, and reserve a seat on the bus at [bit.ly/ MigrantMinistry2023](https://bit.ly/MigrantMinistry2023). We will gather in Davis Hall at 4:30 pm to pack hygiene items before departing for the dinner. For more information contact Hank Alford at half@sc.rr.com or Hugh Jacobs at hughjacobs@bellsouth.net.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS — We are seeking to identify members who are currently certified in CPR or basic life support and would consider serving as designated users of AED equipment. Anyone interested should contact Patty Kadow at pkadow1@sc.rr.com by June 14.

VOLUNTEER FOR ART AND THE BIBLE CAMP — We are excited to invite many little hands to create with us, but we will need lots of adult helping hands to make this week possible! Please consider spending the week of July 10th-14th with these kids as they learn, create, and grow! We need group leaders, kitchen helpers, and station helpers. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, contact Heather Woolard at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org.

WEEKEND BACKPACK SUMMER SWEEPSTAKES — Donate pasta and win a spectacular meal! Robert Walker and Jenny McDevitt have offered to again prepare and serve a special dinner for four in your home. To be eligible for this event, complete an entry form for each donation of five Chef Boyardee pastas (7.5 ounce cans of ABCs, beefaroni, lasagna, or spaghetti) and place your completed entry form in the collection box in the church reception area. The winner will be announced September 3. Your pasta donations will help provide weekend food for students at Dreher High School and Rosewood and A. C. Moore Elementary Schools.

Save the Date

SPC at Sesquicentennial Park

Sunday, June 25, 2023 | Noon to 3 pm

Gather at Picnic Shelter #1; playgrounds, splash pad, and walking and hiking trails are all close by. Park admission: cover your own or tell the park ranger at the gate you are with SPC and we'll cover it for you.

SPC Book Club Inaugural Gathering

Monday, July 24, 2023 | 6 pm | Room 214

Introductions and discussion of *Ordinary Grace*, by William Kent Krueger. In August (date, time, and location TBD at July's meeting), we'll discuss *Upgrade*, by Blake Crouch. Questions? Email Tiffany Beverly at tiffanybeverlyedwards@gmail.com, Elizabeth Crouch at elizabethcrouchphd@gmail.com, or Jon Edwards at jedwardsusc@gmail.com.

SPC at Segra Park | Columbia Fireflies vs. Carolina Mudcats

Sunday, July 30, 2023 | 5 pm

Details and sign up link coming soon.

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, MAY 28

- 10 am** Childcare (Room 207B)
- 10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

MONDAY, MAY 29

Church Office closed.

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

TUESDAY, MAY 30

- 6:30 pm** Education Ministry (Library)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 6 pm** Young Adult Game Night (Davis Hall)

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

- 2 pm** Memorial Service for Dale Wolthoff (Sanctuary)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

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

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