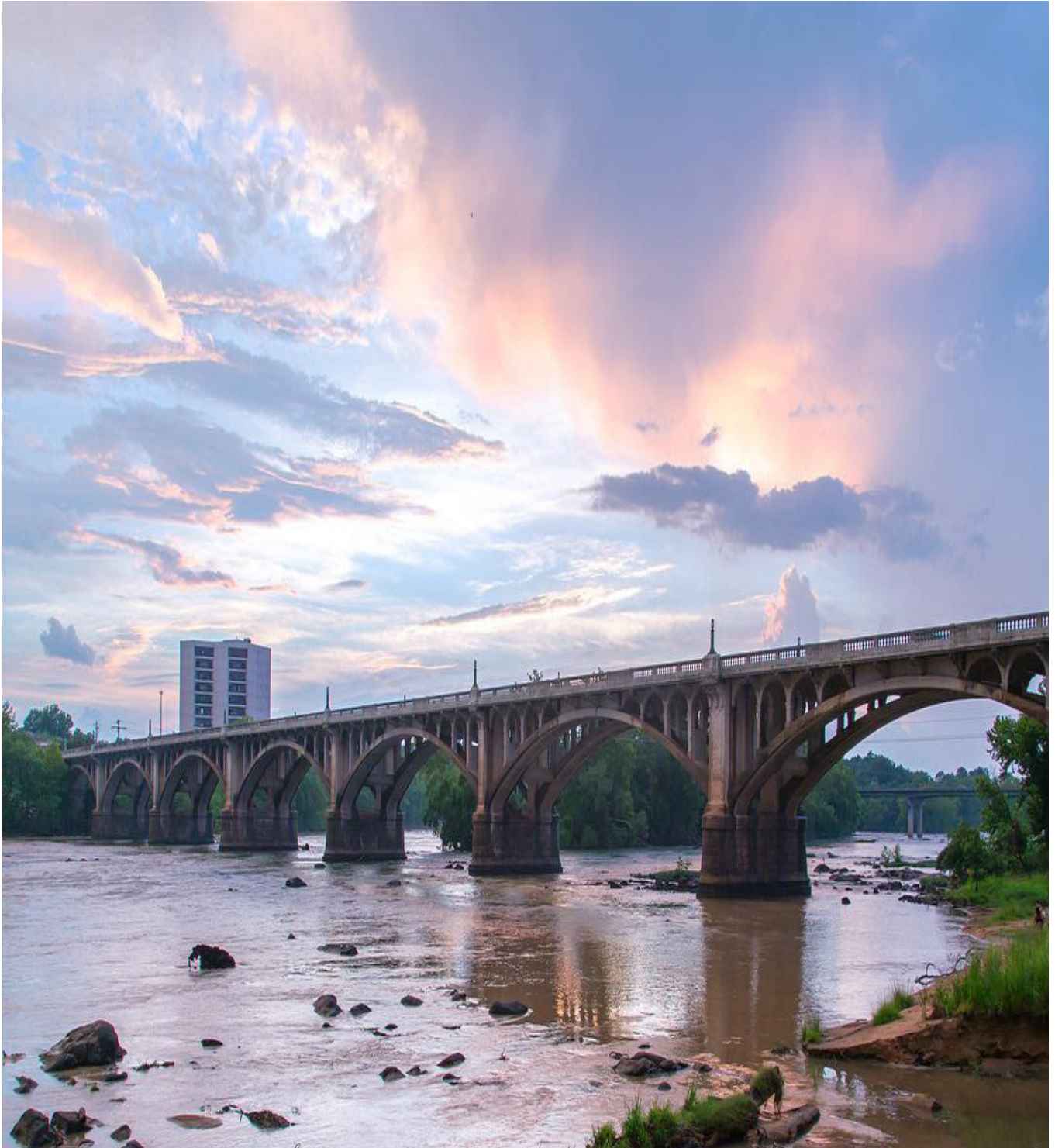




Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

July 9, 2023 • 10:30 am



Gervais Street Bridge

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

Beside the Still Waters

GWYNETH WALKER

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

The Peace of Wild Things

WENDELL BERRY

When despair grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
**I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.**
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief.
I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting for their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

* Hymn 836

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, forgive us.

**You promise the rivers will not overwhelm us,
but even the thought of rough waters paralyzes us.
Remind us that you accompany us through it all, O God,
for you are the one who separated the waters from the sky.**

**You promise to prepare a table in the presence of our enemies,
but we would rather avoid them altogether.
Reconcile us to one another, O God,
for every person is made in your image and claimed by your love.**

**You promise unending goodness and mercy,
but we are trapped in a scarcity mindset.
Resurrect our confidence in your abundance, O God,
for you are living water that never runs dry.**

**You promise the flames will not consume us,
but we are afraid of being burned.
Restore our courage and conviction to do what is right, O God,
for you have called to us out of the fire before. *(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

Marie Maynard

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-4a

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you.

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

Thanks be to God.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Water as Comfort

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

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
or visiting our website, shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Anthem

Chancel Choir

DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

God Is Our Refuge and Strength

ALLEN POTE

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble.
Though the mountains shake in the heard of the sea,
though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold, the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.
He is the midst of his people, in all the earth.
He is the Word, we are his hands, he will lead us.
He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long.

Come and behold, the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of the his people, in all the earth.
He is the rain, we are the stones, he will cleanse us.
He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long.

* 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 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Please sing unison on stanzas 1, 4, and 5.

* Benediction

* Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

JOHANN WALTHER

Worship Notes

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

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt

ABOUT THE COVER ART — Today's cover art features the Gervais Street bridge. From the Riverwalk to Lake Murray to Sesquicentennial State Park to Congaree National Park, we have abundant access to rivers and lakes. The "still waters" mentioned in Psalm 23 may not be as far away as they sometimes feel.

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 16, the choir will gather at 9:45 am to prepare an anthem and hymns for worship.

SPC AT SEGRA PARK — Join us on Sunday, July 30 at 5 pm for a game of baseball at Segra Park. The Columbia Fireflies will take on the Carolina Mudcats. Tickets are \$11 per person. Today is the last day to sign up for a ticket at bit.ly/SPCfireflies.

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.

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 Peyon 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!

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!

Save the Date

Water Games after Worship

Sunday, July 23, 2023 | 11:45 am | Church Lawn

Beat the heat and remember your baptism! Be sure to bring appropriate attire and a towel.

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, Elizabeth Crouch at elizabethcrouchphd@gmail.com, or Jon Edwards at 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 by July 7.

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, JULY 9

- 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 10

- 9 am** Art and the Bible Camp (Davis Hall)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

TUESDAY, JULY 11

- 9 am** Art and the Bible Camp (Davis Hall)
- 9 am** Finance Ministry (Zoom)
- 7 pm** Outreach Ministry (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

- 9 am** Art and the Bible Camp (Davis Hall)
- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)

THURSDAY, JULY 13

- 9 am** Art and the Bible Camp (Davis Hall)
- 6 pm** Deacons (Davis Hall)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, JULY 14

- 9 am** Art and the Bible Camp (Davis Hall)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

SATURDAY, JULY 15

No events scheduled.

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)

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