



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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A Choice, by Lauren Wright Pittman

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

Elegiac Pastorale

FRANKLIN ASHDOWN

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Call to Worship

Drucilla Brookshire

"Come to me," Jesus said.

**"Come to me all you who are weary
and carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."**

"Follow me," Jesus said.

**"Deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow me.
Those who lose their life for my sake, will find it."**

"Trust in me," Jesus said.

**"To trust in me is to trust in God,
so do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid."**

Hymn 718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and
you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your
let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -
calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

BOURBON

Call to Confession
Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, forgive us.
Doing your will does not always flow naturally:
convention overshadows conviction;
bad habits die hard;
good habits form slowly.
Doing your will is not always a spontaneous choice:
your way is sometimes unclear;
your direction is often unpopular;
your path is seldom profitable.
Create in us clean hearts, O God.
(Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Proclaiming the Word

The Word for Children
Hannah Ratliff

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Mark 8:31-38

"Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'"

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

Sermon
Rev. Jenny McDevitt

The Promise of Sacrifice

Responding to the Word

Anthem

Shandon Choir Scholars

DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks
HERBERT HOWELLS | LYRICS ADAPTED FROM PSALM 42

Like as the hart desireth waterbrooks,
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God.
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night,
While they daily say unto me:
Where, where is thy God?

Reception of New Members

Adrienne and Paul Hoefler

Prayers of the People

Rev. Molly Spangler

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

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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

Matthew McCall

If You but Trust in God to Guide You
ARR. J. BERT CARSON

Worship Notes

Leading worship today are: Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Drucilla Brookshire, Rev. John Cook, Hannah Ratliff, Rev. Molly Spangler, Matthew McCall and the Shandon Choir Scholars: Johnnie Felder, Dr. Jabarie Glass, Peter Haley, Andrew Mitchell and Jennifer Mitchell.

The Call to Worship was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. The Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Jim Lowry in his book, "Prayers for the Lord's Day."

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God from Marcia, Robin, RJ and Linnea Bacon in honor of the 61st wedding anniversary of Marcia's parents, Joel and Carolyn Winchip, and also in honor Carolyn's birthday.

Announcements

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT. Join us for this Bible study led by John Cook, Molly Spangler and Hannah Ratliff 6-7 p.m. on Zoom Wednesdays during Lent. Written by Jill Duffield, "Lent in Plain Sight uses "ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem." Check your email for the Zoom link.

SHANDON MORE JUSTICE TEAM. Interested in doing justice? Then join us on the Shandon MORE Justice Team this spring to tackle - alongside 36 other local congregations - issues of housing, gun violence, mental health, and school punishment. To "do justice" together, contact Associate Pastor John Cook, jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING RAISES NEARLY \$4,000. Thank you for your generous donations for Harvest Hope Food Bank through the Soupler Bowl of Caring. In addition to many food donations, monetary donations totaled \$3,957.96.

WEEKEND BACKPACK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Can you spare half an hour to help students at A.C. Moore Elementary or Dreher High School? Volunteers are needed to deliver food containers to the schools. It is easy and safe. Containers are left inside the school doors. There is minimal contact, and school staff are masked. Contact Rowena Nylund at Rnylund@sc.rr.com or 803-252-7752. You can also help by dropping off donations at Shandon's portico in the designated box. This month we are collecting: Chef Boyardee ABCs, Beefaroni, spaghetti and lasagna (7.5-ounce size).

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AROUND THE WORLD. Typically received during the season of Lent, this major special offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA) will be used in the coming year to respond to needs through disaster assistance and hunger ministry throughout the world. Materials and collection boxes are available under the portico. Please use these resources throughout Lent and bring your offering to the church any time through Easter, April 4, or donate online at bit.ly/spcOGHS2021.

SOWER SELFIES ARE BACK! Just like many of us, the Sower in our stained glass window has spent a long time sheltering in place. He would love to get out and take selfies with Shandon members as we sow seeds of God's love wherever we go. To take a selfie with the Sower, download a printable file at bit.ly/sowerselfie, or pick up a copy from the church portico. Take a picture while you are doing what you do each week - at home, running errands, on your Zoom call, anywhere you are, anywhere you go. Then send your Sower Selfie to SowerSelfies@gmail.com. Please note: If you send us a Sower Selfie, you give permission to post the photo with the Sunday worship services or church communications, including The Spire newsletter and online/social media, such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and the church website. Let's have fun seeing each other virtually with the Sower.

REGISTER FOR OUTDOOR WORSHIP. Join us for outdoor worship at 1 p.m. each Sunday. The service is similar, but not identical, to the pre-recorded service each week, including a hymn, prayers, scripture and sermon. Up to 60 participants may attend. **Registration is required through by noon each Friday.** Please check your email for the registration link through Realm. You do not need a Realm login; simply click the link and follow the prompts. Our pre-recorded, online worship services also continue to be offered.

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES MARCH 7. 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. March 7, April 11 and May 2. Topics will focus on how to engage scripture and worship at home, how to practice mission and service as a family, as well as how to incorporate prayer into family routines. 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.

- For a list of all of our Sunday School classes with Zoom links, please see the weekly Sunday morning email, or contact Molly Spangler, mspanangler@shandonpresbyterian.org.

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. Beginning March 3, the SOW Check-ins will move to Facebook and YouTube. Be sure to tune in for a meditation and prayer with the pastors each week.

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor
Rev. John Cook, Associate Pastor for Discipleship
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