



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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Bronze, one of the metals used to construct the tabernacle

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

Whatever reason brought you to worship today, you are welcome here. We take seriously Jesus' instructions to love God, love one another, and love our neighbors. We don't all look alike, act alike, or think alike. We don't all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions and carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we worship together as one unified community.

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

Welcoming Children

Children are always welcome in worship! Families are welcome to sit anywhere in the Sanctuary, though little ones are often more engaged when they are able to see everything going on. We understand that children come fully equipped with wiggles, giggles, questions and noises. Your child's presence among us is a gift. We include a time especially for children as part of each worship service. Child care is available in Room 107 for kindergarten-aged children and younger, if that is your preference. For more information about children's and family ministries, please contact Rev. Molly Spangler at mspankler@shandonpresbyterian.org.

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.** Eating and drinking takes place outdoors, where masks are optional. The most up-to-date studies have demonstrated that when masks are worn properly, singing is safe. 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 into action. Our paid staff are fully vaccinated. We encourage vaccination for all who are eligible.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Matthew McCall

Fantasy in G

J.S. BACH

* Call to Worship

Rev. John Cook

Come to this time of worship and praise God.

**We come,
those of us with much faith,
and those of us wishing for more faith.**

Come to this place of prayer and seek God.

**We come,
those of us who know what it is to run, to walk, and to fly,
and those of us who know what it is to stumble.**

Come to this community of faith and love God.

**We come,
those of us who hunger and thirst for a more just world,
and those of us who long for a place to rest.**

We have come, and God is here, too.

Let us meet and be met by God.

* Hymn 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Call to Confession

Rev. Molly Spangler

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
You have blessed us
with an abundance of gifts and talents.
But we forget that you are the source
of all that we have and all that we are.
And so we move through life striving for more
and holding on tightly to what we have.
You offered your very self, your own son, for us;
we have trouble giving our lives back to you.
Forgive us for any stinginess and selfishness.
Forgive us for believing the myth of scarcity.
Forgive us for all the ways we fall short
of living as your generous people. (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. Jenny McDevitt

Our Life Together

Minute for Mission
Sandra O'Neal

Prayer for Illumination
Bill Toal

Scripture Reading

Psalm 96

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity." Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

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

Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 36:2-7

Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every skillful one to whom the Lord had given skill, everyone whose heart was stirred to come to do the work; and they received from Moses all the freewill offerings that the Israelites had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning, so that all the artisans who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task being performed, and said to Moses, "The people are bringing much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do." So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp: "No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." So the people were restrained from bringing; for what they had already brought was more than enough to do all the work.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Too Much Generosity?

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 711

Lord of All Good

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.**

Offertory

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.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

Rise, Shine!

ARR. M. GARRETT AND T. TRENNEY

Oh, rise, shine, for the light is a comin'.
My Lord says he's comin' by an' by.

This is the year of jubilee!
My Lord has set his people free!
Wet or dry, I intend to try,
to serve the Lord until I die!
My Lord says he's comin' by an' by.

Oh, rise, shine, for the light is a comin'.
My Lord says he's comin' by an' by.

I intend to shout and never stop,
until I reach that mountaintop!
My Lord says he's comin' by an' by.

Oh, rise, shine, for the light is a comin'.
My Lord says he's comin' by an' by.

* Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him, all creatures here below!
Praise him, above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

**Your importance in our lives, O God,
is reflected in our giving.
We return to you a portion of all you have entrusted to us,
trusting that you will use it
to bring healing and hope to the world you love.
Make us partners in that work, we pray,
making use of our time and abilities, too.
Bless every gift, whatever its size,
and multiply to good to be done.
Enable our offerings to do
even more than we can imagine. Amen.**

* Hymn 301

Let Us Build a House

* Benediction

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ARR. CHARLES W. ORE

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. John Cook, Rev. Molly Spangler, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Sandra O'Neal, Bill Toal and the Chancel Choir under the direction of guest director Dr. Jabarie Glass.

TODAY'S LITURGY, including the Call to Worship, the Prayer of Confession, and the Prayer of Dedication, was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

JOIN US OUTSIDE for lemonade and cookies after worship! In addition, Deacon Patty Kadow will receive pastoral concerns and prayer requests outside the Memorial Garden.

Announcements

ALL SAINTS' DAY. During worship on Sunday, November 7, we will read the necrology and remember the names of church members who have died this past year with prayer and thanksgiving. We will also include any additional names you wish to submit. All names will be included in the worship bulletin as well as in a short remembrance video that will be available online for personal reflection. Call or email Brittany Young, byoung@shandonpresbyterian.org, by Monday, November 1, with names you wish to have included on All Saints' Day.

- **Evening candle lighting:** The Memorial Garden will be open 5:30-6:30 p.m., November 7. Come and spend a few moments in prayer or light a candle for a loved one. While there is no formal service, an instrumentalist will provide music and pastors will be on-site.

MEMORIAL GARDEN PLANS. Our Memorial Garden is getting a “refresh.” Because this holy space is important to so many, we welcome you into the conversation all along the way. Church member Morgan Grimball, a landscape architect who worked on the space originally, has planned out a careful approach to help ensure the Memorial Garden always looks its finest. The congregation is invited to informational conversations in Davis Hall today after worship or at 6 p.m. Wednesday, November 3. Before work begins, a brief prayer service will be held in the Memorial Garden to honor those laid to rest there and bless the work being done.

TIME TO FALL BACK. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 7.

MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE: STEWARDSHIP 2022. While stewardship is a lifelong, year-round spiritual practice, we emphasize financial stewardship in November as we plan next year's budget using your pledges as a guide to spending. We hope you will prayerfully consider your gift to Shandon this year. Every gift is a blessing to the church that helps us reach out through worship, care for our members and support to our community. Thank you!

- A stewardship sermon series will run from October 31 through November 14.
- November 14, Dedication Sunday, will include an outdoor reception following worship and a churchwide service project that afternoon. More information is coming soon!

OFFICER NOMINATIONS. The Nominating Committee seeks your recommendations for individuals to serve in the role of elder, deacon and trustee. A slate of five elders, five deacons and two trustees will be presented to the congregation for approval to serve a three-year term as the Class of 2025. You may submit a form online at bit.ly/spcofficers, download and print a form at bit.ly/spcofficers2022 to drop off or mail to the church office, or submit recommendations to Sarah Ramsey, sarahsramsey@gmail.com. Please submit recommendations by November 17.

DISCOVERY CONVERSATIONS. Autumn is a time of harvesting, gathering and assessing what has gone before. It's also a time of looking ahead and planning. As more normal times seem to be peeking through the clouds, Shandon would like to assess where we've been and, more importantly, where we want to go. A small gathering of Shandon members and Rev. Jenny McDevitt recently attended a guiding conference to plan a way to take the pulse of the congregation. In the coming weeks and months, this group will have one-on-one discussions with a manageable cross-section of the congregation. If you are contacted, we hope you will meet to share your thoughts, prayers, hopes and dreams for the direction of the Shandon family. After these initial conversations are held, additional discussions with broader gatherings of congregation members will take place. More information will be available in the Spire.

SISTERCARE DONATIONS. Presbyterian Women are collecting donations for Sistercare through November 21. Suggested items include shelf-stable food, lotion, hand washing liquid and feminine hygiene products. Items may be placed in the designated container near the reception desk. Gift cards (\$10 to \$50) are also accepted. Drop off gift cards with office manager Brittany Young. For questions, contact Patty Kadow, 803-361-9308 or kadowp@yahoo.com.

SHANDON ON WEDNESDAYS. Our monthly SOW fellowship meal and programs will meet November 10 and December 8. All choirs continue to meet weekly according to the schedule. A nursery is provided each Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. Look for updates in your email. The adult program on November 10 is “The Habit of Gratitude.” Kayla Williams, marketing and operations manager at Willis HR, will provide insight into how to establish sustainable habits of daily gratitude and explore the life-changing impact gratitude can make.

Upcoming Worship & Sermon Series Information



October 31

Too Much Generosity?
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

November 7: All Saints' Day

Not Enough Time
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

November 14: Dedication Sunday

More Than We Can Imagine
Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

November 21: UKirk Sunday

Rebecca Guzman, Guest Preacher
UKirk Students providing additional leadership

November 28 — December 24

Advent and Christmas: The Thrill of Hope

Worship Archives: shandonpresbyterian.org

Sermon Podcast: soundcloud.com/shandonpresbyterian

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
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Dr. Alicia Walker, Chancel Choir Director
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