



Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

September 19, 2021 • 8 & 10:30 a.m.

To the teachers of every sort: this blessing is for you.

May you know, deep in your bones, how necessary you are,
and how holy your task.

May you find the endurance necessary for an ever-changing year.
(It is within you; we can see it, even when you can't.)

May you be given patience beyond measure,
and creativity that knows no bounds.

May you have the wisdom to see opportunities where most see obstacles.

May you have an outlet when frustrations take hold (because they will).

May the coffee be plentiful.

May you find anew in yourself a hunger for learning,
so that your own curiosity may inspire others.

May you create a safe space that reminds your students of your care.
And may administrators and policies and practices create a safe space for you.

May you remember the holiness of teaching,
whether you are teaching the alphabet or geometry,
homemade science experiments or the books of the Bible.

May you remember the sacred trust given to you,
and may you honor it and protect it at all times.

May the way you treat your students with respect and compassion
be as instructive to them as the content of any reading assignment or writing exercise.

May you receive small amounts of criticism and unending amounts of gratitude.

May you experience for yourselves the wonder you awaken in your students.

May you remember that you are called to this holy work
by the God who created you and claims you
and who is with you always.

To the teachers of every sort: this blessing is for you,
because you are a blessing to us.

Blessing for Teachers, by Rev. Jenny McDevitt

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

Allegretto

BY FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Call to Worship

At the Sea of Galilee,

Jesus called out the best in his disciples.

"Follow me," he said.

And the world changed.

Here in this time of worship,

Jesus calls out the best in his disciples.

"Follow me," he says.

This is how the world will change.

* Hymn 395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

Call to Confession

Rev. Molly Spangler

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have lost our way.

You teach us to love extravagantly

and forgive graciously,

but we add up rights and wrongs.

You teach us to share what we have

and play well with others,

but we clench our fists and keep to ourselves.

You teach us to leave the empty tomb

and walk out into the light,

but we find it easier to stay in the darkness.

**We did not set out to live like this, but here we are,
filled with good intentions and misguided ambitions.**

You imagine more for us.

Make us better than we have proven ourselves to be.

Breathe life into us once again. (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 (8 a.m.)

Rev. John Cook

The Sacrament of Baptism (10:30 a.m.)

Amelia Mae Crawford, daughter of Emily Chappell Hughes and Carl Dallas Crawford III

Statement on Baptism

Presentation

Artie Hughes

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven

**and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;**

**from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy Catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Will Brennan

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 6:20-25

In the future, when your son asks you, "What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the Lord our God has commanded you?" tell him: "We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. Before our eyes the Lord sent signs and wonders—great and terrible—on Egypt and Pharaoh and his whole household. But he brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land he promised on oath to our ancestors. The Lord commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the Lord our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today. And if we are careful to obey all this law before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness."

New Testament Reading

Matthew 4:18-22

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Thank God for Teachers

Responding to the Word

Anthem

Jennifer Mitchell,
soprano (8 a.m.)

Be Not Afraid
BY TAYLOR DAVIS

Chancel Choir (10:30 a.m.)
DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you;
Be not afraid, I've called you by name.
My love for you is everlasting,
my love for you shall have no end.
When you pass through the waters, I will surround you.

When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er.
When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed.
You are my child, you are so precious to me.

You are my child, and I'll love you always.
Just hold my hand, and I'll lead you home.
When you feel lost, always remember:
I am right here, just call out my name.
When you pass through the waters, I will surround you.
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er.
When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed.
You are my child, you are so precious to me.

The Blessing of Teachers

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 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

* Benediction

Postlude

Let Us All with Gladsome Mind

ARR. AL TRAVIS

Worship Notes

Leading worship today are: Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. Molly Spangler, Rev. John Cook, Artie Hughes, *Will Brennan*, Jennifer Mitchell, Shandon's Chancel Choir, and Dr. Alicia Walker.

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

Following worship, Deacon Patty Kadow 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

RECEPTION FOR THE BREARLEYS. Join us for a belated reception honoring Rev. Bob Brearley and his wife Mary Ann on the front lawn immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service today.

HARVEST HOPE FOOD DRIVE – LAST DAY. Today is the final day to help fill a truck for Harvest Hope Food Bank! We are accepting pet food for Senior Resources. A classic Chevy Cheyenne pickup will collect your nonperishable food donations until 1 p.m. in the church parking lot. More information at shandonpresbyterian.org. To volunteer, contact Ryn McCombs, karyn.mccombs@gmail.com.

WORSHIP READINESS CLASSES. All first- and second-grade children are invited to join our six-week class this fall, running through Oct. 17 (during the 10:30 a.m. service only). Topics include the order of worship and its meaning, the liturgical year and the sacraments. The class is meant to help children with the transition of sitting in worship for the entire service. For more details, please contact Molly Spangler, mspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org.

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM. Students are back in school, and Shandon is ready to begin our 10th year of providing supplemental weekend food for students at A.C. Moore and Rosewood elementary schools and Dreher High School. If you would like to help, you may make a food donation or volunteer to help deliver food to and pick up containers from the schools. In September, we are collecting shelf-stable milk and granola bars. To volunteer, go to bit.ly/backpackfall2021. For more information, contact Rowena Nylund, RNylund@sc.rr.com or 803-252-7752.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS. The most important thing you need to know about Shandon: there is always a place for you here. If you have other questions or are interested in joining the church, attend our New Members Class at noon Sunday, September 26. Lunch and child care provided by advance request. Contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt, jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org, to sign up.

JOURNEYS OF RENEWAL PHOTO GALLERY. The gallery opens Sunday, Sept. 26, 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/spcjournesofternewal. Walk-ups will be permitted on a space available basis. If you have any questions, please contact artsatshandon@gmail.com. This Arts at Shandon event is free, but donations are always appreciated.

SEASON OF PEACE. The PC(USA) Season of Peace is designed to deepen our pursuit of peace through daily reflections. To take this journey, go to bit.ly/seasonofpeace2021 to sign up to have reflections sent to your inbox through World Communion Sunday, Oct. 6.

Upcoming Worship

WITH ALL YOUR MIND

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 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
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