



# Shandon Presbyterian Church

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Ordination and Installation of Officers  
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## 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*

"Meditation on an English Folk Tune"

EMMA LOU DIEMER

## Welcome

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

## Call to Worship

*Jennifer Webb*

It is because we care that we have come to this place,  
**and it is because you care, O God,  
that we are welcome in your presence.**

It is because we are grateful that we lift our hymns of praise,  
**and it is because you are gracious  
that you choose to listen with joy.**

It is because we are hopeful that we come  
with whatever we have to offer,

**and it is because you are the source of all hope  
that our offerings become instruments of your gospel's work.**

## Hymn 406

"How Lovely, Lord"

MERLE'S TUNE

1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place; my soul is long - ing,  
2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day is bet - ter than a  
3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High; you show - er us with  
faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace. The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a  
thou - sand if I from you should stray. I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and  
bless - ings; no good will you de - ny. The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from  
place to build her nest; and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.  
claim you as my Lord than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.  
strength to strength shall go, and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

## Call to Confession

*Rev. Molly Spangler*

## Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, God, for the times we let you down.  
Release us, God, from the times we let ourselves down.  
We want so deeply to please you.  
We want so desperately to love you.  
And yet we are surprised by the depths  
of our mistakes.**

**Remind us once again that you are a gracious God,  
and that we are never beyond your redemption. (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

*Caroline Webb*

### Old Testament Reading

#### Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### New Testament Reading

#### Matthew 10:16-31

Jesus said to his disciples, "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows."

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Sermon

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

The Sparrow: Contempt and Compassion

Responding to the Word

Anthem

*Shandon Choral Scholars*

DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

"I Sing Because I'm Happy"

ROLLO DILWORTH

I sing because I'm happy; I sing because I'm free.  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
I'm so happy, yes! I'm so happy, yes I am!

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Statement on Ordination

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

*Hannah Ratliff*

Prayer of Great 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

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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.**

## Benediction

## Postlude

"Prelude in C"  
JOHANN KREBS

## Worship Notes

Leading worship today are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Jennifer Webb, Rev. Molly Spangler, Rev. John Cook, Caroline Webb, Hannah Ratliff 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.

The Call to Worship was written by Rev. Tom Are, Jr. of Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas. The Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

## Announcements

**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.

**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).

**DOES MOM LOVE COFFEE?** Café Justo may be just right for Mother's Day – free handmade fabric gift bags with every gift purchase. Many thanks to great supporters from Forest Lake and Shandon Presbyterian and other friends who have bought for themselves and for gifts. We received word from Frontera de Criston, which supports Café Justo, that we've sold more in last year than any other Presbyterian church. Café Justo is 100% fair-trade organic coffee grown in Chiapas, Mexico. Several varieties available – whole bean or ground – with safe delivery options. To order, contact Rowena Nylund, [Rnylund@sc.rr.com](mailto:Rnylund@sc.rr.com) or 803-252-7752.

**HONOR LOVED ONES WITH SANCTUARY FLOWERS.** Shandon Presbyterian's tradition of giving memorials and honorariums in the form of sanctuary flowers are an important part of worship. To donate flowers, contact Jess Joyner at [jjoyner@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jjoyner@shandonpresbyterian.org). The cost is \$120. Flower donations will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.

**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).

**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**

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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