



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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Deborah, by Lauren Wright-Pittman

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

St. Anne Fugue

J.S. BACH

Welcome

Hannah Ratliff

Call to Worship

We gather in this place, as far-from-perfect people
in a far-from-perfect world.

**We gather as God's children, seeking refuge, wisdom,
shade, and a gentle breeze.**

We gather so that our souls might be fortified,
and that we might strengthen one another.

**We gather here to speak the truth, boldly and with love.
We gather here to worship the Triune God:
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer! Amen.**

Musical Offering

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ARR. AARON DAVID MILLER

Call to Confession

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Prayer of Confession

**God of the shade tree,
Be with us when all is well,
and be with us when we make a mess of things.
Be with us when we say things we soon regret,
and when we leave old hurts to fester in silence.
Be with us when we let our desire to control –
our circumstances, each other, even You –
impede our ability to see the powerful
and unexpected ways You are at work in our lives.
All we can ask is that You be with us, God,
and with each passing day, You would make us
more like the children You intend for us to be.
(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
Dale Marshall

Scripture Reading

Judges 4:1-10

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'" Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go." And she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hannah Ratliff

There's Someone I'd Like You To Meet:
Deborah, Judge of Israel

Responding to the Word

Anthem

Johnnie Felder,
tenor

Guide My Feet
ARR. JACQUELINE B. HAIRSTON

Guide my feet while I run this race
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Offering Tithes and Gifts

Text SHANDONPC to 73256 or visit shandonpresbyterian.org

* Hymn 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

LYONS

* Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

BY GORDON YOUNG

Worship Notes

Leading worship today are: Matthew McCall, Hannah Ratliff, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. Molly Spangler, Dale Marshall and Johnnie Felder.

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by Hannah Ratliff.

Following worship, Deacon Laura Covington 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 Personnel Ministry. If you would like to help, sign up to serve, set up or clean up at bit.ly/spcsummer2021.

Announcements

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.

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.

SUMMER DONATIONS: WEEKEND BACKPACK. We need your support for the Weekend Backpack Food Program over the summer. We anticipate that we will be serving three schools when in the fall semester, so our need for donations will increase. You can help by dropping off donations in the designated box under the portico. This summer we are collecting Chef Boyardee ABCs, Beefaroni, spaghetti and lasagna.

SAVE THOSE POP TOPS. Please save the aluminum tabs from drink cans and food cans to support Ronald McDonald House. You may drop them off in the mini house collection bin in the church reception area. For more information, call or text Joan Edwards at 803-331-2018. Pickup may be available for large quantities of tabs.

LABOR DAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE. Due to the holiday weekend, please note that we will have one worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 5.

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

There's Someone I'd Like You to Meet

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

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
Dr. Robert Walker, Church Administrator
Jessica Joyner, Office Manager
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Sandie Stillinger, Bookkeeper
Gerald Taylor, Sexton