

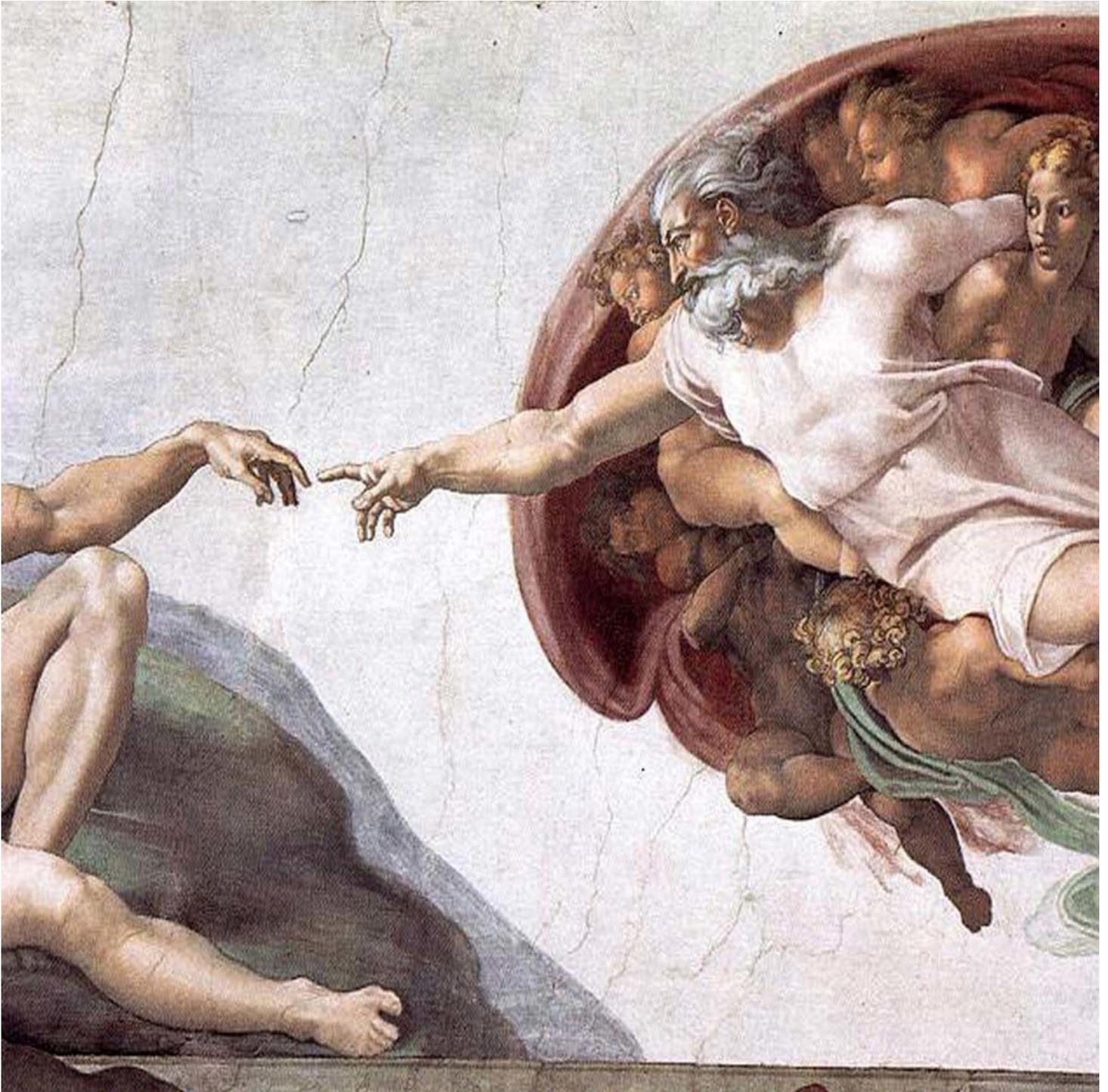


# Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

January 10, 2021

10:30 am



*The Creation of Adam, from the Sistine Chapel ceiling, by Michelangelo*

## Welcome to Shandon Presbyterian Church

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a longtime member, you have made us better by being with us in worship today.

Every week, our service begins with a word of welcome. We take this seriously. Just as God welcomes all, so too do we strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God's kingdom. We don't all look alike or act alike or think alike. We come from different backgrounds, we bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we come together and worship the same God.

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. It is our hope and our prayer that you will experience something personal and relevant this morning — a word of hope, a call to action, a spark of faith, a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stay for awhile. We'd love to get to know you and help you learn more about us. Well ... that's what we'd say back in "normal" days. The invitation remains, however. We may not be gathering in-person on Sunday mornings right now, but we hope you'll take advantage of other ways of getting acquainted. Reach out to one of our pastors. Explore our website and poke around on our Facebook page. Join us for various drive-through or walk-through events on Sunday afternoons. Reserve some time in our Sanctuary to experience one of our sacred spaces for yourself.

At Shandon Presbyterian Church, we strive to be honest in all of our relationships, so we'll say this from the beginning: if you're looking for a perfect church, we're not it. We don't always get it right. Rather, we're a group of imperfect people who 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

## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Matthew McCall*

How Can I Keep From Singing?

ARR. HOWARD HELVEY

Welcome

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

Call to Worship

*Rev. Molly Spangler*

We gather with big questions:

**What is true?**

**Where do I belong?**

**Can this hurt be healed?**

**Where are we going?**

**When will we get there?**

Into all of our darkness and doubts, God says:

**"Let there be light."**

Into all of our curiosity and uncertainty, Jesus says:

**"I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life."**

Into all of fear and frailty, the Spirit says:

**"I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

Because of this, we gather with big questions,

**but also with great hope.**

Hymn 26

**Earth and All Stars!**

EARTH AND ALL STARS



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush-ing plan - ets!  
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash-ing cym-bals! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound-ing ham - mers!  
4 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound-ing wis - dom!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow-ing snow-storm!  
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum-ming cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Lime-stone and beams! Loud build-ing work - ers!  
Daugh-ter and son! Loud pray-ing mem - bers!



God has done mar - vel-ous things. We too sing prais-es with a new song!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**Forgive us when we think we know it all.**

**Forgive us when we think the truth comes from us  
and depends upon our cleverness.**

**Forgive us when we prioritize ideas over people  
and being correct over being Christian.  
Forgive us when, in pursuit of your answers,  
we trample on your grace.**

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

Passing of the Peace

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

## Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children

*Rev. John Cook and Hannah Ratliff*

Prayer for Illumination

*Pat Wolthoff, Ruth Phelps, Wilder Phelps, Bruce LaFleur, Amanda Grubb, Hilda Booth, Dale Wolthoff, and Daniel Grubb*

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

Do I Really Have to Believe That?: Creationism

## Responding to the Word

Anthem

*Shandon Choral Scholars*  
DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

The Glory of the Father  
BY EGIL HOVLAND

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.  
We beheld the glory of the Father,  
full of grace and truth.  
In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God.  
In him was life; and life was the light of men.  
He came to his own, and his own received him not.

Prayers of the People

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.**

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Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Benediction

Postlude

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light  
ARR. WAYNE WOLD

## Worship Notes

Leading worship today are: Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. Molly Spangler, Rev. John Cook, Hannah Ratliff, Pat Wolthoff, Ruth Phelps, Wilder Phelps, Bruce LaFleur, Amanda Grubb, Hilda Booth, Dale Wolthoff, Daniel Grubb, Matthew McCall, and the Shandon Choral Scholars: Alexa Cotran, Johnnie Felder, Dr. Jabarie Glass, Peter Haley, Andrew Mitchell, Jennifer Mitchell, Ashlee Poole, and Kelley Powell, under the direction of Dr. Alicia Walker.

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

## Announcements

**WINTER/SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL.** We invite you to join our virtual children's and adult Sunday School classes for winter and spring 2021. For updated Zoom links, see the weekly Sunday morning email, or contact Molly Spangler, [mspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:mspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES.** Rev. Molly Spangler will lead a Sunday School class once a month for families with children and youth of all ages. The class will take place 9:30-10:15 a.m. February 7, March 7, April 11 and May 2. Topics will focus on how to find passages in the Bible, how to talk about scripture as a whole family and how to remember scripture throughout the week. Please join us for this opportunity to explore new ways to share God's word within our families. Zoom link will be included in the weekly Sunday morning email.

**WRITTEN THAT YOU MIGHT BELIEVE: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.** Join Rev. Jenny McDevitt for a five-week study of the Gospel of John. In a partial return to our "Shandon on Wednesdays" schedule, this class will meet on Zoom on 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays, January 13 through February 10. You are welcome to eat dinner while we meet. Classes will build upon conversation from prior weeks, but you are welcome to join at any time as your schedule allows. Contact the church office to sign up. The Zoom link will also be available in weekly church email communication.

**HYMN STUDY MOVES TO TUESDAY.** Explore some of our most loved hymns, focusing on scriptural connections, theological implications and the stories behind them in a brief class now meeting at 6 p.m. each Tuesday on Facebook. Join Matt McCall, director of music and organist, in the comments portion of the video to add your own thoughts, ask questions and find community through song.

**SHANDON ON WEDNESDAY CHECK-IN NEW TIME.** SOW Check-ins are moving from a pre-recorded message to a 20-minute Zoom conversation and prayer with the pastors at noon each Wednesday. The Zoom link will be included in the weekly Thursday e-mail or through the church office.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: JANUARY 15.** We welcome your news for the February issue of The Spire. Please submit items of interest to the congregation to [cward@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:cward@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY.** Shandon Presbyterian's tradition of giving memorials and honorariums in the form of sanctuary flowers is an important part of worship. In this online season, two smaller arrangements on the communion table are most effective. Schedule flowers with Jess Joyner at [jjoyner@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jjoyner@shandonpresbyterian.org). The cost is \$125. Because of the recording schedule, flowers will be put in place by noon on Wednesdays and will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.

### **The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church**

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