



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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Martin Erspamer, OSB

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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

Song without Words

FELIX MENDELSSON

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

Come to the water, all you who thirst,
come drink deeply from the river of life.

**Come to the water, all you who are weary,
come rest in the quiet pools of God's love.**

Come to the water, all you who long for justice,
come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.

**Come to the water, all you who seek belonging,
come be welcomed by the font of God's grace.**

God is here among us.

Let us worship God together.

* Hymn 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

Call to Confession

April Martin

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
you offer us living water,
your own self poured out for us,
to satisfy our every thirst.
Yet, we drink from shallow pools,
refusing the deep wells of your grace.
We drink in tiny sips,
thinking your abundance is not for us.
We drink in giant gulps,
afraid of sharing what was never ours to begin with.
Merciful God,
give us the courage to dive deeply into your love
and trust your reorientation of our lives. *(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

Belle Maynard

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said,] "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Water as Welcome

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Prayers of the People

Rev. John Cook

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.

Come, All Who Thirst
L. CHERUBINI, ARR. HAL HOPSON

Come, all who thirst, come to the waters.
You that have no money, buy and eat without a price.
Listen, come to me and your soul shall live.
My love is ever true.

* 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 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

* Benediction

* Postlude

Nun danket alle Gott
ARR. AL TRAVIS

Worship Notes

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

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession are adapted from *Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the Ends of the World*, edited by Cláudio Carvalhaes.

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! The choir will gather at 10 am on August 6 and August 13 to prepare for worship.

FIREFLIES BASEBALL — For those who purchased tickets, this is a reminder that this afternoon 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 by noon today 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.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY — Join our young adults on August 2 at 6 pm in Davis Hall to dive into scripture, studying Christianity in relation to other religions. Dinner will not be provided, so have a bite beforehand or bring dinner with you. Childcare will be provided up to fifth grade. 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.

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.

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!

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.

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, consider attending our upcoming New Members Class on Sunday, August 13 at 11:45 am in Davis Hall. Childcare will be provided. Contact Jenny at jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org.

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.

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."

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN — Shandon's Presbyterian Women will hold their Annual Meeting on August 22 at 6 pm in Davis Hall to begin the new year. Please bring an appetizer or dessert. Let your circle chair know if you are planning to attend by August 15. Feel free to invite a friend who may be interested in what circles are all about! For more information contact Deborah Goodwin at dbra48@gmail.com.

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 from 5-6 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.

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 — Confirmation begins on September 10, and will take place during the Sunday School weekly until Confirmation Sunday in May 2024. Those eligible to take part in Confirmation this year will receive a detailed schedule closer to September 10! Parents, please email April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org with a list of three church members you and your confirmand would like to possibly serve as their mentor. Mark your calendars for our Confirmation Retreat November 3-5, 2023. We'd like all of our confirmands and mentors to attend this special weekend at Isle of Palms.

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 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)

MONDAY, JULY 31

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

- 10:30 am** Presbyterian Women (Room 224)
- 6 pm** LTO Chamber Choir Auditions (Choir Room)
- 7 pm** Outreach Ministry (Room 224)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

- 10 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10 am** Childcare (Room 106)
- 10:30 am** Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 11:45 am** Wedding Shower for Heather Woolard and Garrett Lawson (Davis Hall)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4:50 pm** Serve at Transitions (Off-site)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff
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