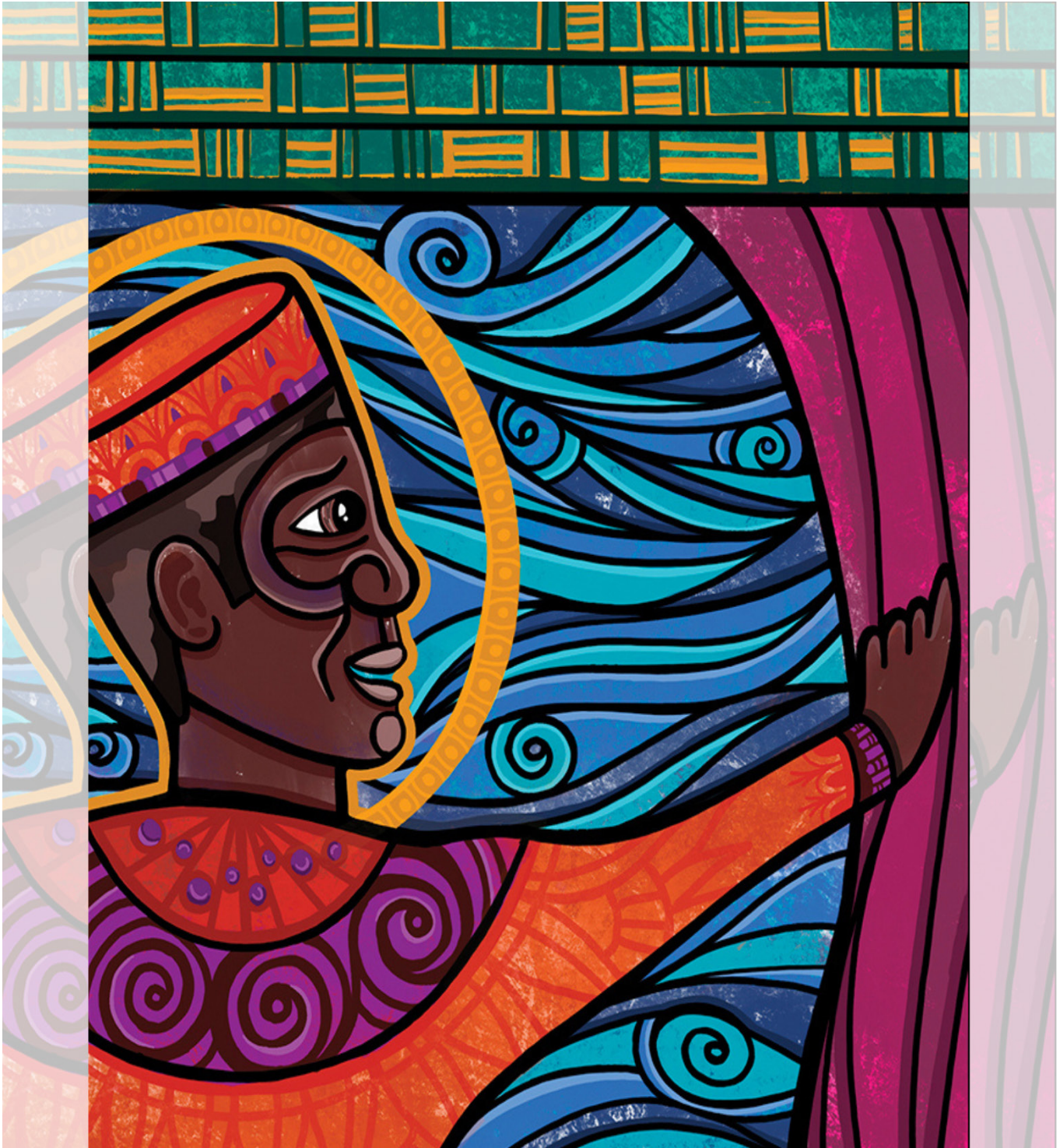




Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

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Dive In, Lauren Wright Pittman

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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

AED Devices — located behind the Sanctuary; use the southwest door (to the left of the Chancel)

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 with us in worship. 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

He Leadeth Me

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

When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

God gathers us beneath the cross.

When we forget who we are or wonder if we are loved,

Christ invites us to splash in the waters of baptism and grace.

When we are in need of comfort or need to be challenged,

the Spirit reveals the Word of God to us, offering guidance and wisdom.

In every season of life, no matter the circumstances of the world,

God meets us where we are, offering what we need most.

* Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

You are the one who can bring good out of anything and everything.

You can redeem all things, all people, all circumstances.

Do that with us today.

Turn us around and save us —

from our gone-wrong-ness,

our giving-up-ness,

our bent-out-of-shape-ness,

our down-in-the-mouth-ness,

our burned-out-ness,

our broken-and-bruised-ness.

Lift our hearts in hope.

Gift us with your vision.

Guide our feet in your ways.

(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

Blessing of the Backpacks 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

Madi Dooley

Scripture Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Water as Guidance

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

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

Ally Yablonski

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ARR. TOM TRENNEY

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

* Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDDTH

**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 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

* Benediction

* Postlude

Prelude in Classic Style

GORDON YOUNG

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Madi Dooley, Ally Yablonski, and the Chancel Choir directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass.

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

AFTER WORSHIP — Join us for fellowship and refreshments along the front sidewalk. A deacon will be present in the Sower's Chapel for prayer.

Announcements

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE — During August, Outreach Ministry will conduct a School Supply Drive to support the schools we serve in the weekend food program. Items to be collected include: new backpacks, black and white marbled composition notebooks, washable Crayola markers, #2 pencils, notebook paper, and highlighters. Donations can be placed in a specially marked bins in the hallway near the reception desk or under the portico

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 after worship today in Davis Hall. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

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.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING — If you are serving as a Sunday school teacher, confirmation mentor, youth advisor, or volunteering with children, join us August 27 at 9:15 am in Davis Hall for coffee and donuts. We will complete required background checks and child protection policy training. Please bring a laptop or tablet to complete the training. For questions or more information, contact Jen Lutterbie at jennifer.lutterbie@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 dessert (sundaes!). Questions? Contact April Martin at amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org.

MUSIC REHEARSALS — The music ministry will resume adult rehearsals on Wednesday, September 6. Shandon Ringers will rehearse at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary and the Chancel Choir will rehearsal at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room. Children's music will resume at 6 pm on Wednesday, September 13. For more information, contact Matt McCall at mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org.

RALLY DAY — Kick off the new Sunday School year with activities for everyone! Join us for a potluck breakfast at 9 am in the Activity Center. Be sure to wear your Rally Day T-Shirts!

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAYS — Beginning September 13, join us each Wednesday at 5:15 pm in Davis Hall for dinner, followed by programming for all ages at 6 pm. Dinner reservations are due each Monday by 5 pm.

WORSHIP READINESS — Our Worship Readiness Class will take place again this fall, beginning Rally Day, September 10 and concluding with their Graduation Day, 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 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! 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.

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.

AED DEVICES — Cabinets with AED devices, (Automated External Defibrillators) have been placed in the hallway between the elevator and Sanctuary and across from the Reception Desk. A group of qualified medical volunteers have been identified and will utilize the AEDs in case of an emergency.

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

- All Day** Women's Connection (Montreat)
- 9 am** Blood Drive (Activity Center)
- 10 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** Tell Me More (Davis Hall)
- 2 pm** LTO Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

- 6:15 pm** Session (Room 209)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

- 6:15 pm** SWS Board (Room 209)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

- 9:30 am** LTO Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

- 10 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** Popsicles on the Playground (Courtyard)
- 2 pm** LTO Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 3:30 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

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