



# Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

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*By the Rivers of Babylon, Marc Chagall*

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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](mailto: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](mailto:jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org).



## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Matthew McCall*

Fugue in D Minor

J. S. BACH, BWV 565B

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 in this place — a Sanctuary.

**A Sanctuary provides shelter from the storm,  
security from outside threats,  
and safety from all that wearies us.**

We gather around this table — a Feast.

**A Feast offers food to those who know hunger,  
welcome to those who know loneliness,  
and belonging for those who know exclusion.**

We gather in the name of Jesus — our Savior.

**Our Savior who accepts our humanity,  
knows the truth of our hearts,  
and sets us on the path to right living.**

\* Hymn 401

**Here in This Place**

GATHER US IN

Call to Confession

*April Martin*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, forgive us.**

**We can't help but lose our way  
again and again.**

**Forgive us when we allow ourselves to be shaped by  
voices, words, and ideas that do not  
bring life,  
create life,  
or sustain life.**

**Help us trust your ways over our ways.**

**Forgive our forgetfulness and remind us of your faithfulness,  
again and again.**

**In your immeasurable love, grace, mercy, and wisdom,  
do not abandon us, we pray. *(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.**

\* Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

## 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

Scripture Lesson

Psalms 137

By the rivers of Babylon —

there we sat down and there we wept  
when we remembered Zion.

On the willows there we hung up our harps.

For there our captors asked us for songs,

and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,  
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither.

Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth

if I do not remember you,

if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites

the day of Jerusalem's fall, how they said,

"Tear it down! Tear it down!

Down to its foundations!"

O daughter Babylon, you devastator!

Happy shall they be who pay you back  
what you have done to us!

Happy shall they be who take your little ones  
and dash them against the rock!

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Is There Anything We *Shouldn't* Pray For?

## Responding to the Word

\* Hymn 427

### Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart

LOE DE ISA

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

*Rev. John Cook*

Prayer of Great 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

*As an extension of Jesus' own hospitality, the communion bread is gluten-free and the cups all contain grape juice. You are invited to come forward, tear off a piece of bread, and dip your bread in the cup. If needed, our servers will assist you in tearing the bread. If it is easier for you to remain in your place for communion, servers will bring the elements to you.*

Prayer after Communion

Offering

*You may also give by texting SHANDONPC to 73256  
or visiting our website, [shandonpresbyterian.org](http://shandonpresbyterian.org).*

Anthem

*Chancel Choir*

O Love

ELAINE HAGENBERG

O Love, that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thy ocean depths  
its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain  
that morn shall tearless be.

\* 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 645

**Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above**

MIT FREUDEN ZART

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

Trumpet Tune

DAVID N. JOHNSON

## Worship Notes

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY** are the Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, April Martin, Heather Woolard, Rev. John Cook, and the Chancel Choir guest directed by Michael Ballard.

**TODAY'S LITURGY** — The Call to Worship was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a longer prayer by Enuma Okoro, a Nigerian-American writer and speaker.

**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

**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 this afternoon 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.

**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.

**YOUNG ADULT SUMMER SERIES** — Shandon's young adults will serve at Transitions this afternoon. We will meet at the front door at 4:45 pm. Volunteers should wear long pants, shirts with sleeves, closed-toe shoes, and a hat. On June 7, 6-8 pm, young adults will enjoy 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](mailto:amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP** — Youth participating in the upcoming mission trip to Charleston will depart from the Portico, Sunday, June 11 at 4 pm. Please pray for safe travel and meaningful work at the sites in Charleston the week of June 11-16.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:half@sc.rr.com) or Hugh Jacobs at [hughjacobs@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**TIRE MOTHERS RETREAT** — All tired women of the church are invited to gather at Montreat, January 26-28, 2024. The focus of the weekend is fellowship and renewal of the spirit. For more details and to register, go to [bit.ly/tiredmothers23](https://bit.ly/tiredmothers23)

## 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](mailto:tiffanybeverlyedwards@gmail.com), Elizabeth Crouch at [elizabethcrouchphd@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethcrouchphd@gmail.com), or Jon Edwards at [jedwardsusc@gmail.com](mailto:jedwardsusc@gmail.com).

### SPC at Segra Park | Columbia Fireflies vs. Carolina Mudcats

Sunday, July 30, 2023 | 5 pm

Tickets are \$11. Register at [bit.ly/SPCfireflies](https://bit.ly/SPCfireflies) by July 7.

## This Week at Shandon

### SUNDAY, JUNE 4

- 10 am** Childcare (Room 106)
- 10:30 am** Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4 pm** Daisy Lawrence in Recital (Sanctuary)
- 4:45 pm** Young Adults at Transitions (off-site)

### MONDAY, JUNE 5

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

### TUESDAY, JUNE 6

- 10:30 am** Presbyterian Women (Room 224)
- 7 pm** Outreach Ministry (Room 224)

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 6 pm** Young Adult Gathering (WECO Biergarten)

### THURSDAY, JUNE 8

- 6 pm** Deacons (Room 209)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

### FRIDAY, JUNE 9

- 10 am** Memorial Service for Joel Winchip (Sanctuary)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

### SATURDAY, JUNE 3

*No events scheduled.*

### SUNDAY, JUNE 11

- 10 am** Childcare (Room 106)
- 10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 pm** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4 pm** Youth Depart for Mission Trip (Portico)

### The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff  
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