



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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Moses Receives the Tablets, by Marc Chagall

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

Marie Maynard, viola

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. BACH

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Call to Worship

Chuck McDonald

from Psalm 91

The heavens are telling the glory of God:

**day is full of speech,
night is filled with knowledge,
joy envelops it all.**

The law of the Lord is perfect;

it revives our soul.

The decrees of the Lord are sure;

they increase our wisdom.

The guidance of the Lord is certain;

it lights up our path.

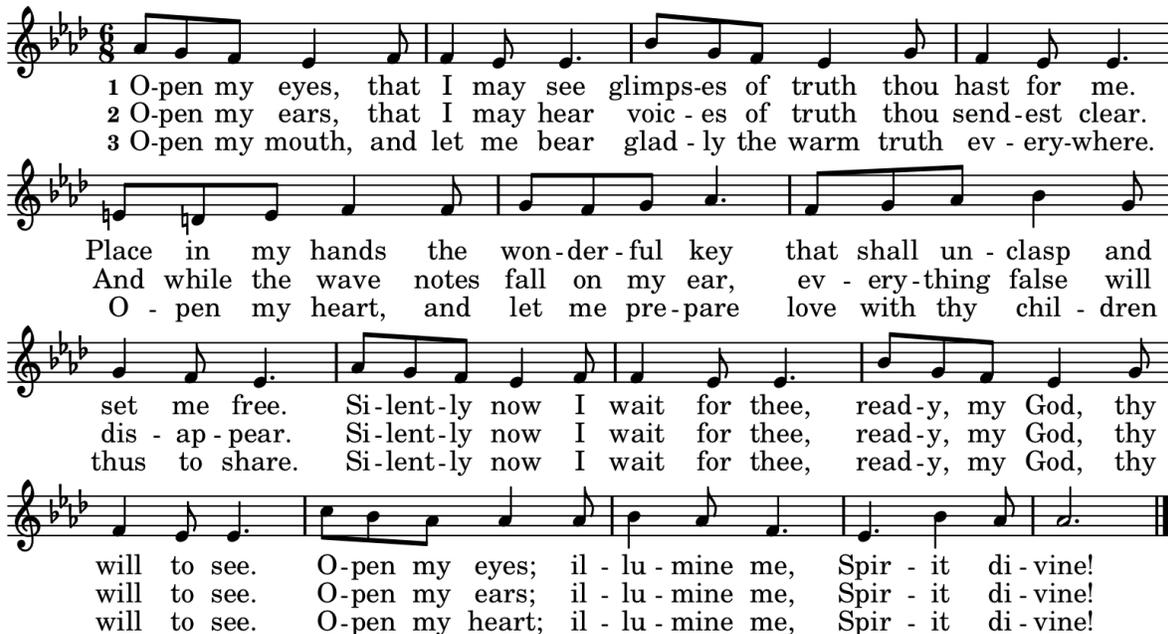
The Lord's instruction is more desired than any gold
and sweeter than any honey.

The Lord is our rock and our redeemer.

Hymn 451

Open My Eyes, that I May See

OPEN MY EYES



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren

set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy

will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
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Call to Confession

Hannah Ratliff

Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, forgive us:
Lost in ourselves,
 we dwell endlessly
 on yesterday's embarrassment, anger and grief.
Lost in our domain,
 it is hard to see
 beyond yesterday's fighting, suspicion, and fear.
Lost in our fantasy,
 it is tempting
 to live in yesterday's illusions.
So fill us with the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
 that we might be lost
 in the wonder and sanity of your hope.**
(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. John Cook*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Exodus 20:1-17

"Then God spoke all these words: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

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

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

The Promise of Instruction

Responding to the Word

Anthem

Shandon Choir Scholars

DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

O Taste and See

RALPH VAUGHN WILLIAMS

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Molly Spangler

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

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

Matthew McCall

Fugue in D Minor

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Worship Notes

Leading worship today are: Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Chuck McDonald, Hannah Ratliff, Rev. John Cook, Rev. Molly Spangler, 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 Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Jim Lowry in his book, "Prayers for the Lord's Day."

Announcements

VIRTUAL ORGAN CONCERT MARCH 18. The Arts at Shandon presents Dr. Ron Davis in concert at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 18, premiering on Facebook and YouTube. Davis is professor emeritus at Presbyterian College and has presented concerts throughout the United States and Europe, including Westminster Abbey in London.

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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MARCH 15. We welcome your news for the April issue of The Spire. Please submit items of interest to the congregation to cward@shandonpresbyterian.org.

EASTER LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY. The worship committee will adorn the sanctuary with lilies for Easter Sunday. You may remember or honor a loved one by sponsoring a lily. Cost is \$16 each. Order deadline is 4 p.m. Friday, March 26. Go to bit.ly/spclilies2021 to order online. To print an order form to return to the church office, go to bit.ly/liliesprint2021.

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.

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.

WINTER/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 pastors each Wednesday.

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor
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