



# Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

June 20, 2021 • 9 & 10:30 a.m.



*The Raising of Lazarus*, By Sebastiano Del Piombo incorporating designs by Michelangelo Buonarroti

## 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*

Prelude and Fugue in C

BY J.S. BACH

Welcome

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

Call to Worship

In Christ, God shows us the way, the truth, and the life.

**God is always working toward a more just world.**

In Christ, God offers us eternal light, an endless feast,  
and inspiring strength.

**God's commitment to justice is Good News to all people.**

In Christ, God shares with us everlasting joy, unconditional  
love, and an open heart.

**Justice reflects God's welcome and leads to God's peace.**

**Let us worship the God who calls us to do justice  
and seek righteousness.**

Musical Offering

*Mike LaRoche, baritone*

The Call

BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Call to Confession

*Hannah Ratliff*

Prayer of Confession

**God who is moved to tears,  
In a world of so much trauma and tragedy,  
it is difficult not to become numb.  
We confess we are desensitized  
to the cries of our neighbors.**

**We confess that injustice  
rolls off us like water.  
Help us from our familiarization with pain,  
that it would always rouse our spirit.  
And free us from the responsibility  
to feel every pain at once.  
Help us to discern our capacity for solidarity,  
remembering that the work of justice  
is shared among a collective.  
Inspire us to stand and do our part  
and to rest and and make room  
for others to stand, as well.**

(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  
*Rev. Molly Spangler*

Prayer for Illumination  
*Mary Jeffcoat*

Scripture Reading

John 11:1-7, 11-14, 17-27, 34-44

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, 6 after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said

to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

Justice Is Rooted In Relationships

## Responding to the Word

Anthem

*Members of the Shandon  
Chancel Choir*

DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

Come, Thou Fount

ARR. ERIC NELSON

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart  
to sing thy grace;

Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs  
of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by  
flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of  
thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering  
from the fold of God;

he to rescue me from danger interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace, now like a fetter, bind my  
wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it; prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above!

## 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](http://shandonpresbyterian.org)*

### \* Hymn

#### **O Praise the Gracious Power**

MARION

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>1. O praise the gracious power<br/>that tumbles walls of fear<br/>and gathers in one house of faith<br/>all strangers far and near.<br/>We praise you, Christ!<br/>Your cross has made us one!</b> | <b>3. O praise inclusive love,<br/>encircling every race,<br/>oblivious to gender, wealth,<br/>to social rank or place:<br/>We praise you, Christ!<br/>Your cross has made us one!</b>                         |
| <b>2. O praise persistent truth<br/>that opens fisted minds<br/>and eases from their anxious<br/>clutch the prejudice that blinds:<br/>We praise you, Christ!<br/>Your cross has made us one!</b>     | <b>4. O praise the living Christ,<br/>with faith's bright songful voice!<br/>Announce the gospel to the world<br/>and with these words rejoice:<br/>We praise you, Christ!<br/>Your cross has made us one!</b> |

### \* Benediction

### Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

BY JOHANN WALTHER

## Worship Notes

Leading worship today are: Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Mike LaRoche, Hannah Ratliff, Rev. Molly Spangler, Mary Jeffcoat, members of the Shandon Chancel Choir and Dr. Alicia Walker.

The Call to Worship was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. The Prayer of Confession was written by Cole Arthur Riley | Black Liturgies.

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

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](https://bit.ly/spcsummer2021).

## Announcements

**FATHER'S DAY OFFERING FOR MIGRANT MINISTRY.** Today we will collect the annual Father's Day offering to assist the Migrant and Hispanic Ministry of Trinity Presbytery. Although the camps that host the migrant workers are still not allowing visitors during the pandemic, the work of the program continues. Your contributions will be used to purchase gift cards for food and daily devotional books (in Spanish) for about 200 men and women workers at two local farms. You may donate online at [bit.ly/migrantoffering2021](https://bit.ly/migrantoffering2021). To pay by check, include "Father's Day Offering" in the memo. You may place checks payable to Shandon in the offering plate or mail a check payable to Trinity Presbytery, 554 DaVega Drive, Lexington, SC 29073.

**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.

**SUPPORT FAMILY PROMISE THIS SUMMER.** We have two opportunities to support Family Promise in providing families a healthy and fun summer:

- Shandon is "hosting" four families the week of June 27 through July 3. Because of your generosity and that of Gill Creek Baptist during our previous host week, we need only meal gift cards this time. You can sign up to donate gift cards at [bit.ly/familypromisejune2021](https://bit.ly/familypromisejune2021).
- It's also summer camp time, and we would like to outfit five young campers for Camp Impact, July 19-23. Held in collaboration with Camp Cole in Eastover, Camp Impact provides a fun experience for children whose families are homeless or at risk of homelessness. To support a camper, go to [bit.ly/campimpact2021](https://bit.ly/campimpact2021).

**BLOOD DRIVE JULY 18.** Giving blood can make a big difference in the lives of others and the need is constant. Please make a donation appointment for the Red Cross blood drive in Shandon's Activity Center 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 18. You may sign up online at [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org). Enter the sponsor code, ShandonPres. Or call or email Linda McDonald, 803-530-5154, [lichmac@aol.com](mailto:lichmac@aol.com). Red Cross professionals will assist you in giving blood in a clinically sanitized environment. Thank you for giving this essential gift of life.

## **Upcoming Worship**

### **Through July 4: The Stories Justice Needs to Tell**

June 27

Justice for Every Body

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.

### **Register for in-person worship**

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. Online worship continues at [shandonpresbyterian.org](http://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

Dr. Robert Walker, Church Administrator

Jessica Joyner, Office Manager

Catherine Teal, Financial Manager

Sandie Stillinger, Bookkeeper

Gerald Taylor, Sexton