



# Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

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*Judy McMillan*

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This is God's house. There is a place for you here. Welcome home.

## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Matthew McCall*

Restore In Us, O God

ARR. JOSEPH MARTIN

Welcome

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

\* Call to Worship

We enter this space knowing we are imperfect, but still

**we belong to God.**

We enter this space acknowledging our failings, but assured that

**we belong to God.**

We enter this space knowing that in life and in death

**we belong to God.**

We enter this space seeking comfort and community, confident that

**we belong to God.**

\* Hymn 430

**Remember Not, O God**

SOUTHWELL

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**We confess that we waver in our beliefs.**

**We have faith that you came into the world through your son,**

**Jesus, but struggle to understand your stories.**

**We believe you are the Messiah**

**but act as if we don't know how to put your teachings into action.**

**It is easy to be a Martha. To run after the one we thought**

**could fix our problems, yelling, "Why weren't you here?"**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Sometimes we have faith to move mountains.**

**Other times it is hard to ask for help.**

**We are impatient when we could show grace**

**and complacent when we should be angry.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Help us see the power of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives. *(Silent prayer)***

Act of Confession

Anthem

*Chancel Choir*

DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

RICHARD FARRANT

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.

To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart  
before thee, now and evermore. Amen.

## Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

*Judy Hubbard*

Scripture Lesson

John 11:17-27

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*April Martin*

"I Am the Resurrection and the Life"

## Responding to the Word

The Sacrament of Communion and the Imposition of Ashes

*Heather Woolard-Lawson*

*and Rev. John Cook*

Invitation to the Table

The 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

Receiving Ashes, Bread, and Cup

*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, receive ashes, then take a piece of bread, and dip your bread in the cup.*

Prayer after Communion

\* Hymn 434

## Restore in Us, O God

BAYLOR

\* Benediction

Postlude

## Worship Notes

**LEADING WORSHIP THIS EVENING** are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Jabarie Glass, Judy Hubbard, April Martin, Heather Woolard, and Rev. John Cook.

**THIS EVENING'S LITURGY** — The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by April Martin.

## Announcements

**EARLY CHURCH** — During Lent, we will have a second Sunday morning worship service. Early Church will meet from 8:30-9:10 am in the Sanctuary. We will worship in a familiar, sacred space, but the service will have a distinctively different feel. We'll gather around tables set up throughout the Sower's Chapel and the front of the Nave with coffee and pastries. The liturgy will be similar to the 10:30 service, but somewhat abbreviated. Instead of a full-length sermon, a 5-minute introduction to the text will be offered, followed by guided conversation. Prayers will include specific requests you share with us. This service will take place February 18 and 25, and March 3, 10, 17, and 24. Childcare will be available beginning at 8:15 am.

**SUPPLY DRIVE FOR THE FREE MEDICAL CLINIC** — The mission of The Free Medical Clinic is to provide quality health care, at no cost, to residents of the community who cannot pay for such services, and do not have health insurance. Please consider donating the following items during the month of February to aid in their daily operations: liquid hand soap, paper towels, copy paper, disinfectant wipes, and toilet paper. Donations can be placed in the wooden collection bins outside of Davis Hall.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS** — If you have been thinking about becoming a member at Shandon, or if you just want to know more about who we are, what we do, and what we believe, join us Wednesday, February 28, at 6:10 pm. Rev. Jenny McDevitt will lead a "Tell Me More" session designed to share information and answer any questions you have. Childcare will be available. Attending does not commit you to joining, but those who wish will have an opportunity to join as members on Sunday, March 3. Want to join but can't attend the class? Email Jenny at [jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD** — During February, we are collecting shelf-stable milk, mac-and-cheese cups, and healthy granola bars. Shandon provides food for local students who are food insecure on weekends. Volunteers are needed to deliver food and return empty bags to the church. Contact Rowena Nylund at (803) 743-7122. Sign-up to volunteer at [bit.ly/spcweekendbackpack](https://bit.ly/spcweekendbackpack).

**MARYVILLE COLLEGE CHOIR** — Shandon is excited to welcome the Maryville College Concert Choir on March 6 at 6:10 pm in the Sanctuary. This is the first stop on their spring tour. The concert is free and promises to be a wonderful experience. Our very own April Martin, a Maryville College alumna will be featured during the concert. As part of hosting the choir, we have been asked to provide overnight home-stays for the students following the concert. Go to [bit.ly/MaryvilleChoir](https://bit.ly/MaryvilleChoir) to let us know if you can host.