



# Shandon Presbyterian Church

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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-Lawson 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

Sarah Land, violin  
Ryan Knott, cello

Meditation  
JULES MASSANET

*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

We trust in God.

**God created the world and everything in it,  
the earth and all her people,  
and called it good.**

There is more than enough good in us  
to outweigh any sin or shortcoming,  
and the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful always.**

### \* Hymn 624

**I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art**  
TOULON

Call to Confession  
April Martin

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, forgive us.  
We are so often in conflict, even with ourselves.**

**We are uncomfortable talking about sin, so we avoid it,  
even though it is part of our lives.  
We would rather pretend it doesn't exist.**

**We are uncomfortable talking about grace, so we avoid it,  
even though it is part of our lives.  
We would rather pretend we have earned everything.**

**This conflict with ourselves  
creates separation from you and from our neighbors.  
Our relationships suffer.**

**Draw us close to you.  
Renew our faith, reorient our thinking, and redirect our living.**  
*(Silent prayer)*

Assurance of God's Grace

\* Response of Praise

**Glory Be to the Father**

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\* Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**

## Proclaiming the Word

Anthem

*Arise and Shine  
Children's Choir*

God Welcomes All

JOHN BELL

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

*Larkin Roberts*

Scripture Lesson

Romans 5:20, CEB

The Law stepped in to amplify the failure, but where sin increased, grace multiplied even more.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

A: Abundance, Acceptance, Awe

## Responding to the Word

\* Hymn 435

**There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

IN BABILONE

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 (@ShandonPres), or by visiting shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Anthem

*Chancel Choir*  
DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

Amazing Grace  
ROBERT T. GIBSON

Twas grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
Twas grace that brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.

\* Response

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**  
PRAISE GOD

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn 643

**Now Thank We All Our God**  
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

\* Benediction

Postlude

Earth and All Stars  
KEITH KOLANDER

## Worship Notes

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY** are Sarah Land (violin), Ryan Knott (cello), Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, April Martin, the Arise and Shine Children's Choir, Heather Woolard-Lawson, Larkin Roberts, 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.

**THE FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim Cuddy by his daughters, Katherine Cuddy and Jan Cuddy Zegel (Barry), and his granddaughter, Lauren Zegel.

**THE ROSE** on the table celebrates the birth of Jackson "Jack" Mabry Ramsey, son of Matt and Sarah Ramsey. Henry is a proud big brother, and Ellie is a proud big sister.

**COVER ART** — At the age of 5, Hank, the son of one of Jenny's friends, was preparing a sign to carry in the local MLK parade. He began with "I love every person," and then decided that while it was true, it was too general. "And you" was added so that each person reading it would know they were included within the reach of that love.

**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

**SHANDON ON WEDNESDAYS** — Join us Wednesday at 5:15 pm in Davis Hall for dinner, followed by programming for all ages at 6 pm. Dinner will cost \$8 per person; children fifth grade and younger eat for free. Make reservations by noon on Monday by logging in to Realm or by calling the Church Office at (803) 771-4408.

**THEOLOGY OF TED LASSO** — Join Rev. Jenny McDevitt on Wednesday, September 20 at 6 pm to take a look at the theology of the hit Apple TV show, *Ted Lasso*.

**ACOLYTES** — Serving as an acolyte is a great way for children and youth to be involved in worship leadership! Visit [bit.ly/shandonacolytes](https://bit.ly/shandonacolytes) to sign up.

**SCRIPTURE READERS** — 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](https://bit.ly/SPCreaders). Details are included at the link. Readers of all ages are welcome!

**SMALL GROUPS** — Before ongoing small groups launch in the new year, join us for occasional, one-time small group meetings. A variety of days and times are available the week of September 24. Today is the last day to sign up at [bit.ly/spcsmallgroups](https://bit.ly/spcsmallgroups).

**MAKE MUSIC WITH US** — Shandon's music ministry offers opportunities for the youngest to the most experienced among us. Arise and Shine Children's Choir (through fifth grade) meets on Wednesdays at 6 pm in the Choir Room; Shandon Ringers meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 224; Chancel Choir meets Wednesdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 10 am in the Choir Room. All are welcome!

**ARTS AT SHANDON** — Arts at Shandon invites you to the first presentation of the season, Sunday, September 24 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. This program will feature Limited Time Only Chamber Choir, South Carolina's top choral ensemble, directed by Dr. Alicia Walker. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door or at <https://limited-time-only.square.site>.

**FRONTERA DE CRISTO** — Shandon's mission study to Frontera de Cristo in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico is set for January 27–February 2, 2024. Join us for an interest meeting, Sunday, September 24 at 11:45 am, in the Library. For more information and to sign up, go to [bit.ly/frontera24](https://bit.ly/frontera24).

**BOOK CLUB** — Shandon's Book Club will meet at the home of Elizabeth Crouch on September 25 at 6 pm. The book to be discussed is *Demon Copperhead*, by Barbara Kingsolver.

**SHANON WEEKDAY SCHOOL** — Shandon Weekday School is turning 65! Everyone is invited to celebrate on Friday, September 29, 5-6 pm on the Church Lawn and in the newly-renovated classrooms.

**OUTREACH RETREAT** — Join us Saturday morning, September 30 for Shandon's Outreach Retreat at UKirk. We will retreat to ponder where we have been, where we are, and where we are going in mission, justice, and service as a church. For more information or if are you interested in joining the outreach, contact Rev. John Cook at [jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM** — Thank you to everyone who participated in the Summer Sweepstakes, and congratulations to winners Jim and Chae Thames! During September, we are collecting Jif-to-Go peanut butter (box of 8 individually packaged cups) and shelf-stable milk.

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER** — On World Communion Sunday, October 1, join us in the Activity Center following worship to pack 20,000 meals for the world's hungry. With enough volunteers, we can complete our goal in under 2 hours. Sign up to serve and complete the required waivers at [bit.ly/ShandonRise](https://bit.ly/ShandonRise).

**SERVE AT TRANSITIONS** — Shandon serves at Transitions Homeless center the first Sunday of every month. For details and to sign up, go to [bit.ly/3Zh9xWT](https://bit.ly/3Zh9xWT). For more information, contact Sonja Erickson at [ericksonsonja44@gmail.com](mailto:ericksonsonja44@gmail.com).

**TIRED MOTHERS' RETREAT** — All tired women of the church are invited to join us in Montreat, January 26 - 28, 2024 for a weekend of fellowship and spiritual renewal. For more details and to register, go to [bit.ly/tiredmothers](https://bit.ly/tiredmothers).

## This Week at Shandon

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 9 am Childcare (Room 106)
- 9:15 am Sunday School (various locations)
- 10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 11:30 am MORE Justice Listening Meeting (Room 224)
- 2 pm LTO Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 3 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Ctr.)
- 5 pm Youth Group (Altitude Trampoline Park)

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 5:30 pm Personnel Ministry (Room 209)
- 6:15 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Ctr.)
- 6:45 pm Boy Scouts (Davis Hall)

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 6:15 pm Session (Room 209)
- 6:30 pm Palmetto Mastersingers Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 12:15 pm Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:15 pm SOW Dinner (Davis Hall)
- 6 pm SOW Programming (various locations)
- 6:30 pm Shandon Ringers Rehearsal (Room 223)
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 7 pm Adult Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 9:30 am LTO Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 9 am Childcare (Room 106)
- 9:15 am Sunday School (various locations)
- 10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 11:30 am Frontera de Cristo Interest Meeting (Library)
- 3 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Ctr.)
- 4 pm Arts at Shandon: LTO Chamber Choir (Sanctuary)
- 5 pm Youth Group (McDonald Youth Ctr.)

### The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff  
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