



# Shandon Presbyterian Church

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*The Historical Books, in the Saint John's Bible*

## Welcome to Shandon Presbyterian Church

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member . . .

Whether you are familiar with our traditions or still find it all a bit strange . . .

Whether you grew up Presbyterian or Baptist or Jewish or agnostic . . .

Whether you came with a friend or slipped in by yourself . . .

Whether you are in search of comfort or wanting to be challenged . . .

Whatever reason brought you to worship today, you are welcome here and you have made us better by being present with us.

We take seriously Jesus' instructions to love God, love one another, and love our neighbors. Our worship style is traditional and true to our Reformed heritage. At the same time, we seek to bring our faith into conversation with the world around us and the events of our lives. We sing with joy and we pray with honesty.

Hospitality is important and friendship is holy. That's why we gather for fellowship, cookies, and lemonade on the Church Lawn after worship. Please join us. We think you'll find us to be a warm, approachable group of people trying our best to live like Jesus teaches. If you're looking for a perfect church, we aren't it. We're real people, and we do the very best we can, but we don't always get it right. We understand how much we all need grace in our lives. And we believe that God's love, which never gives up and never lets go, is for everyone. Including you.

There is a place for you here. Welcome home.



Rev. Jenny McDevitt  
Senior Pastor

## Current Covid-19 Protocols

At Shandon Presbyterian Church, your health and safety is extremely important to us. So, too, is the health and safety of our community. Presently, masks are required indoors at all times. Any eating or drinking takes place outdoors, where masks are optional. The most up-to-date studies have demonstrated that so long as masks are worn properly, we can sing safely. Social distancing remains in place. Our worship services are still somewhat altered to accommodate this.

We love our neighbors and we believe these practices are the best way to put that love in action. Our paid staff are all fully vaccinated, and we encourage vaccination for all who are eligible.

## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Matthew McCall*

Prelude and Fugue in G

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE, BUXWV 147

Welcome

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

\* Call to Worship

In the beginning,  
before time, before people,  
before the world began,  
**God was.**

Here and now,  
among us, beside us,  
clearer than air, closer than breath,  
**God is.**

In all that is to come,  
when we have turned to dust,  
and human knowledge has been completed,  
**God will be.**

Not despairing of the earth, but delighting in it,  
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,  
through Jesus Christ and by the power of the Spirit,  
**God was, God is, God will be.**

\* Hymn 268

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

DIADEMATA

Call to Confession

*Rev. Molly Spangler*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
We do not always know how to handle our history.  
When we make an idol of the past  
and resist the newness your Spirit offers,  
forgive us.  
When we ignore the moments that make us wince  
and pretend everything was otherwise,  
forgive us.  
When we do not learn from our mistakes  
and thus are doomed to repeat them,  
forgive us.  
When we believe that you were not present,  
and harden our hearts against you,  
forgive us.  
Save us from ourselves, we pray. (Silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

Summary of the Law

... "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?"

**Jesus said:**

**"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul  
and with all your mind  
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and greatest commandment.**

**And a second is like it:**

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

**On these two commandments  
hang all the law and the prophets."**

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

*Marie Maynard*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals." For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance. For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh. The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands — O prosper the work of our hands!

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Faith and History: When the Church Has Gotten It Wrong (and Right)

## Responding to the Word

Anthem

Chancel Choir

DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

O Christ the Same

CARL SCHALK

O Christ the same, through all our stories pages,  
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears,  
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,  
unchanging still amid the passing years:

O living Word, the source of all creation,  
who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,  
we bring you thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing  
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,  
still as of old upon your body bearing,  
the marks of love, in triumph glorified:

O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,  
O Prince of Life, in all your saving power,

O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,  
we give you thanks for this, the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping,  
our lives our loves, our days and years remain,  
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,  
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:

O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,  
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,

O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrow,  
we give you thanks for all that is to be.

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

*Offerings may be placed in the boxes near each exit upon leaving. You may also give by texting SHANDONPC to 73256 or visiting our website, shandonpresbyterian.org.*

\* Hymn 320

**The Church of Christ in Every Age**

WAREHAM

\* Benediction

Postlude

Maestoso e Vivace

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

## Worship Notes

Leading worship today are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. Molly Spangler, Marie Maynard, the Chancel Choir and Dr. Alicia Walker.

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession for today's service were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

Following worship, a deacon 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.

## Announcements

**IT'S TIME FOR FAMILY PROMISE.** We are "hosting" four families (moms and six children) with Gill Creek Baptist Church the week of October 10. Please check out the online sign up at [bit.ly/familypromiseoct2021](https://bit.ly/familypromiseoct2021) for gas, grocery and restaurant gift cards. Thank you for your consistent and generous support for Family Promise.

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER: HOW YOU CAN HELP.** Instead of an in-person meal-packing event for Rise Against Hunger this fall, Shandon's Outreach Ministry will make a donation for 20,000 meals (\$6,825.82). You can support Shandon in supplying these meals with a donation by check payable to Shandon Presbyterian with "Rise Against Hunger" on the memo line. More ways to participate can be found under the "Serve" tab at [shandonpresbyterian.org](https://shandonpresbyterian.org).

**SOW MEETS OCTOBER 13.** Our monthly SOW fellowship meal and programs will meet October 13, November 10, and December 8. Check your email or our website for details. Reminder: All choirs continue to meet weekly according to the schedule. Childcare is provided each Wednesday from 6-7:15 pm.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15.** We welcome your news for the November issue of The Spire. Please submit items of interest to the congregation to [cward@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:cward@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**TREATS ON THE STREET.** Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for this fun fall event 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, October 27. The whole family will enjoy games, trick or treating and fall photo opportunities on Shandon's front lawn. Food trucks will be on site to purchase dinner. If you would like to host one of our games, please sign up at [bit.ly/spctreats2021](https://bit.ly/spctreats2021).

**WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S.** A group from Shandon will meet in the church parking lot at 9 a.m. Saturday, October 30, to participate in this year's walk. To join us and/or help the Shandon Presbyterian Team with a donation, contact Mary Rogers, 803-920-6742 or [visting@yahoo.com](mailto:visting@yahoo.com), or go to [bit.ly/spcalzwalk2021](https://bit.ly/spcalzwalk2021).

**ADVENT BEFORE HALLOWEEN?** That's right. We have Advent on the brain already because we want to fill our Advent devotional this December with voices from our Shandon family. If you are interested in writing a reflection, please email Molly Spangler at [mbspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:mbspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org) by Sunday, October 17. You will receive a prompt and more instructions to help you reflect.

**JOURNEYS OF RENEWAL PHOTO GALLERY.** The gallery will remain open during regular church hours throughout October. Stop by and enjoy photos from Rev. John Cook's sabbatical and from the congregation as we found time for sabbath this summer. If you have questions, please contact [artsatshandon@gmail.com](mailto:artsatshandon@gmail.com). This Arts at Shandon event is free, but donations are always appreciated.

**CAFÉ JUSTO: A CUP WITH A CAUSE.** We have surpassed \$16,000 in Café Justo sales! Thank you for making this possible with your purchases for yourself and as gifts for friends. It's fast and easy to order, and it's only \$10 for a full pound. Email Rowena Nylund, [Rnylund@sc.rr.com](mailto:Rnylund@sc.rr.com), call 803-252-7752 or text 803-743-7122. Varieties are dark roast and medium roast and whole bean or ground in decaf, 100% Arabica, 50% Arabica/50% Robusta and 100% Robusta.

## Upcoming Worship

### WITH ALL YOUR MIND

September 19 through October 24

Jesus tells us the greatest commandment is to love the Lord, our God, with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind. Join us as we consider faith in conversation with education and intellect.

#### September 19

Thank God For Teachers  
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

#### September 26

Every Mind Needs a Break: a Sabbatical Reflection  
Rev. John Cook preaching

#### October 3

World Communion Sunday  
Faith and Science: Complementary, Not Contradictory  
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

#### October 10

Faith and History: When the Church Has Gotten It Wrong (and Right)  
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

#### October 17

Faith and Art: Beauty Is Essential  
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

#### October 24

Faith and Math: When the Numbers Don't Add Up  
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

### **The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church**

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff  
Rev. John Cook, Associate Pastor for Discipleship  
Rev. Molly Spangler, Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, and Families  
MC Jordan, Children and Youth Ministries 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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Gerald Taylor, Facilities Manager