



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

Jayne Moffatt,
guest organist

Adagio

J.S. BACH, ARR B. MARCELLO

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Call to Worship

Famous

BY NAOMI SHIHAB NYE

The river is famous to the fish.

The loud voice is famous to silence,
which knew it would inherit the earth
before anybody said so.

The cat sleeping on the fence is famous to the birds
watching him from the birdhouse.

The tear is famous, briefly, to the cheek.

The idea you carry close to your bosom
is famous to your bosom.

The boot is famous to the earth,
more famous than the dress shoe,
which is famous only to floors.

The bent photograph is famous to the one who carries it
and not at all famous to the one who is pictured.

I want to be famous to shuffling men
who smile while crossing streets,
sticky children in grocery lines,
famous to them as one who smiled back.

**I want to be famous in the way a pulley is famous,
or a buttonhole, not because it did anything spectacular,
but because it never forgot what it could do.**

Musical Offering

Susan Steedman, clarinet
John Steedman, violin

Allegro Moderato

F.J. HAYDN

Call to Confession
Hannah Ratliff

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
Sometimes we think too much of ourselves.
Oftentimes we think too little of ourselves.
We doubt that we could be used for your kingdom work.
We suspect that we are not good enough,
faithful enough,
kind enough,
or wise enough.
Remind us that any good in us comes from you,
and that we need only have open hearts
and the courage to listen to your calling,
even when it unsettles us.**

(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
Mary Jeffcoat

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:36-42

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

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

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Tabitha

Responding to the Word

Anthem

Shandon Chancel Choir

DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

O God Beyond All Praising

GUSTAV HOLST, ARR. RICHARD PROULX

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown,
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory!

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we will triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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

Text SHANDONPC to 73256 or visit shandonpresbyterian.org

* Hymn 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

* Benediction

Postlude

Fugue on the Magnificat

BY JOHANN PACHELBEL

Worship Notes

Leading worship today are: Jayne Moffatt, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Susan Steedman, John Steedman, Hannah Ratliff, Rev. Molly Spangler, Mary Jeffcoat, Shandon Chancel Choir and Dr. Alicia Walker.

The Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

Following worship, Deacon Emi Ohta 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 Finance Ministry. If you would like to help, sign up to serve, set up or clean up at bit.ly/spcsummer2021.

Announcements

ORDER YOUR SHANDON T-SHIRTS BY JULY 23. 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.

SIGN UP FOR 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, mspanglershandonpresbyterian.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.

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS. 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.
- Photos may be submitted to artsatshandon@gmail.com by August 15. Contact Jennifer Mitchell, jmmitchell113@gmail.com, with questions.

NEED A QUICK GIFT? THINK COFFEE. Café Justo makes a thoughtful and flavorful gift for any occasion — or even for no occasion as a surprise for a friend or colleague. Varieties are dark roast and medium roast and whole bean or ground in decaf, 100% Arabica, 50% Arabica/50% Robusta and 100% Robusta. Safe delivery options are available, and a free handmade fabric gift bag is included with gift purchases. Contact Rowena Nylund, Rnylund@sc.rr.com or 803-252-7752.

Upcoming Worship

July 25 - August 29: There's Someone I'd Like You to Meet

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

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

Carol Ward, Communications Coordinator

Dr. Robert Walker, Church Administrator

Jessica Joyner, Office Manager

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Gerald Taylor, Sexton