



Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

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Euodia and Syntyche

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 NETTLETON

AL TRAVIS

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Call to Worship

This is true:

God loves the world and awakens it every day.

This is true:

Christ heals every ill and binds up every brokenness.

This is true:

The Spirit accompanies each one of us and leads us all home.

This is true:

**We trust in the triune God: creator,
redeemer, and sustainer,
who, right now, in this time and place,
is calling us all to new life.**

Musical Offering

Meditation on an English Folk Song

EMMA LOU DIEMER

Call to Confession

Rev. Molly Spangler

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

You bless us richly;

forgive our reluctance to share.

You hold us close to your heart;

forgive us for keeping others at arm's length.

You lift us from where we have fallen;

forgive us for not offering a helping hand.

You grace us with joy,

forgive us for living in fear.

You whisper truth and shout resurrection;

forgive us for staying silent

when our voice is needed.

Have mercy on us, O God,

and give us the gift of another day, and another chance.

(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!

Proclaiming the Word

The Word with Children

Hannah Ratliff

Prayer for Illumination

Dr. Alicia Walker

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Robert Walker

There's Someone I'd Like You To Meet:

Euodia and Syntyche

Responding to the Word

Anthem

Chancel Choir

I Will Be a Child of Peace

BY ELAINE HAGENBERG

O Holy Father I will be a child of peace and purity,
for well I know thy hand will bless,
the seeker after righteousness.

Offering Tithes and Gifts

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* Hymn 372

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* Benediction

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ARR. AL TRAVIS

Worship Notes

Leading worship today are: Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. Molly Spangler, Hannah Ratliff, Dr. Alicia Walker and Rev. Dr. Robert Walker.

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

Following worship, Deacon Dee DeBerry will receive pastoral concerns and prayer concerns at the entrance to the Memorial Garden.

Join us for lemonade and lemon cookies outside after worship where we can greet each other without masks and see some smiles. This week's Fellowship Time is sponsored by the Worship and Music Ministry. If you would like to help, sign up to serve, set up or clean up at bit.ly/spcsummer2021.

An update on worship protocols

As Richland County has returned to "high virus prevalence" classification (per DHEC), Session has approved continuing our in-person worship in the Sanctuary, maintaining our current protocols of masks, physical distancing and a slightly modified service. Masks are required indoors for everyone, at all times, when Richland County is classified as high prevalence. Masking requirements apply to all persons age 2 and older. A return to moderate or low prevalence will allow us to resume our previous practice, which allows for optional masking under very particular conditions (small groups meeting in a designated space with all participants over the age of 16). We remain committed to making decisions as new circumstances and information emerge, rather than setting a projected timeline.

Announcements

PW BEGINS NEW STUDY YEAR. Women of Shandon, please join us for the Presbyterian Women Annual Meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 17, in the Activity Center as we begin our new study of the year. We will recognize the Honorary Life Member, install officers, remember members who died during the past year and collect the Least Coin Offering. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. For questions or more information, please contact May May Fowler, fowlermr@hotmail.com or (803)261-6964.

MINI VBS AND FOOD TRUCK DINNER. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a mini Vacation Bible School for all ages at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, August 22. We will gather in the Activity Center for music, learning and creativity. At 5:30 p.m., we will head out to the front lawn to enjoy a food truck dinner together.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: AUGUST 15. We welcome your news for the September issue of The Spire. Please submit items of interest to the congregation to cward@shandonpresbyterian.org.

JOURNEYS OF RENEWAL: LAST WEEK TO SUBMIT PHOTOS. Shandon will celebrate John Cook's summer sabbatical in September with the opening of a 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. The photographer agrees to the use of their images in the gallery and/or future church communications or publications.
- This is the final week to submit photos to artsatshandon@gmail.com by August 15. Contact Jennifer Mitchell, jmmitchell113@gmail.com, with questions.

SUMMER DONATIONS: WEEKEND BACKPACK. We need your support for the Weekend Backpack Food Program over the summer. We anticipate that we will be serving three schools when in the fall semester, so our need for donations will increase. You can help by dropping off donations in the designated box under the portico. This summer we are collecting Chef Boyardee ABCs, Beefaroni, spaghetti and lasagna.

LABOR DAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE. Due to the holiday weekend, please note that we will have one worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 5. You are invited to a reception to send off UKirk/Shandon Pastoral Assistant Hannah Ratliff after the service.

Upcoming Worship

There's Someone I'd Like You to Meet

Each week's service focuses on a different character in Scripture.

August 15

James

Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

August 22

Lady Wisdom

Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

Register for in-person worship

Registration is required for in-person worship services at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Up to 100 people may attend each service.

Registration remains open until services are full. Sign up anytime.

Check your email or our website for the link to sign up online or call the church office.

Online worship continues at shandonpresbyterian.org.

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor

Rev. John Cook, Associate Pastor for Discipleship (on sabbatical)

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

Sally Tackett, Children's Choir Director

John Maynard, Handbell Director

Carol Ward, Communications Coordinator

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