



# Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

September 3, 2023 • 10:30 am



Jake Weirick

---

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-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

*Matthew McCall*

My Song Is Love Unknown

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

*Asterisks (\*) indicate portions of worship during which you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

Welcome

*April Martin*

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

Love is patient, love is kind.

**Love does not envy, boast, or dishonor others.**

Love is not proud, self-seeking, or easily angered.

**Love keeps no record of wrongs.**

Love does not delight in evil,

**but instead, it rejoices with the truth.**

Love always protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres.

**Love never ends.**

God loved us first.

**God loves us always. Let us worship God.**

\* Hymn 14

**For the Beauty of the Earth**

DIX

Call to Confession

*Heather Woolard-Lawson*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**we come to you confessing that we are impatient.**

**We are not always kind.**

**Sometimes we are understanding.**

**Other times we are too proud.**

**We confess that we are selfish.**

**We keep score when someone has wronged us.**

**Remind us, O Lord, that your love is**

**steadfast, unshakable, and everlasting.**

**You never give up. Your love will never fail us.**

*(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

*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

*Rev. Lucy Youngblood*

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*April Martin*

What's in Your Rearview Mirror?

## **Responding to the Word**

\* Hymn 507

**Come to the Table of Grace**

TABLE OF GRACE



## 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

*Chancel Choir*

DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

The Gift of Love

HAL HOPSON

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love; my words are vain,  
as sound as brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed.  
By this we worship and are freed.

\* 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 547

**Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

AR HYD Y NOS

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

Jubilant Procession

J. WAYNE KERR

## Worship Notes

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY** are Matthew McCall, April Martin, Heather Woolard-Lawson, Rev. Lucy Youngblood, Rev. John Cook, and the Chancel Choir directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass.

**TODAY'S LITURGY** — The Call to Worship is adapted from 1 Corinthians 13 by Carolyn Jensen. The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer written by Randall Wilkens.

**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](http://bit.ly/pdamaui).

**SERVE AT TRANSITIONS** — Shandon serves at Transitions Homeless Center every first Sunday at 4:50 pm, including today. For more information regarding parking and attire go to [bit.ly/3OImrlt](http://bit.ly/3OImrlt). Questions? Contact Rev. John Cook at [jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** — The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, September 4, in observance of Labor Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, September 5.

**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 rehearse 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](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. 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).

**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](mailto:amartin@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 will cost \$8 per person; children fifth grade and younger eat for free. 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 [nylund@sc.rr.com](mailto:nylund@sc.rr.com) or Rev. John Cook at [jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**ARTS AT SHANDON** — Arts at Shandon invites you to the first presentation of the 2023-2024, Sunday, September 24 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. This program will feature Limited Time Only Chamber Choir. Directed by Dr. Alicia Walker and consisting primarily of music educators, LTO has earned its place among South Carolina's top ensembles. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door or by going to <https://limited-time-only.square.site>.

**OUTREACH RETREAT** — Mark your calendar for 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. More information available soon. If you are interested in being a part of Shandon's Outreach Ministry, contact Rev. John Cook at [jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**WEEKEND BACKPACK SUMMER SWEEPSTAKES** — Thank you to everyone who participated in the summer donation sweepstakes! The winner will be drawn during the Rally Day breakfast. 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, we will gather in the Activity Center to package 20,000 meals for the food-insecure around the world. We need you, your family, and your friends to come help! Sign up to serve and complete the required waivers at [bit.ly/ShandonRise](https://bit.ly/ShandonRise).

## This Week at Shandon

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- All Day Church Office Closed
- 6:15 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Ctr.)

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 10:30 am Presbyterian Women (Rom 224)
- 6:30 pm Palmetto Mastersingers Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 6:30 pm Education Ministry (Library)
- 7 pm Outreach Ministry (Room 224)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 12:15 pm Staff Meeting (Library)
- 6 pm Shandon Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 6 pm Deacons (Davis Hall)
- 7 pm Adult Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 4 pm University Chorus Retreat (various locations)
- 6:15 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Ctr.)

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 9 am University Chorus Retreat (various locations)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 9 am Rally Day (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)
- 2 pm LTO Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 3 pm 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Ctr.)
- 5 pm Youth Parent Meeting (McDonald Youth Ctr.)

### The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff  
Rev. John Cook, Associate Pastor for Discipleship  
April Martin, Pastoral Associate for Youth and Young Adults  
Matthew McCall, Director of Music and Media  
Dr. Jabarie Glass, Director of the Chancel Choir  
Heather Woolard-Lawson, Director of Children's Ministry  
Bethany Parker, UKirk Intern  
Dr. Robert Walker, Church Administrator  
Catherine Teal, Financial Manager  
Brittany Young, Office Manager  
Sandie Stillinger, Bookkeeper  
Carolyn Bennett, Childcare Coordinator  
Gerald Taylor, Facilities Manager  
Georgia Shaw, Receptionist  
Johnnie Floyd, Receptionist