



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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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.

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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

Allegretto

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

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

This is a call to all who are poor in spirit:

yours is the kingdom of heaven.

This is a call to all who mourn:

you will be comforted.

This is a call to all who are meek:

you will inherit the earth.

This is a call to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness:

you will be filled.

This is a call to all who are merciful:

you will be shown mercy.

This is a call to the pure in heart:

you will see God.

This is a call to the peacemakers:

you will be called children of God.

* Hymn 511

Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

LLANFAIR

Call to Confession

April Martin

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

Your first disciples said, "Teach us to pray."

We are so much like them.

We want to pray with open hearts

but sometimes our jaws are clenched in resentment.

We want to pray for your Spirit to soar

but sometimes we are afraid of where that will lead.

We want to pray for our neighbors

but sometimes our own burdens feel heavy enough.

We are so much like your first disciples.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, teach us to pray.

(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!

Welcome of New Members

Alden and Chris Dalton, Kaitlyn Edgington and Abby White (Tyler, Saylor, Kellen, and Kessler), Darin and Lisa Freeburg (Elsie), Michael Jenkins, Josie and Brendan Leach, and Jeanie Slack.

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

E. J. Pavy

Scripture Lesson

Luke 6:27-31

[Jesus said,] "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Praying for Those You Least Want To

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 537

When at This Table

FEASTDAY

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*All are welcome at Christ's table. As an act of hospitality,
all of the bread is gluten-free and all of the cups contain grape juice.*

Prayer after Communion

Offering

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

Anthem

Chancel Choir

A Prayer of Saint Francis

ALLEN POTE

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord.
Where there is doubt, let there be faith.
Where there's despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let there be light.
Where there is sadness, let there be joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

* 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 774

There Is Now a New Creation

STUTTGART

* Benediction

* Postlude

All Glory Be To God on High

ARR. TIMOTHY ALBRECHT

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, April Martin, Heather Woolard, E. J. Pavy, Rev. John Cook, and the Chancel Choir guest-directed by Ashlee Poole.

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

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAY — Join us Wednesdays May for dinner at 5:15 in the Activity Center and programming for all ages beginning at 6 pm. This week's adult activity is Speed Meeting. We have a lot of new faces around Shandon, so it's a good time for a get-to-know-you activity that's high on laughter and low on stress. It's perfect for everyone in all ages and stages of life. Make your dinner reservations by 6 pm Monday.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING — We will collect the Mother's Day special offering on Sunday, May 14. Since 1954, Presbyterian churches in South Carolina have marked Mother's Day with an offering to support the ministry of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina. In addition to contributing to the special offering in worship, you can also give online at bit.ly/spcmothersday23.

ARISE AND SHINE CHILDREN'S CHOIR — The Arise and Shine Children's Choir will sing in worship on May 14. They will practice in the Sanctuary at 10:10 am. All children are invited to participate.

YOUTH GROUP — Youth will meet this afternoon at 5 pm for a time of musical fun and games. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm, followed by cookie baking and a time of study. Youth will not meet on May 14. On May 21 at 5:30 pm, youth will meet at Bowlero in Cayce to celebrate the end of the year. Questions? Contact April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org.

GRADUATING SENIORS — During worship on May 21, we will honor our graduating high school seniors and recognize all of our graduates in the bulletin and in prayer. Please submit names by May 14 to April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org.

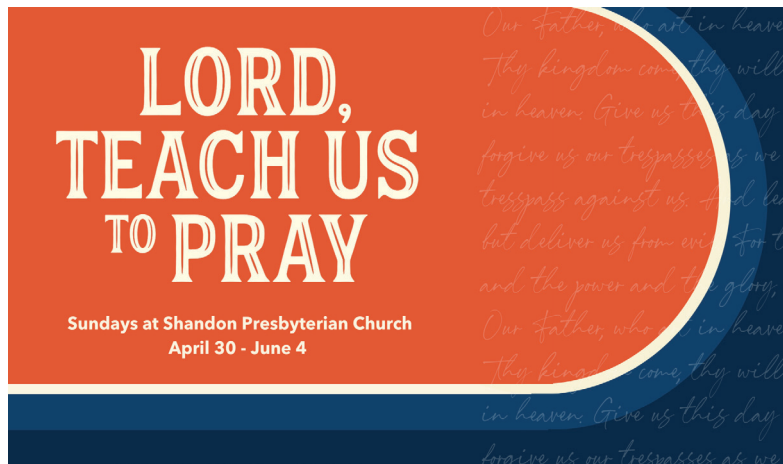
CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC — After worship on May 21, join us on the church lawn for a picnic celebrating the end of the Sunday School year. The main course will be provided, you are encouraged to bring a side or dessert to share. We will honor our Sunday School teachers, so all current Sunday School teachers should plan to attend. In addition to good food and fellowship, Edgewire Music will provide live music for all to enjoy.

CHANCEL CHOIR SCHEDULE — The Chancel Choir will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm on May 10 and 17. 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.

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 7

- 9 am** Childcare (Davis Hall)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 10:30 am** Worship with Communion(Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 11:45 am** Arts at Shandon Planning Team (Room 224)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5 pm** Youth Music (Choir Room)
- 5:30 pm** Youth Group (Room 214)

MONDAY, MAY 8

- 5:30 pm** Personnel Ministry (Pastor's Study)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 6:45 pm** Boy Scouts (Room 224)

TUESDAY, MAY 9

- 9 am** Finance Ministry (Zoom)
- 7 pm** Outreach Ministry (Room 224)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

- 9:30 am** Quilt Group (Rom 210)
- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:15 pm** SOW Dinner (Activity Center)
- 6 pm** SOW Programs (various locations)
- 6:30 pm** Shandon Ringers (Room 223)
- 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, MAY 11

- 10 am** Bible Study (Library)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, MAY 12

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

SATURDAY, MAY 13

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

- 9 am** Childcare (Davis Hall)
- 9:15 am** Sunday School (various locations)
- 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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