



Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2021 • 9 & 10:30 am



Pentecost, a quilt by Linda S. Schmidt, fabric artist

Welcome to Shandon Presbyterian Church

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time 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. We also seek to bring our faith into conversation with the world around us and the events of our lives. We strive to follow what Jesus calls the first and greatest commandment: "to love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and all your soul, and all your mind, and all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself."

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. It is also our hope that you would feel connected to this family of faith. If we can help you find your way, please let us know. Opportunities abound with classes, events, and small groups, but we also know that sometimes, a one-on-one conversation is best.

We've been worshipping online and outdoors for some time now. We're finally back in our Sanctuary. Currently, our services are adapted to ensure one another's safety as best we know how — especially our young children who aren't yet able to be vaccinated. When we baptize a child here, we promise to help care for and nurture them. We take those promises seriously, so we continue to wear masks and keep some physical distance during worship and all other indoor, all-church activities. Of course, online worship continues.

We hope this communicates how each one of you matters deeply to us and how there is always a place for you here.

Welcome home.



Rev. Jenny McDevitt
Senior Pastor

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Matthew McCall

Carillon

BY LOUIS VIERNE

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Call to Worship

Spirit of God,
flickering over our heads,
illuminating our faces,
inspiring our thoughts,
give us now, we pray,
words of joy and praise.

Spirit of God,
filling our hearts with hope,
steadying our nerves with peace,
comforting our lives with love,
give us now, we pray,
a sense of joy and praise.

Spirit of God, come to us now,
so that the sparkling light of faith,
the rushing wind of hope,
and the expectant breath of prayer
might be heard outside the church and within each of us.
**Spirit of God, give us now, we pray,
the sound of joy and praise.**

Musical Offering

Shandon Ringers

JOHN MAYNARD, DIR.

Spirit of Gentleness

ARR. JOHN MAYNARD

Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
You poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues,
open ears,
and a new community of faith.
Forgive us, O God,
when we resist what the Spirit asks of us
and fail to listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our timid hearts with conviction and compassion.**
(Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!
And also with you!

Our Life Together

Proclaiming the Word

The Word with Children
Rev. Molly Spangler

Prayer for Illumination
Dale Marshall

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

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

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Consider the Birds: the Pigeon

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,**

**and binds us together in the one body of Christ,
the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men
to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ
as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of people long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom,
and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven
and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

Anthem

Shandon Choral Scholars
DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

O Holy Spirit, Praise to You
BY HOWARD HELVEY

O Holy Spirit, Flowing Light,
of sun's gold sheen and mirror's bright,
reflect in us your clear delight: O Holy Spirit, praise to you.

O Holy Spirit, Wisdom's Fire,
of leaping flame and steeple's spire,
uplift our intellect's desire: O Holy Spirit, praise to you.

O Holy Spirit, Healing Balm,
of scent-filled air and salving calm,
distill our tears to crystal psalm: O Holy Spirit, praise to you.

O Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove,
reach through the lattice of your love,
and train us toward the life above: O Holy Spirit, praise to you.

O Holy Spirit, Paraclete,
make strong our hands and swift our feet,
to serve the Christ in all we meet: O Holy Spirit, praise to you.

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

* Hymn

On Pentecost, They Gathered

ELLACOMBE

- 1. On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples,
to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing,
filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire aglowing
inspired each person there.**
- 2. The people all around them
were startled and amazed
to understand their language,
as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message,
what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen
to vanquish all our fear.**
- 3. God pours the Holy Spirit
on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children
who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit,
bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming,
responds in every hour.**
- 4. O Spirit, sent from heaven
on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us
in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen
and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation
glad songs of joy shall raise.**

* Benediction

Postlude

Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist

BY J. S. BACH

Worship Notes

Leading worship today are: Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. John Cook, Rev. Molly Spangler, Dale Marshall, the Shandon Ringers, under the direction of John Maynard, and the Shandon Choral Scholars, under the direction of Dr. Alicia Walker.

The Call to Worship comes from the Iona Community, Wild Goose Resources. The Prayer of Confession comes from the Book of Common Worship.

Following worship, Deacon Bruce LaFleur will receive pastoral concerns and prayer concerns at Shandon's Peace Pole in front of the Sanctuary. You are also invited to a time of fellowship on the Church Lawn to greet one another and enjoy simple refreshments.

Announcements

IN-PERSON WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY. Registration is required for in-person worship services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Check your email for the link to sign up online or call the church office. Details about how services will be adapted to ensure we are keeping everyone healthy and safe are available on our website. Online worship continues at shandonpresbyterian.org.

USHERS AND GREETERS NEEDED. Returning to the Sanctuary means we need you! In order to support our safety protocols, we need additional ushers and greeters. Contact Linda McDonald, lichmac@aol.com or John McDuffie, johnmcduffie2@gmail.com.

NEED A QUICK GIFT? Café Justo makes a thoughtful and flavorful gift for any occasion — or even for no occasion, just as a surprise for a friend, colleague or teacher. Varieties are dark roast and medium roast and whole bean or ground in decaf, 100% Arabica, 50% Arabica/50% Robusta and 100% Robusta. Safe delivery options are available, and a free handmade fabric gift bag is included with gift purchases. Contact Rowena Nylund, Rnylund@sc.rr.com or 803-252-7752.

FOOD DONATIONS SUPPORT STUDENTS. Donations of shelf-stable food for A.C. Moore Elementary and Dreher High School students can be dropped off weekdays in the designated box under Shandon's portico or at the entrance to outdoor worship on Sundays. This month we are collecting Chef Boyardee ABCs, Beefaroni, spaghetti and lasagna (7.5-ounce size); granola bars; shelf-stable white milk (8 ounces).

STAYING CONNECTED WITH CARE CARDS. The Care Card Ministry sends card to our members for pastoral joys and concerns. If you would like to assist with this ministry, contact Margaret Hicks, margaret@sc.rr.com or 803-917-1005.

WORSHIP ARCHIVES. Want to hear a sermon a second time? Check out our worship archives. Links to full worship services, sermons in pdf form, and weekly bulletins are available: bit.ly/spcworshiparchive — and don't miss our podcast, available on iTunes and SoundCloud.

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.

Upcoming Worship

May 30

Rev. John Cook preaching

June 6 - July 4: The Stories Justice Wants to Tell

June 6

Sometimes You Have to Shout
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

June 13

The Latitude and Longitude of Justice
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

June 20

Justice is Rooted in Relationship
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

June 27

Rev. Molly Spangler preaching

July 4

God Will Use Who God Will Use
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

July 11 - Aug 29: There's Someone I'd Like You to Meet

Each week's service will focus on different characters throughout Scripture. Preachers include Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. Molly Spangler, and Hannah Ratliff.

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
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