



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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Wedding Feast, by John August Swanson

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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.

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 and Fugue in C Major

J. S. BACH

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

It may seem naive,
in a world of grief,
to choose to live in joy.

**It may seem foolish,
in a world where cynicism and indifference are powerful,
to sing and dance to a different tune.**

It may seem cruel,
in a world of suffering and injustice,
to speak of abundance and celebration.

**But Jesus comes
bringing joy into our despair,
singing into our somberness,
and liberation into our iniquity.**

* Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive us.

We aren't always comfortable with you:

**we whittle down your promises to make them easy,
we draw boundaries around your love to make it manageable,
we rationalize away your story to make it believable,
we reduce your delight to make it palatable.**

Help us, O God, to live into the mystery of you:

**open us to your truth,
soak us in your grace,
amaze us with your wonder,
and surprise us with your joy. (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

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

Rev. Lucy Youngblood

Scripture Lesson

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Water as Joy

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

What is the chief end of humanity?
To glorify God and enjoy God forever.

Everything God made, God called good.
**The universe of matter, energy, and life
is God's good creation in all its parts.
Even though evil has emerged within God's creation,
we may work and play in it
and explore it with wonder and joy.**

* Hymn 137

He Came Down

HE CAME DOWN

Additional stanzas are printed below the music in the hymnal.

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,
on Venmo (@Shandon Pres), or by visiting shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Anthem

Chancel Choir

DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

I Sing Because I'm Happy

ROLLO DILWORTH

I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I'm so happy, yes! I'm so happy, yes, I am!
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

* 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 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

* Benediction

* Postlude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ARR. AL TRAVIS

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. John Cook, Heather Woolard, Rev. Lucy Youngblood, 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. The Affirmation of Faith pairs the first question from *The Westminster Shorter Catechism* with a portion of *A Declaration of Faith, PC(US)*.

THE ROSE on the communion table celebrates the birth of Richard Hughes DeTreville, son of Chris and Ferris Kennette-De-Treville, born July 10.

AFTER WORSHIP — Join us for fellowship and refreshments on the front sidewalk and water games on the church lawn. 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 30, the choir will gather at 9:45 am to prepare an anthem and hymns for worship. The choir will gather at 10 am on August 6 and August 13 to prepare hymns for worship.

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 tomorrow, 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 7 pm 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.

FIREFLIES BASEBALL — For those who purchased tickets, this is a reminder that next Sunday, July 30, Shandon will cheer on the Columbia Fireflies as they take on the Carolina Mudcats at Segra Park. The game begins at 5 pm. Tickets may be picked up today through Friday at the reception desk. Anyone who doesn't pick up their ticket should meet Rev. Jenny McDevitt at the main entrance to the stadium beginning at 4:30 pm.

TRANSITIONS — Shandon will serve at Transitions Homeless Center, Sunday, August 6 at 4:50 pm. To sign up and or more information regarding parking and attire go to bit.ly/44S52Ug. Questions? Contact Rev. John Cook at jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org.

YOUNG ADULT POOL PARTY — Shandon's Young Adults will gather for at the pool party at the home of Garrett and Jordan Hawley Humphries on August 9 at 6 pm. Dinner will be provided. Childcare through fifth grade will be provided at the church 5:30 to 8:30 pm. RSVP by August 6 to April Martin at amartin@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."

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS — During worship on Sunday, August 13 we will mark the beginning of a new school year. All teachers, students, administrators, and support staff should bring their backpacks to receive a blessing for a safe, fun, and learning-filled school year.

POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND — Shandon's Children's Ministry invites families with children to join us after worship on August 20 on the courtyard playground. Enjoy frozen treats, celebrate the end of summer, and welcome new families to Shandon Weekday School.

SIXTH GRADE SUNDAE — All sixth graders are invited to this special event just them to welcome them to youth group! Meet us in the Youth House on August 27 at 5 pm to get to know each other, meet the youth advisors, play some games, have a devotion, and enjoy dinner and dessert (sundaes!). Questions? Contact April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org.

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. Deadline to order is August 6. If you need help with an online order, contact the church office at 803.771.4408.

WORSHIP READINESS — Our Worship Readiness Class will take place again this fall, beginning Rally Day, September 10 and concluding with their Graduation Day during worship on November 19. The class will meet during Sunday School each Sunday and is designed for first graders but can be helpful for other elementary-aged students. An informal parents' conversation will take place during Cookies & Lemonade after worship August 27. If you would like to sign up your child please go to bit.ly/worshipreadiness23. Questions? Contact Heather Woolard at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org.

CONFIRMATION — We are gearing up for confirmation classes for rising seventh and eighth graders during Sunday School most Sundays beginning on Rally Day, September 10. In preparation, April is excited to pair our confirmands with a mentor. Parents, by August 6 please send April (amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org) a list of three church members you and your confirmand would like to possibly serve as their mentor. Mentors will be assigned after hearing from all parents.

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 NEEDED — 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 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)

MONDAY, JULY 24

- 6 pm** Book Club (Room 214)
- 6 pm** Emergency Management (Room 224)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

TUESDAY, JULY 25

- 7 pm** Tell Me More (Hassinger Home)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

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

THURSDAY, JULY 27

- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, JULY 28

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

SATURDAY, JULY 29

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

- 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 pm** USC Studio Recital (Sanctuary)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5 pm** SPC at Fireflies Baseball (Segra Park)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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