



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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unfinished Pieta, by Michaelangelo

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

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C

BY DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Call to Worship

We gather with big questions:

What is true?

Who will love me?

Can this hurt be healed?

Where are we going?

Will we ever get there?

Into all of our complexity and uncertainty, Jesus reminds us:
"I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life."

**Because of this, we gather with big questions,
but also with great hope.**

Musical Offering

Jesus Calls Us

ARR. EMMA LOU DIEMER

Call to Confession

Rev. Molly Spangler

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

**This past week has been like so many before it:
we thought we would be better than we were.**

**We wanted to pray more,
study more, trust more.**

**We meant to be gentle,
with each other and with the world.**

We intended to let grace have the last word.

**We have disappointed ourselves again, O God,
and we are afraid we have disappointed you, too.**

**There is such distance between
who we are and who we want to be.**

Help us.

Receive us as we are, but do not leave us this way.

(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
Sarah Ramsey

Scripture Reading

Mark 15:42-46

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

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

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

There's Someone I'd Like You To Meet:
Joseph of Arimathea

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

from The Confession of 1967

**God's sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant
and wisdom in the folly of the cross.**

**The power of God's love in Christ
to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer
is the Lord and Creator
who made all things to serve
the purpose of God's love.**

**God has created the world of space and time
to be the sphere of God's dealings
with humankind.**

**In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness,
order and disorder,**

**the world reflects to the eye of faith
the majesty and mystery of its Creator.
Life is a gift to be received with gratitude
and a task to be pursued with courage.
In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of life and society,
and God's victory over all that is wrong.
With an urgency born of this hope,
we apply ourselves to our present tasks,
ever striving for a better world.**

Anthem

*Daisy Lawrence,
soprano*

Cry No More
BY DAN FORREST

In the shadows where we linger,
in this darkness we call home,
Where the sighs are deep and doubtful
and our aspirations groan,
All is not in vain, Beloved, our travail is not unknown.
Christ within us, Christ among us,
Christ the first and Christ the last,
Love Incarnate, hold your children
till the storm of life is past.

Though we have not faith to seek him,
Christ himself will draw us near,
Deep, abiding rays of mercy cast their light on lonely fear,
Cry no more, ye poor and weary, our redeeming Lord is here.
Christ within us, Christ among us,
Christ the first and Christ the last,
Love Incarnate, hold your children
till the storm of life is past.

Sure defender, never failing, Radiant Savior, Holy Friend –
Gift of glory, Hope of Heaven, call us now to faith again!
Alleluia! Blest compassion! Grace is shining without end!
Christ within us, Christ among us,
Christ the first and Christ the last,
Love Incarnate, hold you children
till the storm of life is past.

Prayers of the People
Hannah Ratliff

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 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

* Benediction

Postlude

Allegro Maestosto e Vivace

BY FELIX MENDELSSOHN

FROM SONATA IN C MINOR

Worship Notes

Leading worship today are: Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. Molly Spangler, Sarah Ramsey, Daisy Lawrence and Hannah Ratliff.

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

Following worship, Deacon Jim Gilchrist 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 Outreach Ministry. If you would like to help, sign up to serve, set up or clean up at bit.ly/spcsummer2021.

Announcements

TODAY: 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. today 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.

SIGN UP NOW: 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.

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.

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.

WORSHIP ARCHIVES. Want to hear a sermon a second time? Check out our worship archives. Links to full worship services, sermons in pdf form, and weekly bulletins are available: bit.ly/spcworshiparchive — and don't miss our podcast, available on iTunes and SoundCloud.

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

There's Someone I'd Like You to Meet

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

August 1

Deborah
Hannah Ratliff preaching

August 8

Euodia and Syntyche
Dr. Robert Walker preaching

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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