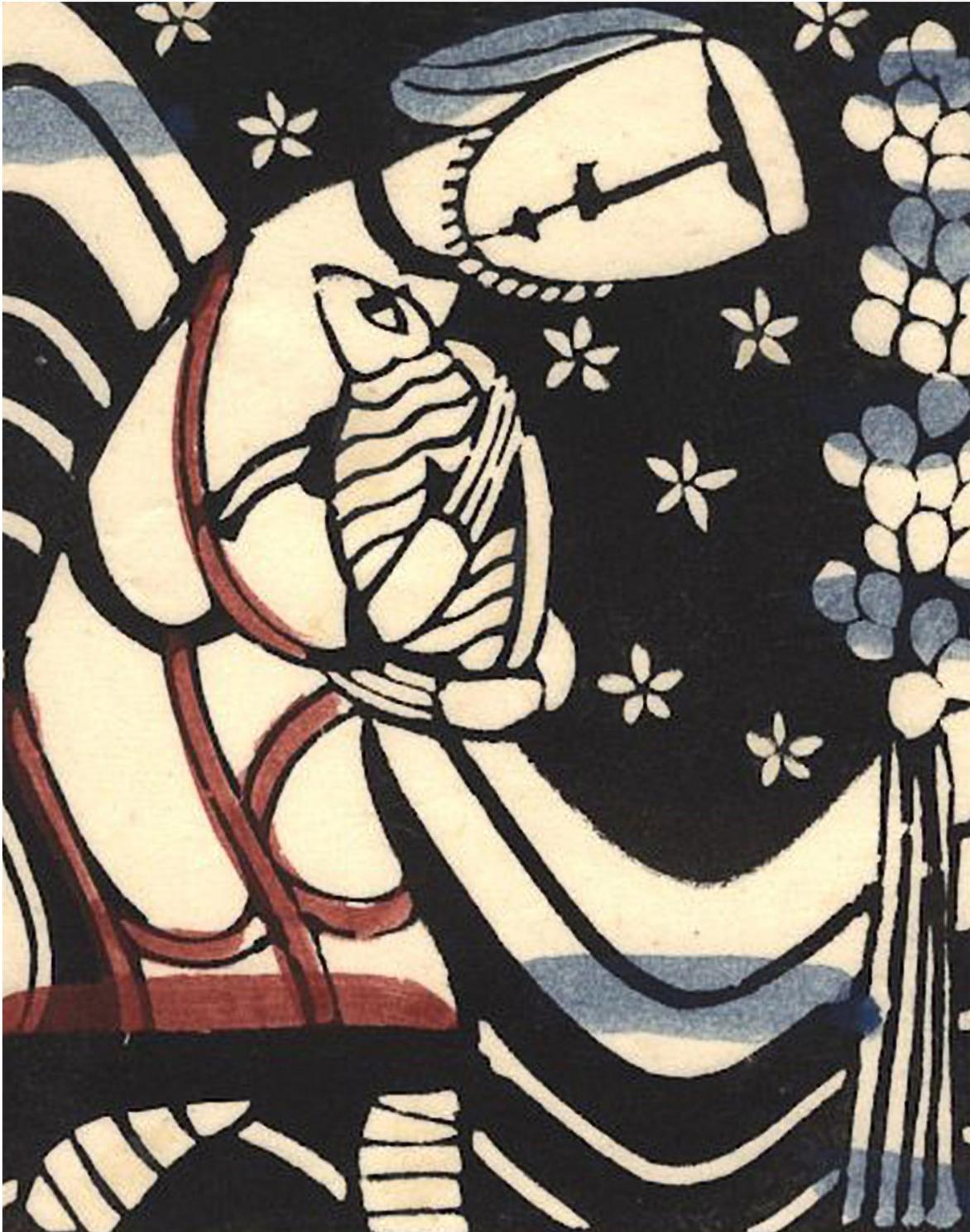




# Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

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*The Good Shepherd, by Sadao Watanabe*

## 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*

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. BACH

## Welcome

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

## Call to Worship

*Johnny Timmons*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.

**Christ lays down his life for the sheep.**

The Lamb of God will be our shepherd forever;

**he will guide us to the water of life.**

## Anthem

*Shandon Choral Scholars*

*Drew Preston, violin*

*Blair Mothersbaugh, flute*

DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

ARR. MACK WILBERG

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name;  
In pastures fresh he make me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me for his mercy's sake,  
in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death,  
thy presences is my stay;

One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,  
no more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

## Call to Confession

*Rev. Molly Spangler*

## Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,**

**You sent us Jesus, our good shepherd,  
to gather us together.**

**Even still, we wander from his flock,  
and resist following where he leads us.**

**We are not well-practiced in listening for his voice,  
and we think we are more self-sufficient than we are.**

**Bring us safely into your fold once again,  
surrounded by your grace and peace.**

(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

John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Sacrifice and Inclusivity

*Rev. Dr. Robert Walker*

## Responding to the Word

Hymn 187

verses 1, 2 and 4

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

1 Sa- vior, like a shep- herd lead us; much we need your ten- der care.  
2 We are yours: in love be- friend us; be the guard- ian of our way.  
4 Ear- ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas - ant pas- tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-  
Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a -  
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir- its

pare. Bless- ed Je- sus, bless- ed Je- sus, you have bought us: we are  
stray. Bless- ed Je- sus, bless- ed Je- sus, hear your chil - dren when we  
fill. Bless- ed Je- sus, bless- ed Je- sus, you have loved us; love us

yours. Bless- ed Je- sus, bless- ed Je- sus, you have bought us: we are yours.  
pray. Bless- ed Je- sus, bless- ed Je- sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.  
still. Bless- ed Je- sus, bless- ed Je- sus, you have loved us; love us still.

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

*Rev. John Cook*

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](http://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

*"O God, Our Help In Ages Past"*

ARR. PAUL MANZ

## Worship Notes

Leading worship today are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Johnny Timmons, Rev. Molly Spangler, Hannah Ratliff, Rev. Dr. Robert Walker, Rev. John Cook, and the Shandon Choral Scholars: Johnnie Felder, Dr. Jabarie Glass, Peter Haley, Andrew Mitchell and Jennifer Mitchell, Ashlee Poole and Kelley Powell, directed by Dr. Alicia Walker.

Today's Prayers of the People and Offering are adapted from Thom M. Shuman's *Liturgy for the 4th Sunday in Easter – Year B – 2021* ([lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/)).

## Announcements

**LEARN ORIGAMI WITH ARTS AT SHANDON.** Join Arts at Shandon as we craft origami flowers, butterflies and cranes together via Zoom at 2 p.m. today. Participants young and old will follow along with live step-by-step instructions and share their paper creations over video. Registration is not required for this free event. To join, pick up provided origami art supplies under the Shandon portico or use your own. Join the Zoom event here. Meeting ID is 949 1285 5062 with passcode 670033. Shandon Presbyterian Church will be collecting paper cranes through May 2 for display in an upcoming church service.

**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](http://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/](http://www.tribute.co/tim-hoyt-duncan/) by May 10.

**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.

**VOLUNTEER FOR WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM.** 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](mailto: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).

**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 and medium roast and whole bean or ground in decaf, 100% Arabica, 50% Arabica/50% Robusta and 100% Robusta. Need a quick gift? Café Justo may be just right – free handmade fabric gift bags with every gift purchase. Several safe delivery options are available. To order, contact Rowena Nylund, [Rnylund@sc.rr.com](mailto:Rnylund@sc.rr.com) or 803-252-7752.

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

**REGISTER FOR OUTDOOR WORSHIP.** Join us for outdoor worship at 11 a.m. each Sunday. The service is similar, but not identical, to the pre-recorded service each week, including a hymn, prayers, scripture and the sermon for the week. Up to 100 participants may attend. Pre-registration is required by noon each Friday. Check your email for the registration link sent weekly on Mondays and Thursdays.

**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](mailto:mspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**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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