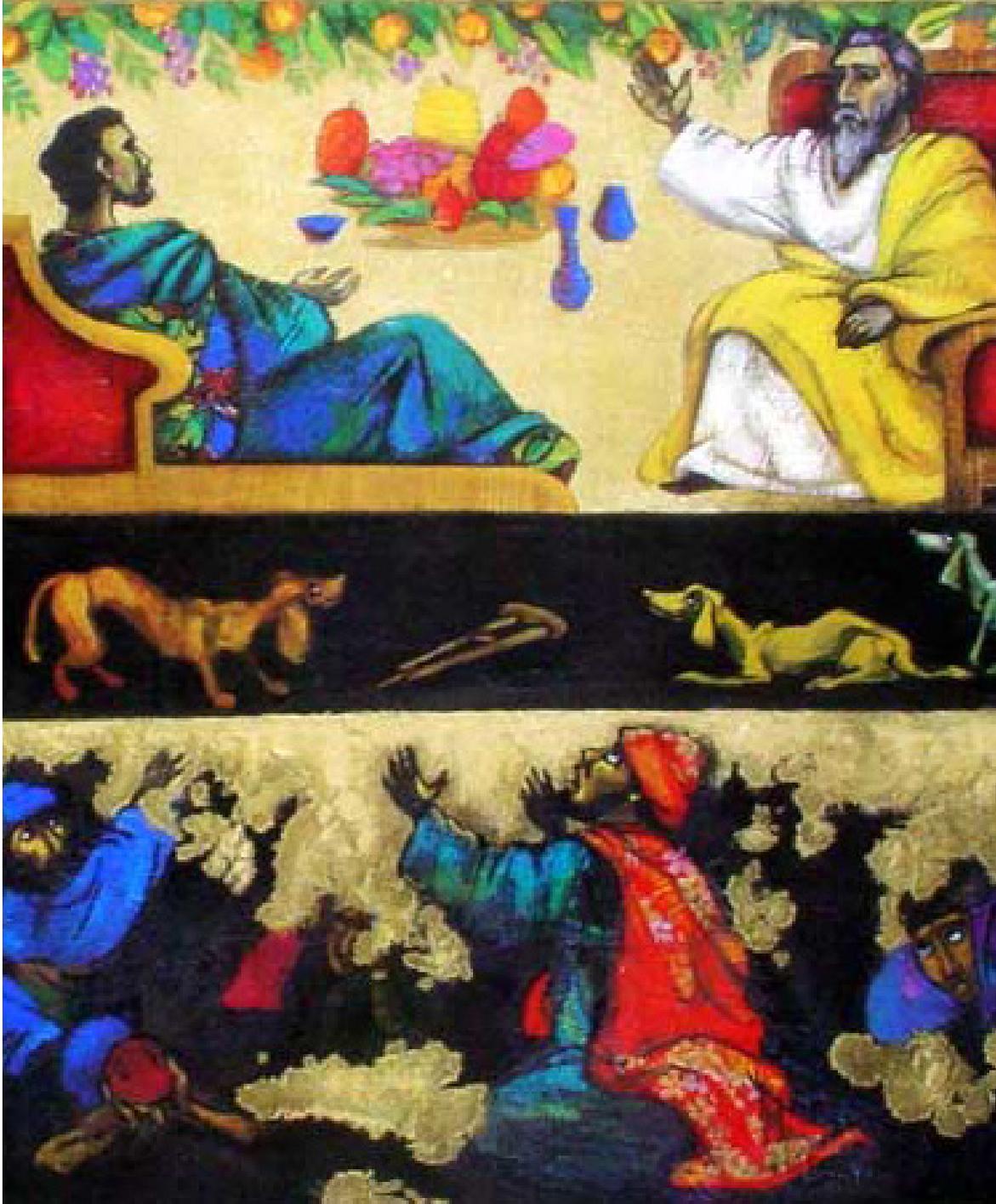




Shandon Presbyterian Church

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The Rich Man and Lazarus, by Nelly Bube

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

Prelude in A Minor

J.S. BACH

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Call to Worship

Sam McCombs

On the first day, God said, "Let there be light."

There is always enough light to show us the way.

On this day, God says, "You are my child."

**As beloved children,
we are claimed and redeemed.**

For every tomorrow, God promises, "I am with you always."

**And so we can greet every day with confidence,
every relationship with love,
and every moment with praise.**

Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY



1 Joy-ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love! Hearts un-fold like
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re - flect thy rays; stars and an-gels
3 Mortals, join the hap-py cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan. Love di-vine is



flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness;
sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise. Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain,
reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan. Ev - er sing-ing, march we on - ward,



drive the dark of doubt a-way. Giv - er of im-mor-tal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flow-ing fountain, call us to re - joice in thee.
vic - tors in the midst of strife. Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the triumph song of life.

Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

**It is not only our sin which we need to confess,
but also our fatigue.**

**It is not only our self-interest that controls us,
but also our fear.**

It is not only our skepticism that challenges us,

but also our pain.
Take the whole of us, O God,
and from the varied pieces of our lives,
remake us to be wholly devoted to you.
(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. Molly Spangler

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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 in Hell?

Responding to the Word

Anthem

DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.
SHANDON CHOIR SCHOLARS

My Lord, What a Morning

H.T. BURLEIGH

My Lord, what a morning,
Oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.

Done quit all my worldly ways;
Join that heavenly band!

My Lord, what a morning,
Oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.

Affirmation of Faith

I need your sense of time.
**Always I have an underlying anxiety about things.
Sometimes I am in a hurry to achieve my ends
and am completely without patience.
It is hard for me to realize that some growth is slow;
that all processes are not swift.
I cannot always discriminate
between what takes time to develop
and what can be rushed,
because my sense of time is dulled.
I measure things in terms of happenings.
O to understand the meaning of perspective
that I may do all things
with a profound sense of leisure – of time.**

I need your sense of order.
**The confusion of the details of living
is sometimes overwhelming.
The little things keep getting in my way
providing ready-made excuses for failure
to do and be what I know I ought to do and be.
Much time is spent on things that are not very important
while significant things are put
into an insignificant place in my scheme of order.
I must unscramble my affairs.**

I need your sense of the future.
**Teach me to know that life is ever on the side
of the future.
Keep alive in me the forward look,
the high hope,
the onward surge.
Let me be not frozen either by the past or the present.
Grant me your sense of the future,
without which all life would sicken and die.**

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.**

Offering Tithes and Gifts

Text SHANDONPC to 73256 or visit shandonpresbyterian.org

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD HUNDRETH

**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

Allegro
FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Worship Notes

Leading worship today are: Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Sam McCombs, Rev. John Cook, Rev. Molly Spangler, Matthew McCall, Dr. Alicia Walker, and the Shandon Choral Scholars: Johnnie Felder, Dr. Jabarie Glass, Peter Haley, Andrew Mitchell, Jennifer Mitchell, Ashlee Poole and Kelley Powell.

Today's Affirmation of Faith is a prayer written by Howard Thurman, an African American author, philosopher, theologian and civil rights leader. While not a traditional "affirmation," we affirm the universal needs and longings it expresses and the hope and accountability that comes from voicing them aloud in community.

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Carl Schulz, from his wife Constance Schulz.

Announcements

REGISTER FOR OUTDOOR WORSHIP. Join us for outdoor worship at 1 p.m. each Sunday. The service will be similar, but not identical, to the pre-recorded service each week, including a hymn, prayers, scripture and the sermon for the week. Up to 60 participants may attend. (The service will be repeated at 2 p.m. if pre-registered numbers indicate a need.) Pre-registration is required **by noon each Friday**. This week, sign up by contacting Jess Joyner in the church office: 803-771-4408 or jjoyner@shandonpresbyterian.org. Our pre-recorded, online worship services will continue to be offered just as they are now. For more details and FAQs, go to bit.ly/spcOutdoorworship.

DONATE BLOOD FEBRUARY 7. The American Red Cross donation bus will be at Shandon Presbyterian Church 2-7 p.m. Sunday, February 7. Red Cross professionals will be available to assist you in giving blood in a clinically sanitized environment. The bus will be parked in the church parking lot. Appointments are required to donate. You may sign up at redcrossblood.org, or call or email Linda McDonald, 803-530-5154 or lichmac@aol.com.

HELP TACKLE HUNGER. You are invited to participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring by dropping off a financial or food donation for Harvest Hope Food Bank. Donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring will be collected at SPC through February 7. (A list of accepted food items is available at harvesthope.org/get-involved/donate-food.) This year, Eastminster Presbyterian is doing a donation match for food banks in South Carolina with a goal of raising \$1,000,000. Our donations will add to that goal of addressing hunger in our state.

VIRTUAL CONCERT FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH. The Arts at Shandon is excited to celebrate Black History Month with a virtual concert presented by Johnnie Felder. The online event will feature selections by African American musicians. Mark your calendars for 6 p.m. Thursday, February 11, for the premiere on Facebook and YouTube.

MISS A SUNDAY? Want to hear a sermon a second time? Check out our worship archive. Links to full worship services, sermon pdfs and weekly bulletins on our website. Go to bit.ly/spcworshiparchive. And don't forget our podcast, available on iTunes and SoundCloud, soundcloud.com/shandonpresbyterian.

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, mbspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org.

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES. Molly Spangler is leading 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.

COMMUNITY THROUGH SONG. Explore some of our most loved hymns, focusing on scriptural connections, theological implications and the stories behind them in a brief hymn study 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. SOW Check-ins have moved from a pre-recorded message to a 20-minute Zoom conversation and prayer with the pastors at noon each Wednesday. The Zoom link is included in the weekly Thursday e-mail or through the church office.

WRITTEN THAT YOU MIGHT BELIEVE: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN. Join Rev. Jenny McDevitt for a 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 through February 17. 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY DEBT RETIREMENT OFFERING. The Sanctuary preservation and new organ were fully funded by pledges and designated gifts. This week we will receive our Fifth Sunday Debt Retirement Offering as we strive to retire our previously incurred building debt. Your generous contribution will be applied to the balance.

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM. Donations of shelf-stable food can be dropped off at Shandon's portico in the designated box. This month, we are collecting macaroni and cheese (individual size). Donations to this program will be delivered to Dreher High and A.C. Moore Elementary students. For more information, contact Rowena Nylund, 803-252-7752, Rnylund@sc.rr.com.

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