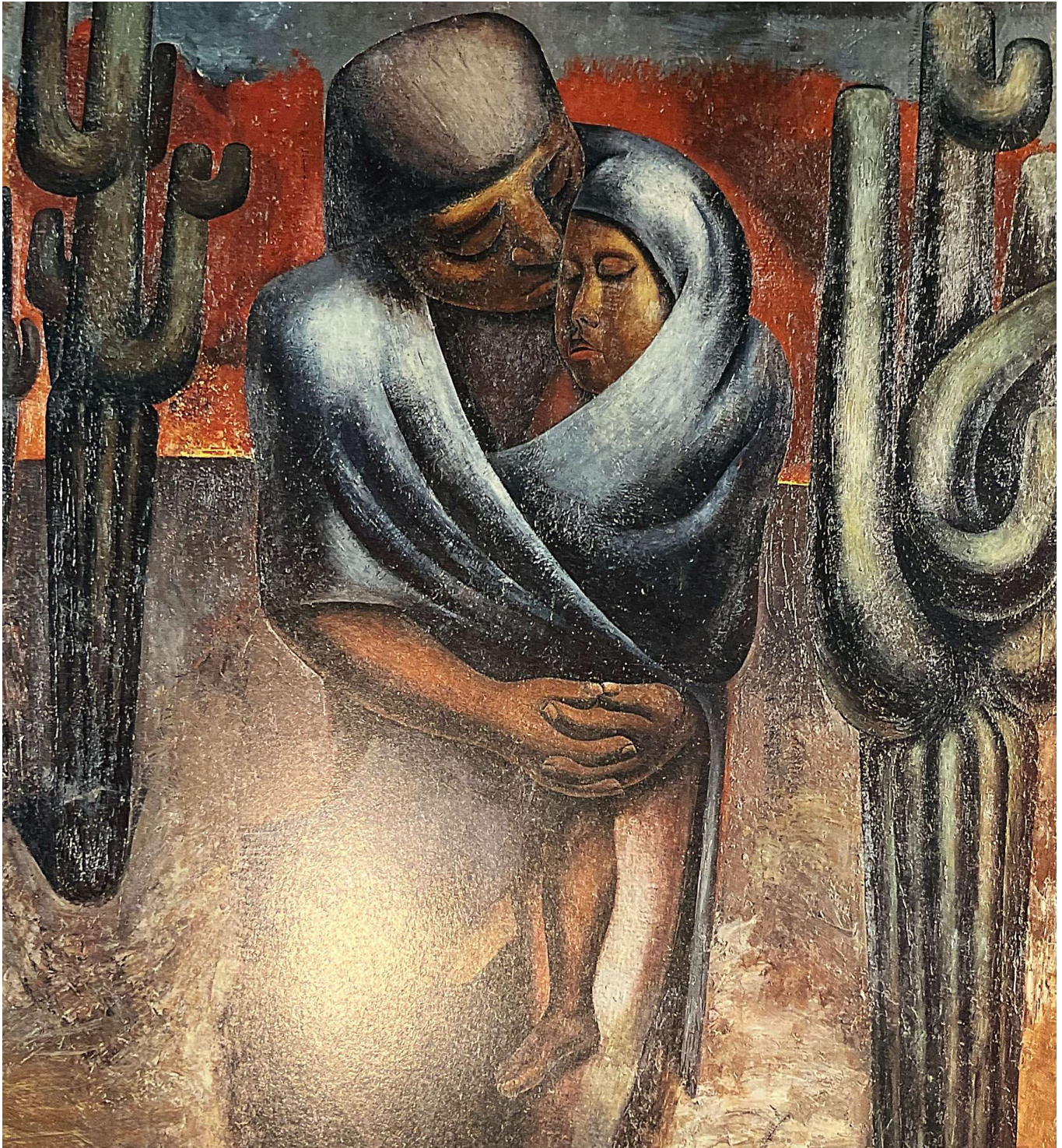




Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

August 6, 2023 • 10:30 am



Peasant Mother, D. A. Siqueiros

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

Be Thou My Vision

ARR. CINDY BERRY

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.

Anthem

Dr. Johnnie Felder

Take Me to the Water

UNDINE SMITH MOORE

* Call to Worship

April Martin

When we are afraid,

God hovers close by.

When we cry out for help,

God listens and provides comfort.

When we search for answers,

God accompanies us.

When we walk in what feels like a desert,

God finds us in the wilderness.

God was in the desert. God is here with us now.

Let us worship God together.

* Hymn 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

Comforting God,

We confess that it is easy to sit tight

when we feel beaten down or passed over.

Like Hagar, we too feel despair.

Sometimes we wander through the desert.

We sit at a distance.

We grieve and weep.

It is hard to listen for messages of hope

when we are hurting or troubled.

Shine a light on what lies beyond the hard moments.

Instead of shrinking in fear,

embolden us to be compassionate with ourselves and others.

(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

Amelia Lutterbie

Scripture Lesson

Scott Lutterbie

Genesis 21:14-20, CEB

Abraham got up early in the morning, took some bread and a flask of water, and gave it to Hagar. He put the boy in her shoulder sling and sent her away. She left and wandered through the desert near Beer-sheba. Finally the water in the flask ran out, and she put the boy down under one of the desert shrubs. She walked away from him about as far as a bow shot and sat down, telling herself, I can't bear to see the boy die. She sat at a distance, cried out in grief, and wept. God heard the boy's cries, and God's messenger called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "Hagar! What's wrong? Don't be afraid. God has heard the boy's cries over there. Get up, pick up the boy, and take him by the hand because I will make of him a great nation." Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well. She went over, filled the water flask, and gave the boy a drink. God remained with the boy; he grew up, lived in the desert, and became an expert archer.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

April Martin

Absence of Water

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 537

When at This Table

FEASTDAY

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

As an extension of Jesus' own hospitality, the communion bread is gluten-free and the cups all contain grape juice. You are invited to come forward, tear off a piece of bread, and dip your bread in the cup. If needed, our servers will assist you in tearing the bread. If it is easier for you to remain in your place for communion, servers will bring the elements to you.

Prayer after Communion

Offering

*You may also give by texting SHANDONPC to 73256,
on Venmo (@Shandon Pres), or by visiting shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Anthem

This River
UZEE BROWN

This river that runs through my life will never be uncrossable,
this river that washes from sea to sea.

This river that calls my name on both shores just the same,
this river shall never be uncrossable for me.

This river that runs through my life is a lifeline for me.
This river that runs through my life is where I'll always be.
This river shall never be uncrossable for me.

These shores on which I stand apart shall never be unreachable.
These shores which give me back my heart and bind my future sure
shall never divide my love, nor keep me from the above.
This river shall never be uncrossable for me.

* 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 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

* Benediction

* Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

HEALEY WILLAN

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Dr. Johnnie Felder, April Martin, Heather Woolard, Amelia Lutterbie, Scott Lutterbie, Rev. John Cook, and the Chancel Choir directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass.

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession were written by April Martin

AFTER WORSHIP — A deacon will be present in the Sower's Chapel for prayer.

Announcements

WEDDING SHOWER — Join us after worship in Davis Hall today to celebrate the upcoming wedding of our Director of Children's Ministries, Heather Woolard 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'.

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. Today is the last day to order!

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

TRANSITIONS — Shandon will serve at Transitions Homeless Center, this afternoon at 4:50 pm. To sign up and for more information regarding parking and attire go to bit.ly/44S52Ug. Questions? Contact Rev. John Cook at jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org.

YOUNG ADULT POOL PARTY — Shandon's Young Adults will gather for a 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. Lunch and 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.

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 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! 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 6

- 10 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10 am** Childcare (Room 106)
- 10:30 am** Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 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)

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

- 9 am** Finance Ministry (Zoom)
- 12 pm** Youth Volunteering and Pool Party (off-site)
- 5:30 pm** Worship and Music Ministry (Room 224)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

- 9:30 am** Quilt Group (Room 210)
- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 6 pm** Young Adult Pool Party (off-site)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

- 7 pm** Adult Basketball (Activity Center)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

- 4 pm** Women's Connection (Montreat)
- 6:15 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

- All Day** Women's Connection

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

- All Day** Women's Connection
- 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)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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