



# Shandon Presbyterian Church

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*From the windows of Saint Bernard Catholic Church in Corning, Ohio*

## 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

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

ARR. ROBERT LIND

## Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

## Call to Worship

Xxxxxx Winburn

The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
**with stars in the night and with birds on the wing.**  
The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
**when the sun rises up and when manna rains down.**  
The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
**through friend and neighbor, family and stranger.**  
The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
**who offers us grace sufficient for the day.**

## Hymn 14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

*Refrain*



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

## Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

## Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
Forgive us when we see your beauty,  
but do not pause in thanksgiving.  
Forgive us when we see all that you have done for us,  
but merely accept it as commonplace.**

**Forgive us when we see an opportunity for mercy,  
but instead offer judgement.**

**Forgive us for all the times  
we are too casual with you,  
with our neighbors,  
and with ourselves.**

**By your grace, help us love rightly.** (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  
*Xxxxxx Winburn*

Scripture Reading                      Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

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

Sermon  
*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

The Pelican: Sacrifice and Gift

Responding to the Word

Anthem  
*Shandon Choral Scholars*  
DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

"O Love"  
ELAINE HAGENBERG

O Love, that will not let me go;  
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain;  
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain and feel  
the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

Prayers of the People  
Rev. Molly Spangler

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

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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

"I'll Praise My Maker"  
JOYCE JONES

## Worship Notes

Leading worship today are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, **Xxxx Winburn**, Rev. John Cook, Hannah Ratliff, **Xxxx Winburn**, Rev. Molly Spangler 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 and the Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

## Announcements

**WORSHIP RETURNS TO THE SANCTUARY MAY 23.** Join us on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, for our return to the Sanctuary. Services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Registration required. 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 will continue at [shandonpresbyterian.org](http://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. Training specific to this new season of worship will be provided for both new and returning ushers and greeters. To volunteer or for more information, contact Jessica Joyner, [jjoyner@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jjoyner@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MAY 15.** We welcome your news for the June issue of The Spire. Please submit items of interest to the congregation to [cward@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:cward@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**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).

**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, [mbspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:mbspangler@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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