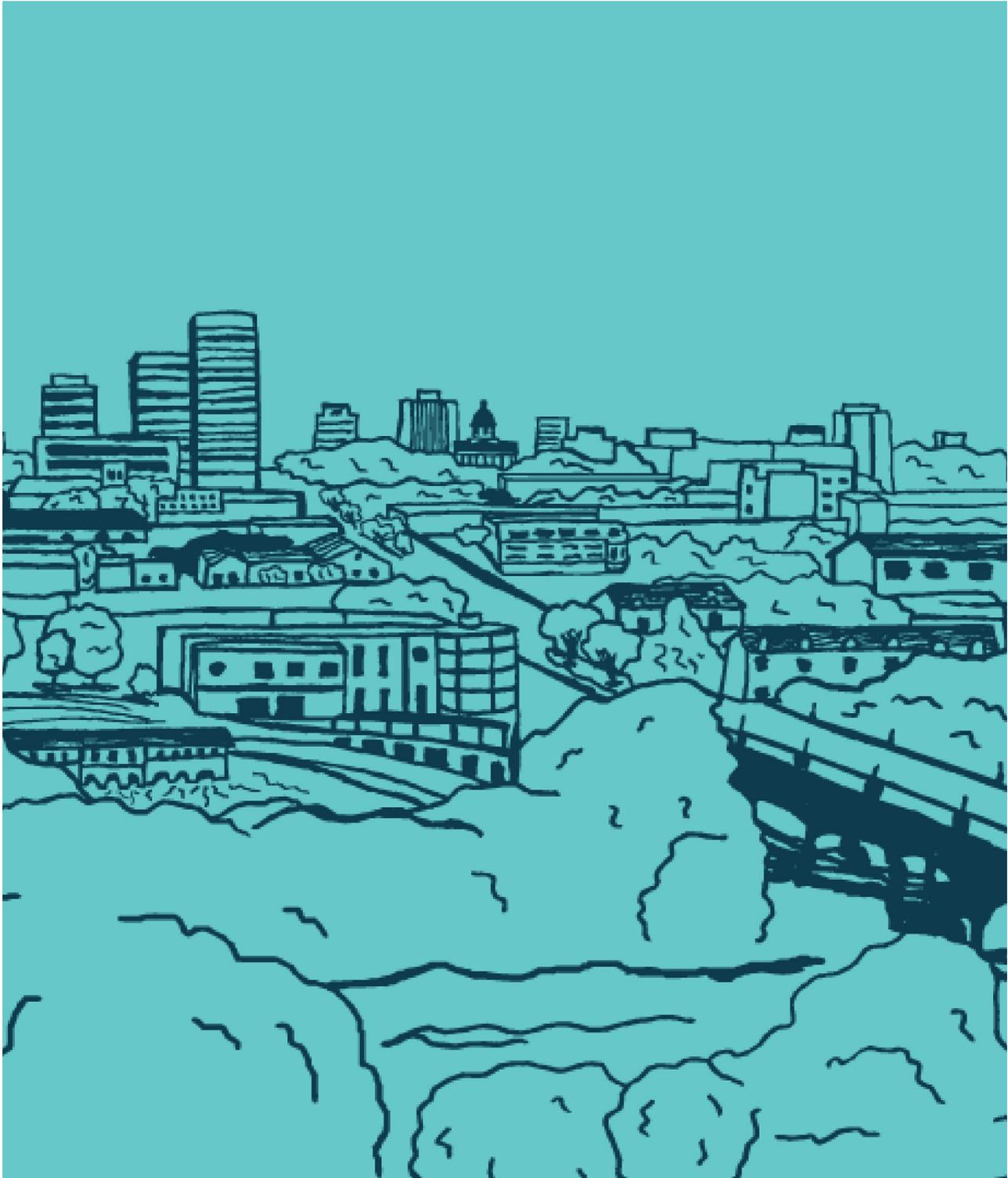




Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

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by Mary Dunn

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

Cantilene

BY GABRIEL PIERNE

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Call to Worship

When wisdom calls out on the streets
and in the marketplaces,

God is in the midst of the city.

In classrooms and on playgrounds,
where children learn and grow,

God is in the midst of the city.

In empty lots and vacant buildings, where laments rise
and needs are great,

God is in the midst of the city.

Wherever we gather as the people of God in worship,

God is in our midst.

Musical Offering

Bryson Stakely, saxophone

Amazing Grace

ARR. RICH HEFFLER

Call to Confession

Rev. Molly Spangler

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

**You make your purpose and way known to us,
but we drift away from your vision,
counting what we might lose
rather than considering what
all creation might gain.**

**In the cries of the poor and sighs of the suffering,
you call us to attend to the needs of others,
but we express apathy toward those unlike us
and are too casual with our resources.**

**You stand ready to mend brokenness
and restore relationships,
but we make enemies and exiles
of those you call us to love and serve.**

**Even as we recall our faults, O God,
remember us in your mercy.** (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

Prayer for Illumination

Henry Hall

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29:1-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. This was after King Jeconiah, and the queen mother, the court officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the artisans, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem. The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiyah, whom King Zedekiah of Judah sent to Babylon to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. It said: Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

The Latitude and Longitude of Justice

Responding to the Word

Anthem

Johnnie Felder, Tenor

Ain't Got Time to Die

BY HALL JOHNSON

Lord, I keep so busy praisin' my Jesus,
ain't got time to die.

'Cause when I'm healin' de sick, I'm praisin' my Jesus;
ain't got time to die.

'Cause it takes all my time to praise my Jesus.
If I don't praise him de rocks gonna cry out:
"Glory an' honor, glory an' honor."
Ain't got time.

Lord, I keep so busy, workin' for de kingdom,
ain't got time to die.

'Cause when I'm feedin' de po'
ain't got time.

Lord, I keep so busy servin' my Master,
ain't got time.
'Cause when I'm givin' my all, I'm servin' my Master,
ain't got time.

Now won't you git out o' my way,
lemme praise my Jesus.
If I don't praise him, de rocks gonna cry out:
"Glory an' honor, glory an' honor."
No, I ain't got time to die.

Affirmation of Faith

from The Confession of Belhar

**We believe in the triune God
who gathers, protects, and cares for the church
through Word and Spirit.
This, God has done since the beginning of the world
and will do to the end.
We believe that God is the one who wishes to bring
about justice and true peace among people;
that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity,
is in a special way the God of the destitute,
the poor, and the wronged;
that God calls the church to follow in this,
for God brings justice to the oppressed
and gives bread to the hungry;
that God frees the prisoner and restores
sight to the blind;
that God supports the downtrodden,
protects the stranger,
and helps orphans and widows;
that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good
and to see what is right;
that the church must therefore stand by people
in any form of suffering and need,
which implies, among other things,
that the church must witness against
and strive against any form of injustice,
so that justice may roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
that the church as the possession of God
must stand where the Lord stands,
namely against injustice and with the wronged.
We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ,
its only head, the church is called
to confess and to do all these things.
To the one and only God be the honor and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

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 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

* Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

BY GORDON YOUNG

Worship Notes

Leading worship today are: Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Bryson Stakely, Rev. Molly Spangler, Henry Hall, Hannah Ratliff and Johnnie Felder.

The Call to Worship draws upon Psalm 46 and Proverbs 1:20. The Prayer of Confession is adapted from *Before the Amen: Creative Resources for Worship* by Anna Shirey.

Following worship, Deacon Mag Galloway 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. Sign up to set up, serve or clean up at bit.ly/spcsummer2021.

Announcements

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP. Shandon's Children's Choir will gather at 4 p.m. today in Davis Hall to make music, enjoy games and share a meal together. All COVID safety measures will be practiced, including masks and social distancing, and all eating will take place outside. A Youth Choir gathering will be scheduled at a later date to give more youth an opportunity to participate.

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.

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

SHANDON MOVIE NIGHT. Come join us on the front lawn on Friday, June 25, for a movie under the stars. Plan to bring blankets, pillows or chairs to keep you and your family comfortable for this intergenerational event. We will be watching the 2003 film, *Cheaper By The Dozen*, which is rated PG for families of all ages. The film will start at 7 p.m. Free ice cream from Sweet Cream Co. will be available starting at 6:30 p.m. and during the movie for a delicious dessert. We hope to see you there.

STANDING OUR HOLY GROUND. Shandon's Peacemaking Committee invites our congregation and our community to take time for reflection during National Gun Violence Awareness Month in June. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) provides some very good resources to help us discern how we might work toward the peace to which Christ calls us. The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of PCUSA, in collaboration with the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, has produced a webinar series Standing Our Holy Ground available at presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/standing-our-holy-ground. Information is also in Shandon's weekly e-newsletter.

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. The cost is \$120. Flower donations will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.

Upcoming Worship

Through July 4: The Stories Justice Needs to Tell

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

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Rev. John Cook, Associate Pastor for Discipleship
Rev. Molly Spangler, Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, and Families
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