



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jenny".

Rev. Jenny McDevitt
Senior Pastor

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Matthew McCall

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

ARR. AARON DAVID MILLER

Welcome

Rev. Molly Spangler

Call to Worship

Rev. Molly Spangler

Let us start this service by reminding ourselves:
that it is not we who chose Christ,

but Christ who chose us.

That we are not here because of our goodness

but because of Christ's grace.

That we are not here to go our own way,

but to follow Christ's way.

So let us worship God and let us follow Christ,

because we are Christ's beloved disciples.

Musical Offering

Connie Schulz, violin

Adagio

G.F. HÄNDEL

Call to Confession

Hannah Ratliff

Prayer of Confession

**Ever faithful God, you call us beloved,
Yet we confess that we wonder if you are talking to us.**

**We try to be faithful, but our efforts
seem to produce mixed results.
Sometimes we do what is right
and the result is pain and suffering.
Other times we turn our back on what is right
and things seem to go just fine.
Faithful living is confusing to us.**

**Forgive us when we are faithful just to gain an advantage.
Forgive us when we reject faithful living
because we can't see any advantage.**

**Have mercy on us, we pray, and help us to love you so
deeply that the only desire of our heart is to honor you
with our lives, no matter what the outcome.**

(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
Eddie McNeish

Scripture Reading

John 21:20-25

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!" So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?" This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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

Sermon

Rev. Molly Spangler

The Beloved Disciple

Responding to the Word

Anthem

Andrew Mitchell
baritone

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
ARR. WILLIAM BRADLEY ROBERTS

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us learn thy will;
do thou, Lord, our only Savior,
with thy love our hearts now fill.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
Thou hast love us; love us still.

Affirmation of Faith

from a Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent
and believe the gospel.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

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 297

In Christ Called to Baptize

ST. DENIO

* Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in C Minor

BY J.S. BACH

Worship Notes

Leading worship today are: Matthew McCall, Rev. Molly Spangler, Connie Schulz, Hannah Ratliff, Edie McNeish and Andrew Mitchell.

The Call to Worship was adapted from a prayer written by Bruce Prewer and the Prayer of Confession was adapted by Rev. Molly Spangler.

Following worship, Deacon Tricia Kuna 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 Fellowship Ministry. If you would like to help, sign up to serve, set up or clean up at bit.ly/spcsummer2021.

Announcements

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. Enter the sponsor code, ShandonPres. Or call or email Linda McDonald, 803-530-5154, 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.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT SHANDON? The most important thing you need to know about Shandon: There is always a place for you here. If you have other questions or are interested in joining the church, attend "Tell Me More About Shandon" at noon Sunday, July 18. Lunch and child care provided. Contact Jess Joyner, jjoyner@shandonpresbyterian.org, to sign up.

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

SHANDON'S SUMMER GAMES. Shandon's Education and Fellowship committees are teaming up to bring us the Shandon Summer Games 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 25, on the front lawn. Intergenerational teams will vie against each other in games that are sure to make you laugh and maybe get a little wet. Come for the games and stay for dinner - we will have several food trucks. To help us plan for food and games, please sign up at bit.ly/spcgames.

2021-2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS. We are gathering a Confirmation class for 2021-2022 year! If you have a rising seventh- or eighth-grader who would like to participate, please contact Molly Spangler, mspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org as soon as possible. Rising ninth-graders who missed Confirmation in the past are also invited to join the class. Invitations will be sent at the end of July, so please get in touch soon.

ORDER YOUR SHANDON PRESBYTERIAN T-SHIRT. We are ordering shirts to celebrate Rally Day this fall. They will feature an image of the church drawn by Grace Hunter. Adult and youth sizes are available. Please place your order by Friday, July 23, for delivery in September. A suggested donation is \$10 per shirt. Order yours today at bit.ly/spcshirts2021.

Upcoming Worship

July 18 - August 29: There's Someone I'd Like You to Meet

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

July 18

Tabitha

Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

July 25

Joseph of Arimathea

Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

August 1

Deborah

Hannah Ratliff preaching

August 8

Euodia and Syntyche

Dr. Robert Walker 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

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