



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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Palm Sunday, by Evans Yegon

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

Toccata Giocosa

WILLIAM MATHIAS

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Call to Worship

Phyllis Peterson

They went out to meet him shouting Hosanna!

**They carried palm branches in their hands
and they carried hope in their hearts.**

The king was coming.

**He is our king.
He is our life.
He is our God.**

Like his followers in that first parade of palms,
we, too, sing praise to the one who saves us.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hymn 196

All Glory, Laud and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King, to
whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Fine

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we

to Refrain

Son, who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
went; our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
praise; to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
bring, who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, forgive us.
We do not fully know this Jesus
 who upsets our religious piety.
We do not fully fathom this Jesus
 who laments our failure to do
 what you created us to do.
We do not fully understand this Jesus
 who teaches in parables that puzzle us
 more than they should.
At this week's beginning, who will shout, Hosanna?
By this week's end, who will shout, Crucify?
Forgive our easy answers to these hard questions.
(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 *Rev. Molly Spangler*

Anthem

Pueri Hebraeorum
TÓMAS VICTORIA
TEXT TRANSLATED FROM LATIN

The Hebrew children, bearing olive branches,
went forth to meet the Lord, crying out and saying:
Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer for Illumination *Bruce Peterson*

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11

"When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." ' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one

who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve."

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

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

The Promise of Another Way

Responding to the Word

Anthem

Shandon Choir Scholars
DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

Ride On, King Jesus
ARR. MOSES HOGAN

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquering king,
Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on.
No man can a-hinder thee.

I was but young when I begun.
No man can a-hinder thee.
But now my race is almost done.
No man can a-hinder thee.

King Jesus rides a milk-white horse.
No man can a-hinder thee.
The river of Jordan he did cross.
No man can a-hinder thee.

He's the King and the Lord. No man can a-hinder thee.
He's the first and the last. He's the Lord of Lords.
Jesus is the Prince of Peace.
No man can a-hinder thee.

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquering king,
Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on.
No man can a-hinder thee.
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, just ride on, Jesus.
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, just ride on, Jesus.
King Jesus, ride on, ride on Jesus!

Prayers of the People
Hannah Ratliff

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 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

Fugue in D Minor
J.S. BACH

Worship Notes

Leading worship today are Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Phyllis Peterson, Rev. John Cook, Rev. Molly Spangler, Bruce Peterson, Hannah Ratliff, Matthew McCall and the Shandon Choir Scholars: Johnnie Felder, Dr. Jabarie Glass, Peter Haley, Andrew Mitchell and Jennifer Mitchell, Ashlee Poole and Kelley Powell.

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

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God from Eugene Rogers in memory of his wife Susan Dodson Rogers whose birthday is April 1.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday

April 1

Available on Facebook at 6 p.m. and all day on YouTube

Good Friday

April 2

Available all day on Facebook on YouTube
8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross on the church lawn

Easter Sunday

April 4

Online worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and all day on YouTube

Outdoor worship services at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Registration is required for outdoor worship services by **noon Friday, April 2.**

Please check your email for the registration link through Realm, or go to shandonpresbyterian.org, and click on the "Worship and music" tab.

Note: Outdoor services will be canceled in the event of rain.

Announcements

BRING FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS. The Flower Cross is a long-standing Easter tradition and will be part of Shandon's celebrations this year. The cross will be in front of the church before dawn on Saturday, April 3. Bring your favorite colorful flowers to build a beautiful symbol of the resurrection.

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS. Like many events, Shandon's annual egg hunt has an adjusted format this year. As you hide and seek eggs in a socially distanced manner, be sure to take photos and share them with Molly Spangler, mspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org. Please note: If you share photos, you give permission to post them 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.

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 Monday email for the Zoom link, or call the church office.

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.

MORE JUSTICE. Shandon, a MORE Justice covenant congregation, has rallied together three team leaders (Jenna Cox, Artie Hughes and Rowena Nylund) and 32 team members. Midlands Organized Response for Equity and Justice is helping us "make the Central Midlands area a more just place to live for all people." Contact Associate Pastor John Cook if you would like to join the team or attend the Nehemiah Action online at 7 p.m. April 26, where we meet with local leaders to address more justice around the issues of housing, gun violence, mental health and school punishment.

ENJOY A CUP OF SPRING. Spring is the perfect time to sit outside and enjoy a delicious cup of Café Justo. Need a quick gift? Café Justo may be just right – free handmade fabric gift bags with every gift purchase. We now have dark roast as well as medium roast in decaf, 100% Arabica, 50% Arabica/50%Robusta and 100% Robusta. Several safe delivery options are available, contact Rowena Nylund, Rnylund@sc.rr.com, 803-252-7752.

DONATE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS. Family Promise of the Midlands is accepting donations for the Night of Promise online auction. Suggestions include any item you create through painting, pottery, quilting, woodwork, etc.; a weekend or week in a vacation home; gift certificates from local businesses. To help or donate, contact Laura Covington, lauracvngtn@gmail.com or 803-422-6800. For information about becoming a sponsor for the gala, go to familypromisemidlands.org. Save the date for the online auction April 17-24 and the virtual gala at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 24 (pre-gala warmup at 6:50 p.m.

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.

SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL. We invite you to join our virtual children's and adult Sunday School classes for winter and spring 2021. For Zoom links, see the weekly Sunday morning email, or contact Molly Spangler, mspangler@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. Please join us for SOW Check-ins on Facebook and YouTube. Tune in for a meditation and prayer with the pastoral staff each Wednesday evening.

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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