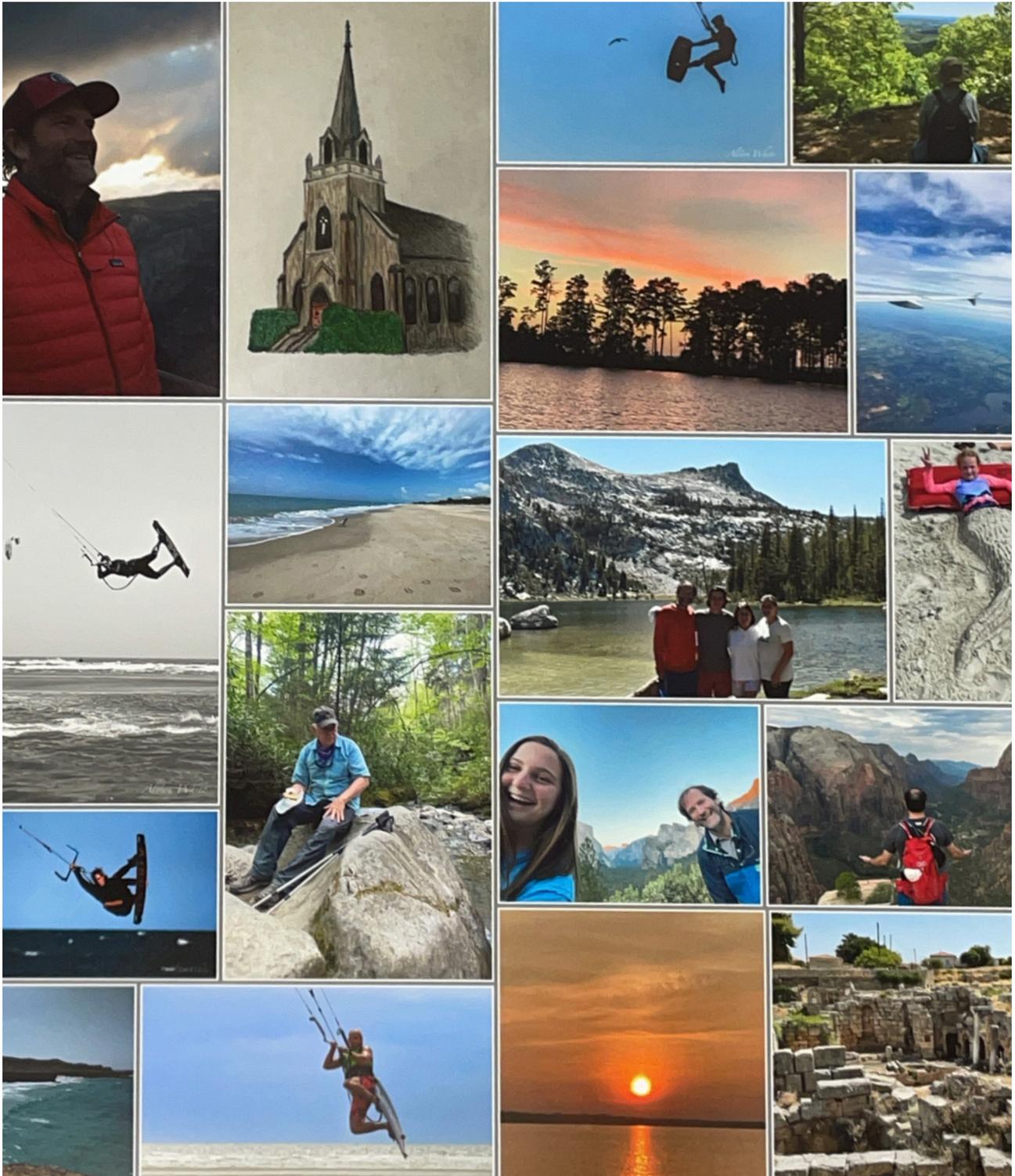




Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

September 26, 2021 • 8 & 10:30 a.m.



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 quietly . . .

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!

ARR. WAYNE WOLD

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**This is a day for proclamation, rest, reflection,
and re-creation in God's house
for being, dwelling and working at worship
instead of worshipping work.**

The sabbath day is a holy day,

consecrated by the Creator as a gift to creation.

We are commanded to enjoy, honor, and preserve it.

**The sabbath day is a holy day,
realizing all days are God's days;
a day of rest, reflecting that all work is God's work;
a day of re-creation, remembering God
is our maker and our mender, too.**

Together, let us keep the sabbath, dwelling in God's house.

* Hymn 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord of the Sabbath, hear our prayer.

It is hard for us to stop working,

and harder still to stop worshipping work.

We confess that our busyness

often substitutes for our holiness.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us to be still enough

to know you and to dwell in your house.

Help us to understand that your sabbath is the seam

between the world of work

and the work of worship.

Help us to know that the sabbath is what keeps us

from unraveling, that it knits up the harried

and makes them holy,

that it even helps to heal creation.

In this quiet, peaceful time, we honor you, we rest in you,

we long to know you as maker and mender.

Through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God.

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

Summary of the Law

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

Jesus said to him:

**"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

Rev. Molly Spangler

Prayer for Illumination

Sam McCombs

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah. Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

New Testament Reading

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."

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

Sermon

Rev. John Cook

Journeys of Renewal: Homecoming

Responding to the Word

Anthem

*Daisy Lawrence,
soprano (8 a.m.)*

Teach Me Thy Song, O Lord

BY CRAIG COURTNEY

Teach me thy song, O Lord,
that song which graced creation's dawn
and bid the firmament unfurl;
that bathed the newborn world in uncreated light,
that song so bright, teach me thy song, O Lord.

Teach me thy song, O Lord ,
that song which bursts thy servant's heart,
to beat of blows upon the cross;
his pain and bitterest loss, and death that should be mine,
his song was thine. Teach me thy song, O Lord.

Teach me thy song, O Lord,
that song which swirls to wreath thy throne,
and bears the prayers of all thine own;
to thee, and thee alone by saints and angels raised,
thy name to praise. Teach me thy song, O Lord.

Chancel Choir (10:30 a.m.)

DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

Deep Peace

BY ELAINE HAGENBERG

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you.

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 393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

MUNICH

* Benediction

Postlude

Tuba Tune in D Major

BY CRAIG SELLER LANG

Worship Notes

Leading worship today are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. Molly Spangler, Sam McCombs, Rev. John Cook, Daisy Lawrence, Shandon's Chancel Choir, Dr. Alicia Walker and MC Jordan.

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession for today's service initially came from David G. Miller's *Worship Service on Sabbath*, © 2002 The Center for Christian Ethics at Baylor University.

Following worship, Deacon Fraser Bradford 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

JOURNEYS OF RENEWAL PHOTO GALLERY. The gallery opens this afternoon, showcasing photos from Rev. John Cook's sabbatical and from the congregation as we found time for sabbath this summer. A viewing event will take place 1-4 p.m. in 20-minute time slots with a limited number of attendees to allow for social distancing. To reserve a time slot, please register at bit.ly/spcjourneysofrenewal. Walk-ups will be permitted on a space available basis. Please contact artsatshandon@gmail.com with questions. This Arts at Shandon event is free, but donations are always appreciated. If you are not able to attend the opening, the gallery will remain up throughout October and can be viewed during regular church hours.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. Our pastors will offer individual blessings to beloved pets on Shandon's front lawn 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2. Please ensure your animal is properly restrained, on a leash or in a crate. If your animal doesn't travel well, bring a photo or a favorite toy. We'll have coffee for the humans and treats for the pets, too.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING. This special offering, which will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 3, will be used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to promote justice, end conflict and establish processes for reconciliation. Contributions can be made by check to Shandon Presbyterian Church with "peace offering" on the memo line, or online through Realm or at bit.ly/peaceoffering2021.

THE ARTS AT SHANDON PRESENTS ... "Hold On, "a choral concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, October 8. The performance in Shandon's Sanctuary features two of Shandon Presbyterian's former Chancel Choir directors: Dustin Ousley with the Sandlapper Singers and Lillian Quackenbush with the Palmetto Mastersingers. Tickets will be sold on the Sandlapper Singers and Palmetto Mastersingers websites and will be available at the door. Seating is limited.

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 by Sunday, October 17. You will receive a prompt and more instructions to help you reflect.

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
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
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