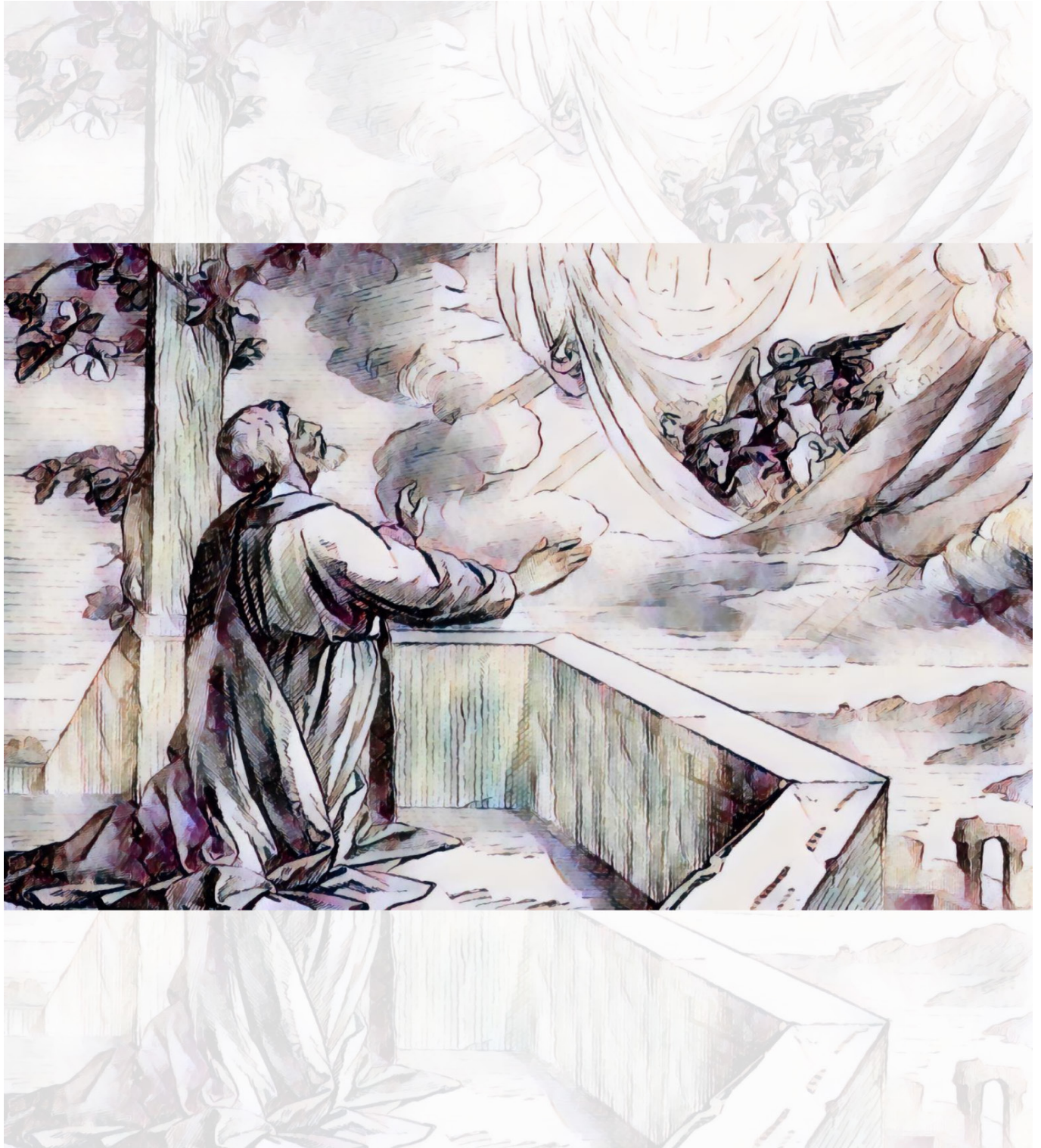




Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

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Peter's Vision

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 104 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. Our child protection policy can be viewed at bit.ly/spcchildprotection.

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

Sonata in G

DOMENICO SCARLATTI

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

With all our hearts, we seek you, O God;
let us not wander from your will.

**With all our strength, we praise you, O God,
for revealing the mystery of your law.**

When we witnessed your instruction, we rejoiced,
as though we had received all the world's riches.

**Throw the veil from our eyes that we might see ever more clearly
the wonders of your knowledge.**

Show us the way and we will run toward it,
for you have broadened our hearts.

**Help us understand the nuance of your teaching
and we will hold it close.**

* Hymn 24

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we cannot help but wonder:

Do we leave you laughing

when we smugly imagine we know everything about you?

Do we leave you lamenting

when we feign uncertainty about what you wish for us to do?

Do we leave you despairing

when we too seldom ask how we should change our ways?

We are made in your image,

but sometimes our humanity gets the better of us.

Send your Spirit once again and reveal your purpose to us. (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

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 104. 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

Elizabeth Langley

Scripture Lesson

Acts 11:1-17

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"

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

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Ally Yablonski

This Is Me

BENJ PASEK AND JUSTIN PAUL

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

B: baptismal promises; beauty; belonging

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH

Prayers of the People

April Martin

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.

I am His Child

MOSES HOGAN

I may not be all that you are, I may not be a shining star,
but what I am, I thank the Lord for making me his child.

Thank you, Lord, for hearing every prayer.
Thank you, Lord, for just being there.
Thank you, Lord, for I am not worthy of your love.

I may not be all that you are, I may not be a shining star,
but what I am, I thank the Lord for making me his child.
So, don't use me or abuse me, for I am his child.
Don't tease me, or mistreat me, for I'm still his child.
You can even talk about me, but I'm still his child.

* 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 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

* Benediction

Postlude

Little Prelude in F

J. S. BACH

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Jones Hill and Hollins Kahle (acolytes), Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. John Cook, Heather Woolard-Lawson, Elizabeth Langley, Ally Yablonski, April Martin, and the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass.

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship is an adaptation of Psalm 119. The Prayer of Confession was 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

ACOLYTES — Serving as an acolyte is a great way for children and youth to be involved in worship leadership! Visit 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. Details are included at the link. Readers of all ages are welcome.

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM — During September, we are collecting Jif-to-Go peanut butter (box of 8 individually packaged cups) and shelf-stable milk.

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 following worship today in the Library. For more information and to sign up, go to bit.ly/frontera24.

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

ATRIUM GALLERY — Photographer and Shandon member, Allison Croxton, has curated a gallery presentation in conjunction with our fall sermon series, "The Alphabet of Faith." The installation will be in the Arts at Shandon Atrium Gallery today through November 19. Meet the artist on October 8 following worship in the Atrium Gallery.

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. Contact Elizabeth Crouch at elizabethcrouchphd@gmail.com.

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 costs \$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.

MESSY CHURCH — Join us Wednesday, September 27 at 5:55 pm in the sanctuary for “Messy Church.” Every element of this 35-40 minute service is designed to engage all ages, and a significant portion of the service is interactive, with folks invited to participate in various faith stations.

SHANDON 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 are and where we are going in mission, justice, and service as a church. For questions or to join the outreach ministry, contact Rev. John Cook at jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING — Next Sunday, October 1, is World Communion Sunday. During worship we will collect the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering, a special offering of the PC(USA).

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.

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. Contact Sonja Erickson at ericksonsonja44@gmail.com.

USC CHOIRS — The Choirs of Carolina start the year with performances by Concert Choir and University Chorus at Shandon Presbyterian Church, Thursday, October 5 at 7:30 pm. The concert is free and open to the public.

HARVEST HOPE — Help fill a truck for Harvest Hope Food Bank! A classic Chevy pickup will collect your non-perishable food donations Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8 in the church parking lot. Donations also will be accepted in a collection bin near the reception desk from October 2-8. You can also make a financial contribution at bit.ly/harvesthopedonate. Thanks to the Shandon Neighborhood Council for co-sponsoring this drive.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS — Join us Saturday, October 14, 8 to 10 am on the Sanctuary steps for a Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pet to receive a blessing and a treat.

YOUNG ADULTS — Shandon’s Young Adult Ministry will gather at River Rat Brewery, Sunday, October 15 at noon for fellowship and fun. Children are welcome! No need to RSVP.

PRIDE DINNER AND WORSHIP — Wednesday, October 18, join us for dinner and a worship service celebrating God’s expansive love for all. Members of the LGBTQ+ community and all who affirm and rejoice in their identity, worth, and belovedness are invited to gather together around the dinner table and the communion table. Dinner will be served in Davis Hall at 5:15 pm. Worship with Communion will begin at 6 pm.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER’S — Shandon will participate in the Columbia Walk to End Alzheimer’s, Saturday, October 21 at Segra Park. Registration and check-in will begin at 9 am. For more information, go to bit.ly/ALZ2023 or contact Mary Rogers at visting@yahoo.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.

This Week at Shandon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 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.)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 9:30 am Quilt Group (Room 210)
- 12:15 pm Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:15 pm SOW Dinner (Davis Hall)
- 6 pm Messy Church (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 pm Shandon Ringers Rehearsal (Room 223)
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

No events scheduled.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 5 pm SWS Birthday Celebration (Church Lawn)
- 6:15 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Ctr.)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 8 am Delta Kappa Gamma (Davis Hall)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 9 am Childcare (Room 106)
- 9:15 am Sunday School (various locations)
- 10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 11:30 am Rise Against Hunger (Activity Center)
- 3 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Ctr.)
- 4:50 pm Serve at Transitions (off-site)

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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