



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

I Will Call Upon the Lord

ARR. MARK HAYES

Asterisks () indicate portions of worship during which you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

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

For you, little one, Jesus Christ came into the world:

for you, he lived and showed God's love;

***for you, he suffered the darkness of Calvary
and cried at the last, "It is finished";***

***for you, he triumphed over death
and rose in newness of life;***

for you, he ascended to reign at God's right hand.

All of this he did for you, little one,

though you do not know it yet.

And so the word of Scripture is fulfilled:

"We love because God loved us first."

We love because God loved us first,
and we praise God for that love.

Let us worship the God whose love calls us into discipleship.

* Hymn 409

God is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

Forgive us when our actions suggest

we are too casual with our relationships:

when we treat the earth as if it is replaceable;

***when we treat our children as if they are too difficult
and our elders as if they are no longer relevant;***

***when we treat our friends as if they have no needs of their own
and our enemies as if they are evil incarnate;***

***when we treat you as if you are little more than a cosmic custodian,
called upon when we need help cleaning up a mess.***

Give us new ways of understanding

and more faithful ways of living. *(Silent prayer)*

Assurance of God's Grace

* Response of Praise

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me

GLORY TO GOD

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!
And also with you!

Proclaiming the Word

Anthem

VBS Children's Choir

In the Beginning

MATTHEW MCCALL

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

Olivia Pavy

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 18:1-6

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Davis

Beyond the Sentimental Moment

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 488

I Was There to Here Your Borne Cry

WATERLIFE

Prayers of the People
April Martin

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
DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

Baptized and Set Free
ARR. JOHN HELGEN

We are people created, chosen by God,
then we're washed ever gently in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness, and more.

We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.

We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on we will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

* 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 297

In Christ Called to Baptize

ST. DENIO

* Benediction

* Postlude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

J. WAYNE KERR

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Heather Woolard, Oliva Pavy, Rev. Dr. Rebecca Davis, April Martin, and the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass.

GUEST PREACHER — Rev. Dr. Rebecca Davis is professor of Christian Education at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Dr. Davis served as a leader at this year's VBS, Art and the Bible Camp.

TODAY'S LITURGY — The italicized portion of the Call to Worship comes from the French Reformed Baptismal Rite (National Council of the French Reformed Church, 1955). The Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

TODAY'S COVER IMAGE — This photo of the water fountain in Shandon's Memorial Garden was taken by Wilder Phelps during Art and the Bible Camp.

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

SUMMER CHOIR — The Chancel Choir invites anyone who would like to sing this summer to join! Next Sunday, July 23, the choir will gather at 9:45 am to prepare an anthem and hymns for worship.

DOG PARK DISCIPLESHIP — Join us July 19 at 6 pm at Emily Douglas Park for a brief devotion. There are fenced dog runs for off-leash play, a playground and grassy areas for humans, and covered picnic tables for fellowship.

WATER GAMES — Beat the heat and remember your baptism! Join us on the Church Lawn following worship on Sunday, July 23 for a time a watery fun! Be sure to bring appropriate attire and a towel.

SPC BOOK CLUB — Do you enjoy reading a good book and discussing it with friends? Shandon's new book club is just for you! The first meeting will take place Monday, July 24 at 6 pm in Room 214 and will focus on *Ordinary Grace*, by William Kent Kreuger. Questions? Email Tiffany Beverly at tiffanybeverlyedwards@gmail.com, Elizabeth Crouch at elizabethcrouchphd@gmail.com, or Jon Edwards at jedwardsusc@gmail.com.

TELL ME MORE — The most important thing you need to know about Shandon: there is always a place for you here. If you have other questions or are interested in joining the church, attend one of our upcoming New Members Classes: Tuesday, July 25 at 7pm in the home of Peyton and Carter Hassinger or Sunday, August 13 at 11:45 am in Davis Hall. Childcare will be provided only on August 13. Contact Jenny at jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org.

WEDDING SHOWER — Our Director of Children’s Ministries, Heather Woolard, is getting married! Join us after worship on August 6 in Davis Hall to celebrate with her and her fiancé, Garrett Lawson. Chicken, waffles, and ice cream will be served. If you would like to contribute to a gift from the church, you may do so with cash, check or sending a Venmo payment (@ShandonPres). Please clearly mark all contributions for ‘Wedding Shower’. Everyone is welcome!

BLOOD DRIVE — The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Sunday, August 13, 9 am to 1 pm, in the Activity Center. To schedule your appointment, go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code “ShandonPres.”

RALLY DAY TSHIRTS — Rally Day is September 10. This year’s shirt features “The Alphabet of Faith,” our fall worship theme. Order your shirt online at shandonpresbyterian.org/tshirts. If you need help with an online order, contact the church office at 803.771.4408.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP — Whether you are brand new to Shandon and looking to connect with other men, you’ve been an active member for years, or are somewhere in between, we invite you to join us as we come together to build relationships, serve our community, and explore faith in action together. For more information about Men’s Fellowship gatherings, contact Scott Lutterbie at lutterbie07@gmail.com, Peyton Hassinger at peyton.hassinger@gmail.com, or Matt Ramsey at mattramsey09@gmail.com.

WEEKEND BACKPACK SUMMER SWEEPSTAKES — The need is great, so we’re adding extra incentive! Donate five cans of Chef Boyardee pasta or the equivalent cash donation to be entered in a raffle to win dinner cooked by Dr. Robert Walker and served at the church or in your home by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. Contact Rowena at rnylund@sc.rr.com for more info.

SCRIPTURE READERS NEED — Worship is something we do together. It requires an active role of each of us — praying, singing, listening, and more. If you would like to help lead the congregation in worship by reading Scripture, sign up at bit.ly/SPCreaders. Details are included at the link. Readers of all ages are welcome!

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, JULY 16

- 9:45 am** Chancel Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10 am** Childcare (Room 106)
- 10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

MONDAY, JULY 17

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

TUESDAY, JULY 18

No events scheduled.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 6 pm** Dog Park Discipleship (Emily Doulgas Park)

THURSDAY, JULY 20

- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, JULY 21

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

SATURDAY, JULY 22

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, JULY 23

- 9:45 am** Chancel Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10 am** Childcare (Room 106)
- 10:30 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 11:45 am** Water Games (Church Lawn)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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