



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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River, by John August Swanson

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

Variations on Holy, Holy, Holy

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Welcome

Rev. John Cook

Call to Worship

O come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise,**

For Jesus has shown us the way to new life,
Come to Zion with singing and everlasting joy!

Musical Offering

Sarah Land, violin

Allemande from Partita for Violin in D Minor

BY J.S. BACH, BWV 1004

Call to Confession

Hannah Ratliff

Prayer of Confession

**God of majesty and glory,
We are thirsty for your grace.
You made a way for us in the wilderness,
and still, in our foolishness, we go astray.
We hide our eyes from your presence.
We do not listen to your word.
We are lifeless when we ought to dance
and speechless when we ought to sing.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Speak peace to our fearful hearts,
strengthen our weak hands,
and make firm our feeble knees
as we seek to follow in your holy way.
(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

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Proclaiming the Word

The Word with Children (9 a.m.)

Rev. Molly Spangler

The Sacrament of Baptism (10:30 a.m.)

Ann Carlyle Gunter, daughter of Henry and Allison Gunter

Statement on Baptism

Rev. Molly Spangler

Presentation

Sandra O'Neal

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

**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.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Jim Gilchrist

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 6:16

Thus says the Lord: Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'

Isaiah 35

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,[a] the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. John Cook

Journeys of Renewal: Leaving is Beginning

Responding to the Word

Anthem

Kevin Piner, baritone

Be Thou My Vision

ARR. TOM TRENNEY

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 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

* Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on CWM Rhondda

BY PAUL MANZ

Worship Notes

Leading worship today are: Matthew McCall, Rev. John Cook, Hannah Ratliff, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. Molly Spangler, Jim Gilchrist, Sarah Land and Kevin Piner.

The Call to Confession and Prayer for Illumination are all adapted from Kim Long's *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Vol 1 Advent 3*.

Following worship, Deacon Paty Kadow 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 or our website 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY DEBT RETIREMENT OFFERING. The Sanctuary preservation and new organ were fully funded by pledges and designated gifts. This week we will receive our Fifth Sunday Debt Retirement Offering as we strive to retire our previously incurred building debt. Your generous contribution will be applied to the balance.

COMBINED CIRCLE MEETING. All women of the church are invited to join the Presbyterian Women for a combined circle meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 9, in Davis Hall. Make plans to attend and enjoy fellowship and our guest speaker, Rev. Jenny McDevitt. Jenny will speak on the subject of our Horizons Bible study for 2021-2022 *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy*. For more information, please contact Mary Rutledge Fowler at 803-261-6964 or fowlermr@hotmail.com.

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS. Shandon will celebrate John Cook's sabbatical on Sunday, September 26, with the opening of a new photography exhibit, "Journeys of Renewal," in the Atrium Gallery. While several of the photographs will be from John's sabbatical, Arts at Shandon will organize a collection of pictures from the Shandon family for the exhibition. "Journeys of Renewal" may refer to a wide range of images featuring renewal experienced during the coming summer months: play, recreation, rest, travel, sabbath. Photographers may submit as many pictures as they like. By making a submission, the photographer agrees to its display in the gallery and/or future church communications or publications. Photos may be submitted to artsatshandon@gmail.com by August 15. Contact Jennifer Mitchell, jmmitchell113@gmail.com, with questions.

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.

CLEARING CLUTTER? SHARE YOUR SEWING TREASURES. If you are spring cleaning and find extra fabric, fabric scraps or cotton batting that you no longer have a use for, please share it with the Shandon Quilt Group. The quilters use 100% cotton material in their quilts but create many other items with all types of fabric. SQG is grateful for donations of any sewing-related items. For information, contact Joan Edwards, 803-331-2018.

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.

Upcoming Worship

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 - August 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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