



# Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

Rally Day  
September 12, 2021 • 8 & 10:30 am



*Shandon Presbyterian Church, by Anna Timbes*

## 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 . . .

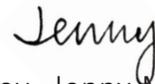
Whether you are in search of comfort or wanting to be challenged . . .

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*

Prelude in C

J. S. BACH

Call to Worship

*Rev. Jenny McDevitt*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into God's presence with singing.**

When we are lost and forsaken,  
when we are proud and strong,  
**we raise our voices in praise, singing,  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**

When the storms come,  
when life itself is too heavy to hold,  
**we raise our voices in prayer, singing,  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.**

When gratitude runs deep,  
and joy lifts our feet clear off the ground,  
**we raise our voices in thanksgiving,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

When we need help to trust,  
when we need to be reminded that God is faithful,  
**we raise our voices in hope, singing,  
Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come,  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**

The Lord is good;  
God's steadfast love endures forever.  
**Therefore, every day we make our song,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

\* Hymn 1

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

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## Proclaiming the Word

Welcome

*Rev. John Cook*

A Word For This Day

Psalm 84

Meditation

## It's Always Advent

Psalm 13:1-2, 5-6

Meditation

Hymn 88, v. 1

### **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

VENI EMMANUEL

## Love Comes Down

*Rev. Molly Spangler*

Luke 2:1-7

Meditation

Hymn 119, v. 1

### **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

MENDELSSOHN

## Jesus Calls Disciples

Mark 1:16-20

Meditation

Hymn 726, v. 1

### **Will You Come and Follow Me**

KELVINGROVE

## The Word With Children

## The Kingdom of God

Matthew 5:1-12

Meditation

Hymn 630, v. 1

### **Fairest Lord Jesus**

CRUSADERS' HYMN

## A Hard, But Holy, Week

Mark 10:32-34

Meditation

Organ Voluntary

### **O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

ANTON WILHELM LEUPOLD

## Resurrection Is Real

Matthew 28:5-7

Meditation

\* Hymn 232

## **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

EASTER HYMN

All Together In One Place

Acts 2:14-18

Meditation

Hymn 280, v. 1

## **Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us**

EBENEZER

## **Responding to the Word**

Prayers of the People

The Promises of Baptism

Matthew 28:16-20

Meditation

Hymn 482, v. 1

## **Baptized in Water**

BUNESSAN

Gifts of the Table

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Meditation

A Time of Offering

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

Anthem

*Shandon Choral Scholars*

DR. ALICIA WALKER, DIR.

Be Thou My Vision

ARR. ALICIA PARKER

Witness to the Resurrection

John 14:2-3

Meditation

Hymn 326, v. 1

## **For All the Saints**

SINE NOMINE

Loving the (So-Called) Least

Matthew 25:37-40

Meditation

Hymn 298, v. 1

## **Lord, You Give the Great Commission**

ABBOT'S LEIGH

## **Going Out Into the World**

Hope

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Meditation

Hymn 821, v. 1

## **My Life Flows On**

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

God's Promised Day

Revelation 21:3-5

Meditation

\* Hymn 366

## **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

HYFRYDOL

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ARR. WAYNE WOLD

## **Worship Notes**

Leading worship today are: Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. Molly Spangler, Rev. John Cook, and the Shandon Chancel Choir, under the direction of Dr. Alicia Walker.

The cover image was drawn by Anna Timbes.

The Call to Worship was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

## Announcements

**WORSHIP READINESS CLASSES.** All first- and second-grade children are invited to join our six-week class this fall, beginning today and 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. Worship Readiness is meant to help children with the transition of sitting in worship for the entire service. After completion, children first grade and older remain in worship instead of going to extended care. For more details or to let us know your child will attend, please contact Molly Spangler, [mspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:mspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**SHANDON YOUTH GROUP.** Shandon Presbyterian Youth (SPY) is gearing up for a new program year and will host a parent and youth informational gathering 5:15-6 p.m. today on the Church Lawn. All youth are invited to attend. Please bring at least one parent with you. You will learn more about SPY, what we do, the fall calendar, and trip opportunities for next year. All are welcome; please plan to join us. Look for more information in your email, and if you would like to receive SPY email updates, please contact Molly Spangler, [mspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org](mailto:mspangler@shandonpresbyterian.org).

**HARVEST HOPE FOOD DRIVE.** Help fill a truck for Harvest Hope Food Bank! We will also be accepting pet food for Senior Resources. A classic Chevy Cheyenne pickup will collect your nonperishable food donations Saturday and Sunday, September 18-19 in the church parking lot. Donations also will be accepted in the Harvest Hope collection bin under the portico Sept. 12-17. More information at [shandonpresbyterian.org](http://shandonpresbyterian.org). To volunteer, contact Ryn McCombs, [karyn.mccombs@gmail.com](mailto:karyn.mccombs@gmail.com).

**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](http://bit.ly/backpackfall2021). For more information, contact Rowena Nylund, [RNylund@sc.rr.com](mailto:RNylund@sc.rr.com) or 803-252-7752.

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

**RECEPTION FOR THE BREARLEYS.** Join us for a belated reception honoring Rev. Bob Brearley and his wife Mary Ann immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service, Sept. 19, on the Church Lawn.

**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](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/spcjournesofternewal). Walk-ups will be permitted on a space available basis. If you have any questions, please contact [artsatshandon@gmail.com](mailto: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 a four-week pilgrimage designed to deepen our pursuit of peace. Through daily "Path of Peace" reflections, participants are invited to explore and enhance their commitment to peacemaking. To take this journey, go to [bit.ly/seasonofpeace2021](http://bit.ly/seasonofpeace2021) to subscribe. Reflections will be sent to participants' inboxes through World Communion Sunday, Oct. 6.

## 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  
Mary Cooper 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  
Dr. Robert Walker, Church Administrator  
Brittany Young, Office Manager  
Catherine Teal, Financial Manager  
Sandie Stillinger, Bookkeeper  
Gerald Taylor, Facilities Manager