



# Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021 • online



*Resurrection, by Josef Žáček*

## 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 C Major, BWV 531a

J. S. BACH

The Easter Proclamation

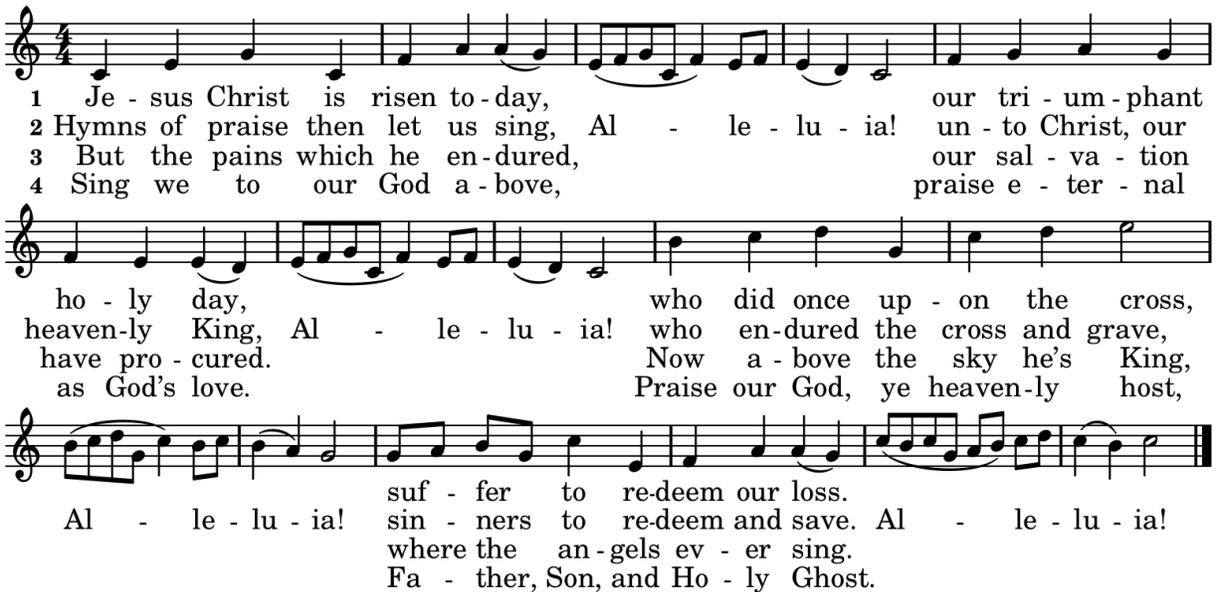
Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed!**

Hymn 232

**Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

EASTER HYMN



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to-day, our tri - um - phant  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! un - to Christ, our  
3 But the pains which he en-dured, our sal - va - tion  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, praise e - ter - nal

ho - ly day, who did once up - on the cross,  
heaven-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia! who en-dured the cross and grave,  
have pro - cured. Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
as God's love. Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host,

Al - le - lu - ia! suf - fer to re-deem our loss.  
sin - ners to re-deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an-gels ev - er sing.  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Responsive Easter Prayer

*Rev. Molly Spangler*

Living God,

We thought we had heard it all.

We thought we knew.

**The stories Jesus told.**

**The lessons he taught.**

**The love he shared.**

**But here we are,**

**confronted by the mystery of an empty grave  
that should be filled by a broken body.**

We thought we had heard it all.

We thought we knew.

**The way of the world.**

**The powers that be.**

**The relentlessness of violence and the futility of hope.**

**But here we are,**

**confronted by the mystery of an empty grave  
that should be filled by a broken body.**

**We thought we had heard it all.**

**We thought we knew.  
But here we are,  
    in the presence of death defeated  
    and brokenness made whole.  
Here we are,  
    in the presence of community restored  
    and love set loose in the world.  
Here we are,  
    in the presence of the deepest truth:  
    He is risen! He is risen, indeed!**

**We thought we had heard it all,  
but today, everything is brand new.** (Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

Response of Praise

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love drowned in death shall never die.**

Passing of the Peace  
*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

Our Life Together

## Proclaiming the Word

The Word with Children  
*Rev. John Cook*

Prayer for Illumination  
*Malie Heider*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

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

Sermon  
*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

Empty Promises?

## Responding to the Word

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

All That Hath Life and Breath, Praise Ye the Lord  
BY RENE CLAUSEN

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,  
shout to the Lord, alleluia!

Praise the Lord with joyful song,  
sing to the Lord with thanksgiving,  
alleluia, praise him!  
Praise the Lord with joyful song, alleluia!

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,  
sing to the Lord a new made song,  
praise his name, alleluia.  
Unto thee, O Lord, have I made supplication,  
and cried unto the rock of my salvation;  
but thou hast heard my voice,  
and renewed my spirit.

Praise him, alleluia!  
Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation.  
O my soul praise him for he is thy health and salvation.

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,  
shout to the Lord, alleluia!  
Praise him! Laud him! Praise him! Laud him!  
Alleluia!

Affirmation of Faith  
*Hannah Ratliff*

Declaration of Faith IV, 5

**Jesus is our living Lord.  
Jesus was dead and buried,  
but God raised him from the dead.  
We are certain that Jesus lives.  
He lives as God with us,  
touching all of human life with the presence of God.  
He lives as one of us with God.  
Because he shares our humanity  
and has bound us to himself in love,  
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.  
We declare that Jesus is Lord.  
We maintain that ultimate sovereignty  
now belongs to Jesus Christ  
in every sphere of life.  
Jesus is Lord!  
He has been Lord from the beginning.  
He will be Lord at the end.  
Even now he is Lord.  
Jesus is our living Lord.**

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

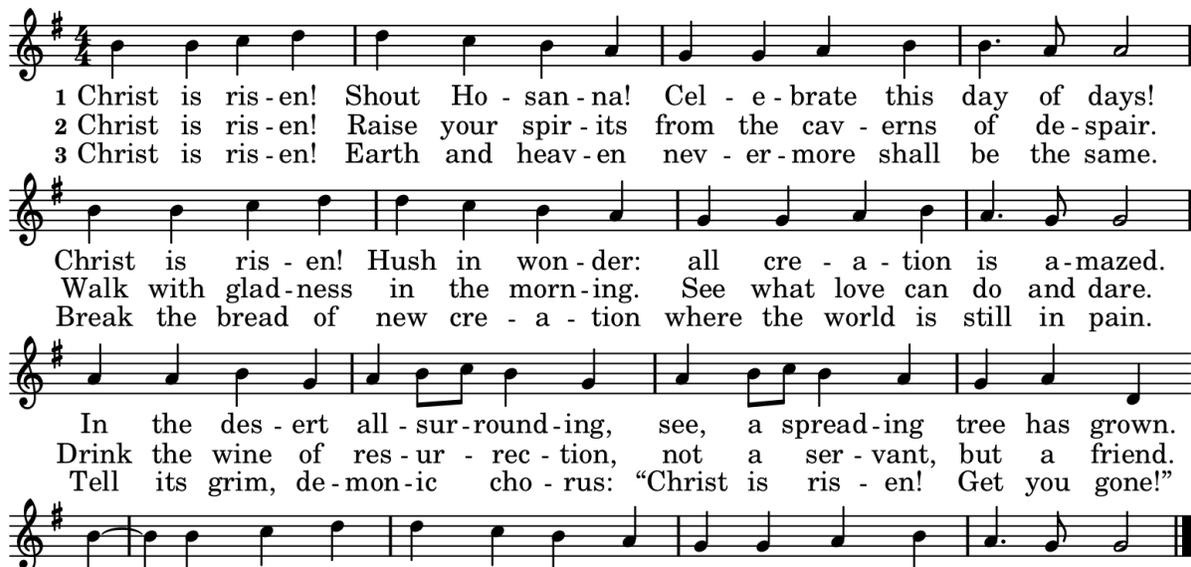
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Prayer of Dedication

### Hymn 248

#### **Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

HYMN TO JOY



1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

### Benediction

### Postlude

Toccata, from *Symphonie V por Orgue*  
BY CHARLES-MARIE WIDOR

## Worship Notes

Leading worship today are: Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Leck Patterson, Emi Ota, Luke Spangler, Sandra O'Neal, Jordan Humphries, Mary Ann Brearley, Ruth Phelps, Judy Hubbard, Rev. Molly Spangler, Rev. John Cook, Malie Heider Hannah Ratliff, 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.

## Announcements

**SMALL GROUPS MEETING IN PERSON.** Small groups of up to 25 individuals may meet in person at Shandon. Contact Jess Joyner in the Church Office for safety guidelines and/or to schedule your class, meeting, or other small gathering. We look forward to seeing you!

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP TIME CHANGE.** Outdoor worship times will change as summer approaches, in order to beat the heat! From April 11 through May 30, outdoor worship will take place on the Church Lawn at 11 am. Beginning June 6, outdoor worship will move to 9 am.

**UPCOMING WORSHIP.** Join us for the following worship services:

April 11	Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching
April 18	Youth Sunday: A New Hope, lead by the Shandon Youth
April 25	Rev. Dr. Robert Walker preaching

**CONSIDER THE BIRDS.** Worship during May will explore how paying attention to some of the smaller details mentioned in scripture — including the mention of specific types of birds — helps expand our understanding of sacred stories. Rev. Jenny McDevitt will preach this series.

**THE STORIES JUSTICE NEEDS TO TELL.** Worship throughout June will focus upon what scripture has to teach us about justice. Some stories are well-known; others less so. But from beginning to end, the Bible teaches us that the pursuit of justice is essential, not optional, for people of faith. Rev. Jenny McDevitt and Rev. Molly Spangler will preach this series.

**MORE JUSTICE.** 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 and help address 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. We now have dark roast as well as medium roast in 100% Arabica, 100% Robusta, a 50/50 blend, and decaf. Contact Rowena Nylund, Rnylund@sc.rr.com, 803-252-7752.

**FAMILY PROMISE AUCTION.** Family Promise is accepting donations for the Night of Promise online auction. Suggestions include any item you create (painting, pottery, etc.), use of a vacation home, or gift certificates from local businesses. Contact Laura Covington, lauracvngtn@gmail.com or 803-422-6800. Save the date for the online auction April 17-24 and the virtual gala at 7 pm, April 24.

**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](http://bit.ly/spcworshiparchive). And don't forget our podcast, available on iTunes and SoundCloud, [soundcloud.com/shandonpresbyterian](http://soundcloud.com/shandonpresbyterian).

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

# *Easter Lilies*

presented to the glory of God

## *In memory of*

Bill Van Pelt  
Blackwell and Mary Murchison  
L.E. Thames  
Timmy Thames  
Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Dawson  
Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hwang  
Mary Ellen Chisolm  
David Hunter  
Miriam Bode  
Marion Murray Tompkins  
Nancy Bushman  
Susan Dodson Rogers  
Stephen Lee Smoak  
Elizabeth Grimboll  
David, Jr. and Carolyn Crockett  
David, Sr. and Willie Crockett  
J.P. and Onnie Jones  
John Bull  
Heyward and Sylvia McDonald  
Everett H. and Corrie C. Gladden  
David McGrew  
Stephan Heider

## *Given by*

Stacey and Jim Brennan  
Laura Murchison  
Jim and Chae Thames  
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Alston and Leah Gore  
Martha Bode  
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Jim Gilchrist  
Jane Anker  
Eugene Rogers  
Julie P. Smoak  
Elizabeth's family  
Paula Crockett  
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Paula Crockett  
Susan Nash  
their daughter and granddaughter  
Peter and Leigh Gladden Lalos  
Janet McGrew  
Karl and Malie Heider

## *In honor of*

Sally Van Pelt  
Shandon Staff  
Shandon Staff  
Sally Rudkin  
Linda Herring  
Betty Jo Byrd

## *Given by*

Stacey and Jim Brennan  
Jim and Chae Thames  
Linda McDonald  
Janet McGrew  
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