



# Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

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*Kirifuri Waterfall at Kurokami Mountain, Katsushika Hokusai*

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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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org).

## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Rose DaGraca, Cello*

Prelude, Allemande, and Courante *from* Cello Suite No. 1

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

The Lord proclaims to the people:

Seek me and live!

Amos 5

**Let the river run!**

The one who made Pleiades and Orion  
and turns deep darkness into the morning,  
who calls for the water of the sea  
and pours it out on the face of the earth —  
the Lord is his name.

**Let the river run!**

Seek good and not evil  
and the Lord your God will be with you.  
Hate evil and love good  
and the Lord your God will be gracious to you.

**Let the river run!**

\* Hymn 41

**O Worship the King, All Glorious Above**

LYONS

Call to Confession

*Rev. John Cook*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**We confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Send your justice to rush down over our world**

**and send your mercy to rush down over our lives.  
Forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be.  
Give us courage to let the river run. (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

*April Martin*

*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

*Jon Edwards*

Old Testament Lesson

Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light, as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson

Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves

with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

Water as Justice

## Responding to the Word

\* Hymn 100

### **My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout**

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

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

*Jennifer Mitchell*

For Everyone Born

ARR. TOM TRENNEY

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead.

And God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace.

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song.  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong.

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be 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 320

**The Church of Christ in Every Age**

WAREHAM

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

*Matthew McCall*

Fanfare for a New Day

J. WAYNE KERR

## Worship Notes

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY** are Rose DaGraca (cello), Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. John Cook, April Martin, Jon Edwards, Alicia Wilson (flute), Claire Compton (oboe), Jennifer Mitchell, the Chancel Choir directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, and Matthew McCall

**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

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

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE** — The residents of Maui, Hawaii, have suffered immeasurable losses due to the recent wildfires that have ravaged their home. The fires have left their community shattered and in dire need of assistance to rebuild. The American Red Cross has requested PDA be ready to provide a team of spiritual care providers to collaborate in the ongoing efforts in Maui. You may help by praying and contributing financially at [bit.ly/pdamaui](http://bit.ly/pdamaui).

**SUMMER CHOIR** — Anyone who would like sing in worship next Sunday, August 27, should gather at 9:45 am in the Choir Room to prepare an anthem. The choir will gather at 10 am on Sunday, September 3.

**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.

**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. 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](mailto:dbra48@gmail.com).

**LIVESTREAM TRAINING** — If you would like to learn how to help with our Sunday live-stream, there will be a training meeting this Wednesday, August 23, at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. The current team of live-stream operators will be there, and everyone will receive a comprehensive and updated overview. For more information, contact Matt McCall at [mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

**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](https://bit.ly/worshipreadiness23). Questions? Contact Heather Woolard-Lawson at [hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto: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.

**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. The adult program will be a look at the theology of Ted Lasso with Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

**YOUTH GROUP** — Youth group officially begins on September 17 with a trip to the Jump Park. Parents of 6th-12th graders, please join April Martin and the youth advisors from 5-6 pm in the McDonald Youth Center on Sunday, September 10 for an important orientation. Questions? Contact April at [amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**WEEKEND BACKPACK SUMMER SWEEPSTAKES** — The need is great, so we've added 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](mailto:rnylund@sc.rr.com) for more info. The winner will be drawn September 3.

## This Week at Shandon

### 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)

### MONDAY, AUGUST 21

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

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

- 6 pm Presbyterian Women (Davis Hall)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

- 9:30 am Quilt Group (Room 210)
- 12:15 pm Staff Meeting (Library)
- 6 pm Livestream Training (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

- 7 pm Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

- 4 pm USC Concert Choir Retreat (various locations)
- 6:15 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

*No events scheduled.*

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

- 9:15 am Child Protection Policy Training (Davis Hall)
- 9:45 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10 am Childcare (Room 106)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 11:30 am Worship Readiness Info Meeting (Davis Hall)
- 2 pm LTO Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 3:30 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 5:30 pm Sixth Grade Sundae (McDonald Youth Center)

### The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff  
Rev. John Cook, Associate Pastor for Discipleship  
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