



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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Doubting Thomas, by Nicolas Piliero

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 Classic Style

GORDON YOUNG

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Call to Worship

Lisa Ross

Come now to this place of rest and renewal;
let your spirit rejoice in the presence of God.
We sing of God's steadfast love for all people.
We pray for God's peace to dwell in our hearts.
We trust that God will keep God's promises.

God strengthens those who are weak
and comforts those who are broken-hearted.
God's light is the life for all.

Hymn 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son; end - less is the
2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ri - sen from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught with -
vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright
greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with
out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than
rai - ment rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed
glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now
con - querors through thy death - less love; bring us safe through
Refrain
grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay. Thine is the glo - ry,
liv - eth; death hath lost its sting. Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.
ris - en, con - quering Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won!

Call to Confession

Hannah Ratliff

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
your promises stand steady through all generations.
Renew us in hope,
that we might stand tall in faith.
It is easy for us to become overwhelmed:
our world is filled with too much violence,
our schedules are filled with too much chaos,
our hearts are filled with too much hurt.
Too often, we allow those stories to define our days.
So come to us, O God, and tell us your story once again.
as we seek to set fear aside
and trust in your truth.**

(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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-28

"When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me?'"

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

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Responding to the Word

Anthem

Daisy Lawrence, soprano

Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord

MICHAEL HEAD

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
Make a joyful noise all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before his presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that hath made us and we ourselves.
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise.
Be thankful unto him and bless his name.
For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting
and his truth endureth to all generations.

Affirmation of Faith

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.

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

Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing!
ARR. J. WAYNE KERR

Worship Notes

Leading worship today are Rev. Jenny McDevitt, 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.

Announcements

DO YOU HAVE A GRADUATING SENIOR? If you have a graduating senior in high school or in college you would like to include in a special recognition during worship on Youth Sunday, April 18, please contact Molly Spangler, mspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org.

Please include your child's first and last name; school; and after-graduation plans (optional) such as college, job, etc. Parents are also invited to share a short video message to their senior. Text video clips to Molly, 336-880-7535. Clips must be no more than a few sentences, and can follow this prompt if its helpful: "As you graduate, my (our) hope for you is ..." **Deadline to submit a video or information is 5 p.m. today.**

YOUTH SUNDAY. Join us Sunday, April 18, for Shandon's annual Youth Sunday Service. Youth will lead us in worship online as well as at our outdoor service at 11 a.m. We will also share a moment to recognize our graduating seniors and offer them a blessing.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR TIM HOYT DUNCAN. The memorial service for Rev. Dr. Tim Hoyt Duncan will be at 3 p.m. May 7. The congregation is invited to attend virtually, with the service being live-streamed with our new cameras to the church website, shandonpresbyterian.org. We also invite you to record a word of gratitude for Tim's life or share a favorite memory for a video tribute that will be presented later to Nancy Hoyt Duncan and the rest of Tim's family. Record your message here: www.tribute.co/tim-hoyt-duncan/ by May 10.

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

BACKPACK DRIVE FOR HAND MIDDLE SCHOOL. Join Shandon Presbyterian and the Shandon Cluster of Churches in a backpack drive for Hand Middle School. More students are returning in-person after spring break, and many will need a backpack. We will collect backpacks through the end of April. You can drop off backpacks during church office hours or in the bins outside the church 24/7. Please help us ease the transition back to in-person school for a child in need.

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.

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 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

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor
Rev. John Cook, Associate Pastor for Discipleship
Rev. Molly Spangler, Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, and Families
Hannah Ratliff, Shandon/UKirk Pastoral Assistant
Matthew McCall, Director of Music and Organist
Dr. Alicia Walker, Chancel Choir Director
Ashlee Poole, Youth Choir Director
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