

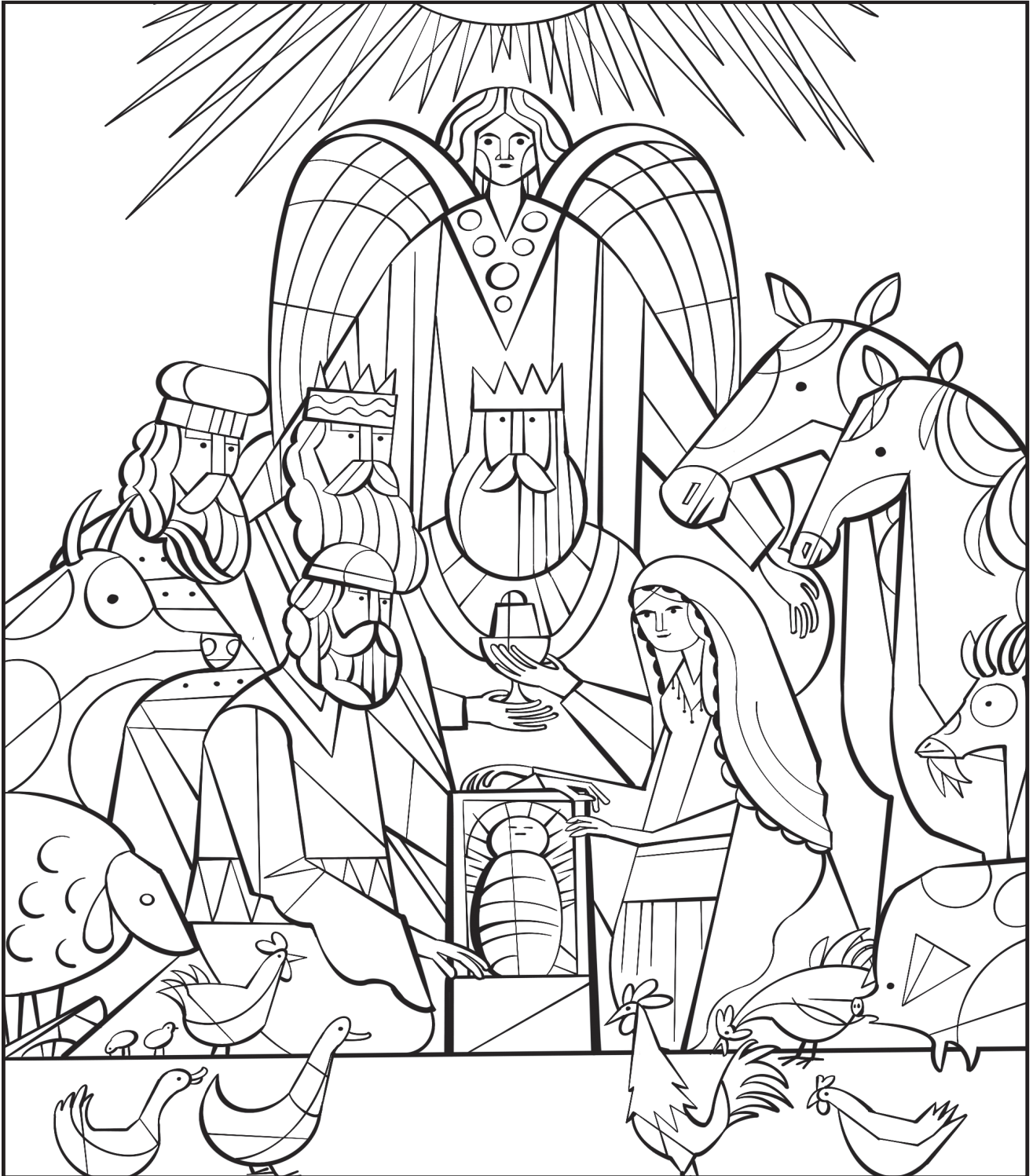


# Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2023 • 4 pm



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

## Welcome to Shandon Presbyterian Church

We are grateful to be together this Christmas Eve and we are delighted that you are with us. Tonight is a special night — there are angels among us! And shepherds and wise men, too. This service makes plain something we hold to be true all year: it takes all of us to tell the story of God’s love born to be with us. Which means whoever you are, whatever your background, wherever your faith has taken you (or not), there is a place for you here. That’s true for all ages. Children are always welcome, especially in worship. We know little ones come with a variety of sounds and wiggles, and that suits us just fine.

At Shandon Presbyterian Church, 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 week, 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. In addition to in-person worship, every service is also live-streamed. Worship videos are available at any time in our online archives ([shandonpresbyterian.org](http://shandonpresbyterian.org)). We joyfully worship a God whose Spirit is big enough to gather us together no matter where we may be.

We believe that hospitality is important and friendship is holy. That’s why we enjoy fellowship and refreshments outside on the Church Lawn after Sunday morning services. (Yes, even in these colder days!) 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 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.

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 worship services as welcoming for our littlest ones as possible, we provide engaging worship bags and a Word with Children every Sunday morning. After the Word with Children on Sundays, kindergarten-aged children and younger may leave for extended care or stay for the remainder of worship. It is always a joy to have your children and all the wiggles, giggles, questions, noises, and insights they bring. 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).

## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Matthew McCall*

What Child Is This

ARR. MARK HAYES

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

Welcome

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

\* Call to Worship

For the people who are walking in darkness,  
the people who are living in deep darkness —

**they have seen a great light, on them a light has shined.**

A star goes forth to lead the magi;

**a star went ahead of them from the east to guide them.**

A word of comfort and a song of joy to the shepherds;

**the angels sang "glory to God in the highest heaven."**

For a child has been born to us, a son given to us;

**and he is named Wonderful Counselor,**

**Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

\* Hymn 133

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

ADESTE FIDELIS

Lighting the Advent Candle

*Graham and Jessie Garlinghouse,  
with Caroline and Molly*

Response

**O Sing a Song of Bethlehem**

ELLACOMBE

**O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,  
And of the news that came to them from angels in the air:  
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;  
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing away.**

Prayer for Christmas Eve

*Heather Woolard-Lawson*

**Emmanuel, God with us,**

**On this day we tell the story**

**of how you came to be with us.**

**How you entered the world in a humble manner  
and changed it forever.**

**Help us believe that this is still possible for us.**

**That we can be changed by you still.**

**Lord, it is easy to believe when the wonder of this time is all around us.**

**Keep our hearts as open every day as they are now:  
to the hope of Mary and Joseph,  
to the peace of which the angels sing,  
to the joy of those welcoming animals,  
and to the love that Jesus brings.  
Emmanuel, God with us,  
stay with us. (*silent prayer*)**

Assurance of God's Grace

\* Response

**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

**Proclaiming the Word**

The Christmas Story

*Leigh Gladden Lalos  
and Jabarie Glass*

Mary and Joseph

Matthew 1:18-25

Anthem

*Arise and Shine  
Children's Choir*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The Journey to Bethlehem

Luke 2:1-5

Congregational Carol

**Once in Royal David's City**

IRBY

**Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.**

Jesus is Born

Luke 2:6-7

Anthem

*Arise and Shine  
Children's Choir*

Away in a Manger

The Angels Visit the Shepherds

Luke 2:8-14

Anthem  
Arise and Shine  
Children's Choir

Angels We Have Heard on High

The Shepherds Visit the Stable  
Luke 2:15-20

Congregational Carol

**The First Nowell**

THE FIRST NOWELL

**The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.**

Royal Visitors from the East  
Matthew 2:1-12

Congregational Carol

**We Three Kings of Orient Are**

KINGS OF ORIENT

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

Why We Tell the Story  
Luke 2:1-15

Congregational Carol

**Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

GO TELL IT

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!  
While shepherds kept their watching, o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.  
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**Responding to the Word**

Pastoral Prayer  
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.*

Musical Offering

English Carol Suite  
ARR. MARK HAYES AND JOSEPH MARTIN

\* Response

**Angels from the Realms of Glory**

REGENT SQUARE

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!**

\* Sharing the Light

*After the service, please return your candles to the baskets at each exit.*

\* Hymn 122

**Silent Night, Holy Night**

STILLE NACHT

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
'round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend they light;  
with the angels let us sing, "Alleluia," to our King:  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

\* Prayer by Candlelight

\* Hymn 134

**Joy to the World**

ANTIOCH

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king:  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

\* Benediction

Postlude

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

ARR. MARK HAYES

## Worship Notes

**LEADING WORSHIP THIS EVENING** are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Graham Garlinghouse, Jessie Garlinghouse, Caroline Garlinghouse, Molly Garlinghouse, Heather Woolard-Lawson, April Martin, and Byron Duell (live-stream).

**WITH THANKS** to all those who helped tell the Christmas story this evening, including:

Stars: August Moore, Elliott Hassinger, and Penelope Hilpisch

Angels: Elle Ramsey, Emma Humphries, Frannie Kahle, George Hall, Gianna Coseo, Gideon Pavy, Grace Moore, Hazel Fields, Joseph "Joe" Brennan, Mary Oliver Hall, Nathan Hassinger, Nathan Roberts, Noah Pavy, Quinn Killen, Salley Kirkpatrick, Teddy Haritha, and Wells Keeney

Animals: Callan Cordan, Clark Humphries, Ella Murray Kirkpatrick, Henry Ramsey, James Fant, Kat Moore, Mary Allyson Hassinger, Owen Hall, Rachel Lutterbie, Roland Phelps, Rowan O'Cain, Spencer Pavy, Stella Fields, Tripp Hassinger, and William Killen

Shepherds: Amelia Lutterbie, Ann Maynard, Elsie Freeburg, Hank Fields, Hollins Kahle, Isla Simoneaux, Izzy Tarr, Larkin Roberts, Maddie Tarr, Nazareth Pavy, Olivia Pavy, States Hamilton, and Wilder Phelps

Baby Jesus: Jackson Ramsey

Mary and Joseph: Sarah and Matt Ramsey

Magi: Hall Gladden, Betty Gurnell, and John Maynard

King Herod: Elizabeth Crouch

Head Angel: Katherine Cuddy

Head Animal: Kerry McIver

Head Shepherd: Lisa Freeburg

Narrators: Leigh Gladden Lalos and Jabarie Glass

Stage Manager: Marie Maynard

## Announcements

**CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** — Join us this evening at 8 pm as we tell the familiar, holy story of the night the world changed forever. We'll sing beloved carols; remember the story about shepherds, sheep, and a Savior; and finish the service with candlelight. The Chancel Choir will assist in leading worship.

**WELCOMING CHRISTMAS SERVICE** — Meet us on the Sanctuary steps tonight at 11:30 pm for a brief service that will welcome Christmas when it first arrives. We'll sing, pray, tell the Christmas story, and conclude with candlelight at midnight. This service will not include a sermon.

**CHRISTMAS DAY STORY TIME** — On Christmas Day, children of all ages can enjoy an online story time with Pastor Jenny, Pastor John, April, and Heather. Go to [shandonpresbyterian.org/storytime](http://shandonpresbyterian.org/storytime).

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** — The Church Office will be closed for Christmas on Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26. Regular office hours will resume on Wednesday, December 27.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE BREAKFAST CHURCH** — Next Sunday, December 31 at 10:30 am, we'll gather around tables in the Activity Center to worship over breakfast. We will celebrate the hope and promise of a new year with song, prayer, scripture, and reflection. (And bagels.) RSVPs are never required for worship, but it will help us plan the meal. If possible, RSVP at [bit.ly/NYEBreakfastchurch](http://bit.ly/NYEBreakfastchurch).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Sunday school classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 9:15 am. For information regarding children's education, contact Heather Woolard-Lawson at [hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org). For information regarding youth and young adults, contact April Martin at [amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org). For information regarding college and UKirk, contact Rev. John Cook at [jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org). For information regarding adult education, contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at [jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**SHANDON ON WEDNESDAYS** — Shandon on Wednesdays will resume on Wednesday, January 10. Dinner will take place in Davis Hall at 5:15 pm, followed by Messy Church at 6:10 pm. Childcare will be available beginning at 6 pm for infants and toddlers. Reservations for dinner are requested by Monday, January 8. Make reservations on Realm or by calling the church office at (803) 771-4408.

**MESSY CHURCH ON JANUARY 10** — All ages are invited to join us Messy Church, where faith is so real you can reach out and touch it. (And play and create and experiment with it!) January's Messy Church will center around the theme of Light, in honor of Epiphany. We will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:10 pm. The service includes simple liturgy, Messy Stations, and sharing the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Rev. Jenny McDevitt and Heather Woolard-Lawson lead this joyful, expressive, accessible service. Childcare is available for the infants and young toddlers.

**YOUTH GROUP** — Youth Group will resume January 7, 5-7 pm in the McDonald Youth Center. Join in for a time of study, music, fun activities, and dinner. Youth will also begin preparing for Youth Sunday, which is March 17. For more information, contact April Martin at [amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:amartin@shandonpresbyterian.org).

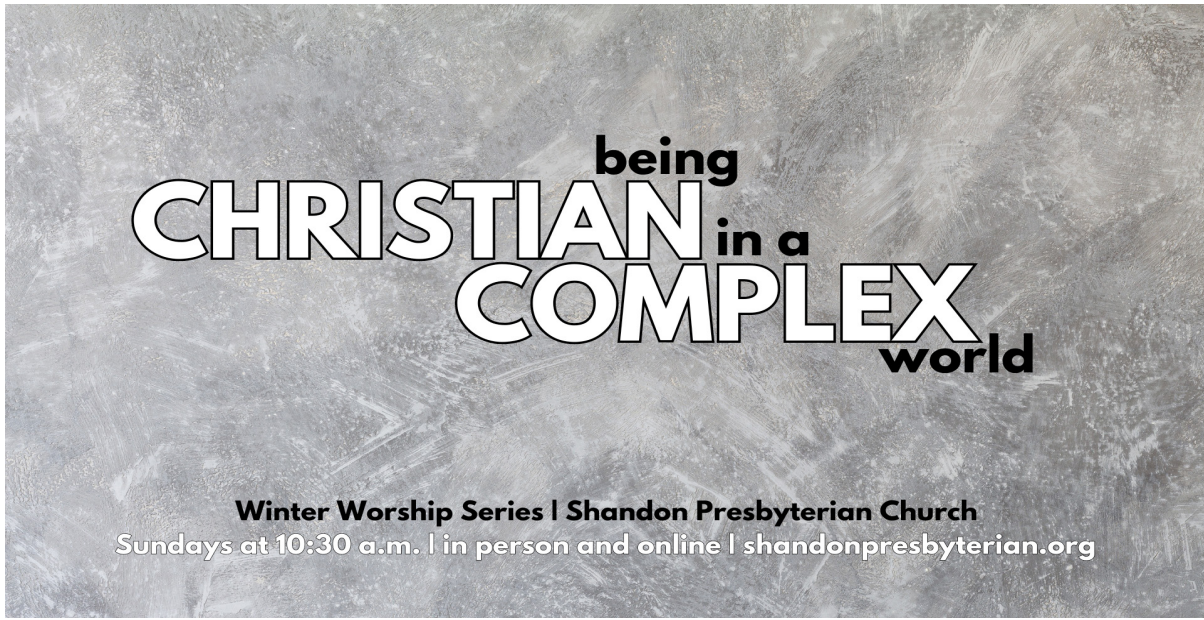
**CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC** — Shandon has musical opportunities for children of all ages! Children and youth are encouraged to join the fun making music together and in worship. Arise and Shine Children's Choir will resume on January 17 at 6 pm in the Choir Room. Youth Music (6th-12th grades) will resume on January 7 at 5 pm in McDonald Youth Center. Contact Matt McCall ([mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org)) for more information.

**DANCE CLASSES** — Elder-turned-dance instructor Garrett Humphries will teach a series of shag lessons January 17, 24, and 31 at 6 pm in the Activity Center. Attendance at the first class is strongly encouraged in order to properly enjoy the remaining classes. No experience required; no partner is necessary.

**VBS 2024** — Save the date! Vacation Bible School will take place July 8 through July 12, 2024. More information, including how to sign-up, will be available soon. Questions? Contact Heather Woolard-Lawson at [hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:hwoolard@shandonpresbyterian.org).



## Upcoming Worship



Christmas has come, and Christ with it. And so we rejoice! We rejoice because we are strengthened and encouraged that we are not alone in this world — this world that is both astonishingly beautiful and yet still tremendously broken. How do we as Christians live faithfully in the midst of such complexity? Our winter sermon series will explore some of the ways Christians can be a voice for reason, justice, and truth in a world that so often seems to spin toward other extremes. Rev. Jenny McDevitt will preach.

January 7

Choosing How We See One Another

January 14

These Days Require Courage

January 28

Deciding Who and What Shapes Us

February 4

Trusting the Truth (and Pursuing It)

February 11

Having a Vision For, Not Just Anger Against



# *Poinsettias*

*Presented to the glory of God*

*In memory of*

*By*

Robert C. Bacon	Marcia, Robin, Linnea, & RJ Bacon
Irene H. Bacon	Marcia, Robin, Linnea, & RJ Bacon
Joel P. Winchip	Marcia, Robin, Linnea, & RJ Bacon
John Wells	Jane Gardner
David White	Jane Gardner
Bob Hill	Jane Gardner
Our parents: Dick & Diane Hazelwood & Randy Ruble	Jeff Ruble & Cathy Hazelwood
Corrie & Everett Gladden	Leigh Gladden Lalos & Beth Gladden Rice
David M. White, Sr.	Carolyn, Marshall, & Alston White
Guy & Kay White	Carolyn, Marshall, & Alston White
Mr. & Mrs. John Anker	Jane Anker
My dear husband, Dale Gurnell	Betty Gurnell
Our precious grandson, Tyler Sims	Betty Gurnell
Marion Tompkins McArthur	Jim Gilchrist
Helen Dawes & Watson Dawes	Patty & Bill Quattlebaum
Miriam Quattlebaum & Gerald Quattlebaum	Patty & Bill Quattlebaum
Beloved brother of Lisa S. Ross, Howell S. Stone	David, Lisa, & Brennan Ross
Our Grandparents	Katy & Mac Humphries
Margaret, Ed, & Joan Diehl	Judy Chandler
Blackwell & Mary Murchison	Laura Murchison
Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Thames	Jim & Chae Thames
Mr. & Mrs. V. E. Dawson	Jim & Chae Thames
Mr. & Mrs. O. L. Hwang	Jim & Chae Thames
Timmy Thames	Jim & Chae Thames
Our Parents	Wayne Bryan & Mimi Parrott
Our Son	Wayne Bryan & Mimi Parrott
Our Parents	Stacey & Jim Brennan
Hunter Hudson	Tricia Kuna & Woody Williams
Ingrid Williams	Tricia Kuna & Woody Williams
Karen Hook	Molly Hook
Norma Schwinn	Norma & Allan Weldon & Children
Margaret & Frank Jordan	Margaret Jordan & Bob Kramer
Bert & Elise Kramer	Margaret Jordan & Bob Kramer
My Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph E. Bradford, Sr	Fraser Bradford

Patrick J. McDevitt  
J. B. & Catherine Allen  
Kaye Amores  
Grandma Johnnelle Ramsey  
Sam & Margaret Lytchfield  
Edward and Sadie Shaylor  
Mr. & Mrs. Grady L. Patterson  
Drs. John & Frances Timmons  
Alice Timmons Morissey  
Dr. Steven Griffin Patterson  
Jim & Anne Cuddy  
Mack & Peggy Pugh Kelly  
Edna M. Pugh  
Frank & Margaret Jordan  
Flynn Harrell  
Dick Massey  
Marilyn Miss  
Vincent Masters  
Nan & George Steedman  
Phyllis & John Leflore  
Dale Roberts, Roy Roberts, Doug Robert  
Julie Travis & Amanda Roberts

Paul & Brenda McDevitt  
Their Family  
Brian, Iris, & Penelope Hilpish  
Her grandchildren, Henry, Ellie, & Jack  
John & Linda Shaylor  
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Their Family  
Johnny & Laura Timmons  
Johnny & Laura Timmons  
His Family  
Katherine Cuddy  
Fred Pugh  
Fred Pugh  
Leck & Sally Patterson  
Anne Harrell  
Jane Massey  
John & Susan Steedman  
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David, Nancy, Ansley, & Jordan Roberts  
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*In honor of*

Carolyn N. Winchip  
Bob & Nancy Woods  
Our grandchildren: Owen, Mary Oliver, & George  
Drucilla Brookshire  
Martha Bode  
Grammy & Grandsie  
Marmie & Pops  
Our children: Mary Allyson, Tripp, Nathan, & Elliott  
Our Parents  
Shandon Staff  
Circle 5  
Prayer Shawl Ministry  
The Pastors & Church Staff  
Meals on Wheels Drivers  
Marion Hook  
Jean Weldon  
Alexander & Byron Duell  
The Hicks Family  
Our Shandon Village that has loved us, lifted us up, and  
strengthened us as we welcomed Jackson to the world  
Frances, Tyler, Francie, & Ellie Yarbrough  
Elizabeth & Mary Redden Timmons  
Our Children & Grandchildren  
Judy Medlin, our faithful and inspiring Moderator  
Charles & Sylvia Sellers

*By*

Marcia, Robin, Linnea, & RJ Bacon  
Jane Gardner  
Jeff & Cathy Hazelwood  
Carolyn, Marshall, & Alston White  
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Larkin & Nathan  
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Carter & Peyton Hassinger  
Katy & Mac Humphries  
Jim & Chae Thames  
Chae Thames  
Chae Thames  
Wayne Bryan & Mimi Parrott  
Harriet McMaster  
Molly Hook  
Norma & Allan Weldon & Children  
Jennifer Duell  
The Duell Family  
  
The Ramsey Family  
Mama and Daddy  
Mama and Daddy  
Leck & Sally Patterson  
Circle 9  
David, Nancy, Ansley, & Jordan Roberts

## This Week at Shandon

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 9 am** Childcare (Room 106)
- 10 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am** Worship - The Fourth Sunday of Advent (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am** Fellowship (Front Sidewalk)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)
- 4 pm** Christmas Eve Worship - Family Service with Children's Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary)
- 7:20 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 8 pm** Christmas Eve Worship - Traditional Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 pm** Welcoming Christmas Service (Front Steps)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

*Church Office closed.*

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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

*Church Office closed.*

- 6 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

- 9:30 am** Quilt Group (Room 210)
- 12:15 pm** Staff Meeting (Library)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

- 6 pm** Youth Basketball Practice (Activity Center)
- 7 pm** Adult Basketball Practice (Activity Center)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

*The church office will be open until 3 pm.*

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

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

*No events scheduled.*

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

- 9 am** Childcare (Room 106)
- 10:30 am** Breakfast Church (Activity Center)
- 3 pm** 5th Tradition AA (McDonald Youth Center)

### 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  
Rev. Lucy Youngblood, Parish Associate  
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