



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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Revelation 22

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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.

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, Fugue, and Chaconne in C

D. BUXTEHUDE, BUXWV 137

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

In the beginning, the Spirit of God swept over the water and the River of Eden nourished the garden.

Water has been part of our story from before our first breath.

In the end, we will gather at the River of Life, surrounded by trees that will heal the nations.

From birth to death to life beyond death, water carries us.

Let us worship God,

the One whose love overflows into our lives.

* Hymn

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

AUSTRIA



Out of deep un - or - dered wa - ter God cre - at - ed light and land,
Wa - ter on the hu - man fore-head, birth-mark of the love of God,
Stand - ing round the font re - minds us of the He-brew's climb a - shore.



world of bird and beast and la - ter, in God's im - age, wo - man, man.
is the sign of death and ris - ing; through the seas there runs a road.
Life is hal - lowed by the knowledge God has been this way be - fore.



There is wa - ter in the riv - er bring - ing life to tree and plant. Let cre - a - tion



praise its giv - er: there is wa - ter in the font.

Call to Confession
April Martin

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, forgive us.
Water is such a part of our daily living,
we forget how holy it can be.
We lose track of the promises it contains.
We take its accessibility for granted.
We fight against the Spirit's current.
We resist letting grace shower down upon us.
We are hesitant to immerse ourselves in deep pools of joy.
You who are the source of all water,
you who offer us living water,
forgive us, we pray. *(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-Lawson

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

Taylor Kearns

Scripture Lesson

Revelation 21:10-11, 23-27; 22:1-5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb

through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Water as New Life

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 375

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

Ordination and Installation of Deacons

Bryant Roberts and Johnny Timmons

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.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ARR. MARK HAYES

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down.
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find our promised rest;
take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

* 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 485

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGLEBERG

* Benediction

* Postlude

Allegro Maestoso e Vivace

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, April Martin, Heather Woolard-Lawson, Taylor Kearns, Rev. John Cook, and 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.

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

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE — The fires in Maui have left the 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.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE — During August, Outreach Ministry will conduct a School Supply Drive to support local students. Items needed are: 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.

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 today from 5-6 pm to get to know each other, meet the youth advisors, play some games, have a devotion, and dessert (sundaes!).

BOOK CLUB — Shandon's book club will meet at the home of Elizabeth Crouch on Monday, August 28 at 6 pm. The book for this meeting is *Upgrade*, by Blake Crouch. For more information, contact: Tiffany Beverly at tiffanybeverlyedwards@gmail.com, Elizabeth Crouch at elizabethcrouchphd@gmail.com, or Jon Edwards at jedwardsusc@gmail.com.

SERVE AT TRANSITIONS — Shandon serves at Transitions Homeless Center every first Sunday at 4:50 pm. To sign up for September 3 and for more information regarding parking and attire go to bit.ly/3OImrlt. Questions? Contact Rev. John Cook at jcook@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. Youth music will resume at 5 pm on Sunday, September 24. 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!

YOUTH PARENT MEETING — Parents of 6-12 graders are invited to an important meeting on September 10, 5-6 pm, to receive information regarding youth programming and confirmation, get to know youth advisors and confirmation teachers, hear about possible plans for summer 2024, and ask plenty of questions. No need to RSVP. There will also be snacks for sharing including sticky buns (made by April), gluten-free sausage balls (made by one of the youth), and lemonade.

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.

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-Lawson at hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org.

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

MORE JUSTICE — Are you concerned about the lack of safe affordable housing, high incidence of gun violence, and/or food insecurity in Columbia? MORE Justice is working towards finding workable solutions to these and other problems faced by many in our community. Shandon will host listening meetings to discuss these problems and to hear what other social justice issues are concerning you. All are invited to attend either meeting at Shandon: Thursday, September 14, 6 pm and Sunday, September 17, 11:30 am. For more information contact Rowena Nylund at rnylund@sc.rr.com or Rev. John Cook at jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org.

WEEKEND BACKPACK SUMMER SWEEPSTAKES — This is the last week to 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. The winner will be drawn during the Rally Day breakfast.

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

- 11:30 am Personnel Ministry (off-site)
- 6 pm Book Club (off-site)
- 6:15 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

- 6:30 pm Palmetto Mastersingers Rehearsal (Choir Room)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

- 12:15 pm Staff Meeting (Library)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

- 7 pm Adult Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

No activities scheduled.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10 am Childcare (Room 106)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 3 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4:50 pm Serve at Transitions (off-site)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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