



# Shandon Presbyterian Church

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*Lady Wisdom, by Sara Beth Baca*

## 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.

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 against COVID-19. When we baptize a child here, we promise to help care for and nurture them. We take those promises seriously. 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  
Senior Pastor

## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Matthew McCall*

Prelude in A Minor

J.S. BACH, BWV 543

Welcome

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

Call to Worship

We are here because God is good.

**God called life into being,  
and created us out of the dust.**

We are here because life is hard.

**We are no strangers to heartbreak,  
and we seek peace in the midst of chaos.**

We are here because God is generous.

**We have been given companions on the journey,  
and love that never leaves us.**

We are here because there is work to do.

**Embracing both our faith and our fragility,  
God has a purpose and a plan for us all.**

\* Hymn 409

**God Is Here!**

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Call to Confession

*Hannah Ratliff*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**Few of us misunderstand you all of the time,  
but all of us misunderstand you some of the time:**

**your thoughts on happiness;**

**your perspective on heaven;**

**your ideas about giving;**

**your response to prayer.**

**Your ways and your wishes challenge us.**

**We confess that sometimes we think we know better.**

**Forgive us our arrogance and our ignorance.**

**Release us from our need to have all the answers  
and hold all the control.**

**Offer us the gift of trust yet again.** (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*

Blessing of the Backpacks

Prayer for Illumination

*John Steedman*

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

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:  
Lady Wisdom

## Responding to the Word

Anthem

*Chancel Choir*

DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

The Call of Wisdom

BY WILL TODD

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth,  
Lord of justice, Lord of mercy;  
walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory.  
Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction,  
entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger.  
I am here, I am with you.  
I have called: do you hear me?

Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value,  
jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting.  
I am here, I am with you.  
I have called: do you hear me?

Rulers govern under me with my sight and my wisdom.  
Those who know me know my love; those who seek my find  
their answer.  
I am here, I am with you.  
I have called: do you hear me?

God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit coeternal:  
Glory, be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.  
I am here, I am with you.  
I have called: do you hear me?

## 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 Tithes and Gifts

*Text SHANDONPC to 73256 or visit [shandonpresbyterian.org](http://shandonpresbyterian.org)*

\* Hymn 450

### **Be Thou My Vision**

SLANE

\* Benediction

## Postlude

Processional in D  
BY DAVID N. JOHNSON

## Worship Notes

Leading worship today are: Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Hannah Ratliff, Rev. Molly Spangler, John Steedman, Shandon's Chancel Choir and Dr. Alicia Walker.

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

Beginning this week, worship will include more congregational singing. New studies have shown we can do this very safely, so long as masks are worn properly over the mouth and nose.

Following worship, Deacon Richard Kennette 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.

As Richland County has returned to "high virus prevalence" classification (per DHEC), Session has approved continuing our in-person worship in the Sanctuary, maintaining our current protocols of masks, physical distancing and a slightly modified service. Masks are required indoors for everyone, at all times, when Richland County is classified as high prevalence. Masking requirements apply to all persons age 2 and older. A return to moderate or low prevalence will allow us to resume our previous practice, which allows for optional masking under very particular conditions (small groups meeting in a designated space with all participants over the age of 16). We remain committed to making decisions as new circumstances and information emerge, rather than setting a projected timeline.

## Announcements

**MINI VBS AND FOOD TRUCK DINNER.** Join us at 4:30 p.m. today for an intergenerational mini Vacation Bible School for all ages. Theme: Arise and Shine. Gather in the Activity Center as we explore first few sentences of Genesis through music, movement and creativity. At 5:30 p.m., we will head to the front lawn where dinner will be available for purchase from Billy G's BBQ food truck. Plan to wear comfortable clothing and bring a blanket or chair to sit on for dinner.

**SHANDON ON WEDNESDAY SURVEY.** Please take a few minutes to complete our survey about Shandon on Wednesday and help us understand how to best serve Shandon this fall. You can complete the survey at [bit.ly/sowsurvey2021](https://bit.ly/sowsurvey2021). Please submit responses by August 25.

**T-SHIRTS ARE COMING.** If you ordered a Shandon T-shirt, your order will be available for pick up in the church lobby starting today. Just look for the bag with your name on it and pick it up. If you wish to make a donation for the cost of the shirts, the suggested amount is \$10 per shirt. Please leave donations at the front desk. Please note: The color of the shirt is now navy. Originally, we wanted heather gray, but because of supply issues, we had to choose another color. They look amazing, but we didn't want to surprise anyone with the color change. We can't wait to see you all in your Shandon gear.

**SHANDON YOUTH GROUP: JOIN US THIS FALL.** Do you have a rising sixth-grader? We would love to invite him/her to participate in our Shandon Presbyterian Youth Group. During the school year, our sixth- through 12th-grade youth gather weekly on Sunday nights for fellowship and Bible study. Our group is like a big family, and we would love to welcome all new sixth graders to join us. Please contact Molly Spangler, [mspanglers@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:mspanglers@shandonpresbyterian.org), if you'd like to know more about our youth program.

**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. You are invited to a reception to send off UKirk/Shandon Pastoral Assistant Hannah Ratliff after the service.

**RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 12: DWELL WITH US.** Help us kick off a new program year with breakfast, Sunday School and worship. Our theme is based on Revelation 21:3b: "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them." All ages are invited to gather and enjoy coffee, juice and treats on the front lawn during the Sunday School hour, 9:15-10:15 a.m. We will introduce our Sunday school teachers and share information about our fall educational opportunities. Remember to bring a chair or blanket to sit on. If you plan to join us as we begin a new season together, please take a moment to register using this link: [bit.ly/spcrallyday2021](https://bit.ly/spcrallyday2021).

**CAFÉ JUSTO: EVERY CUP MAKES A DIFFERENCE.** Thank you to everyone who has bought Café Justo over the past year. The purchases from friends at Shandon and Forest Lake have netted over \$14,000 for the coffee growers in Chiapas. For a flavorful bag of coffee at a reasonable price (\$10 for full pound), contact Rowena Nylund, 803-743-7122 or [Rnylund@sc.rr.com](mailto:Rnylund@sc.rr.com). 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**

### **There's Someone I'd Like You to Meet**

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

#### **August 29**

Shiphrah and Puah  
Rev. Molly Spangler preaching

#### **September 5**

Hannah Ratliff preaching

#### **September 12 – Rally Day**

Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

### **Register for in-person worship**

Registration is required for in-person worship services at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Worship services in the Sanctuary may have up to 150 attendees.

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.

Beginning September 5, pre-registration will no longer be required.

Online worship continues at [shandonpresbyterian.org](http://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

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