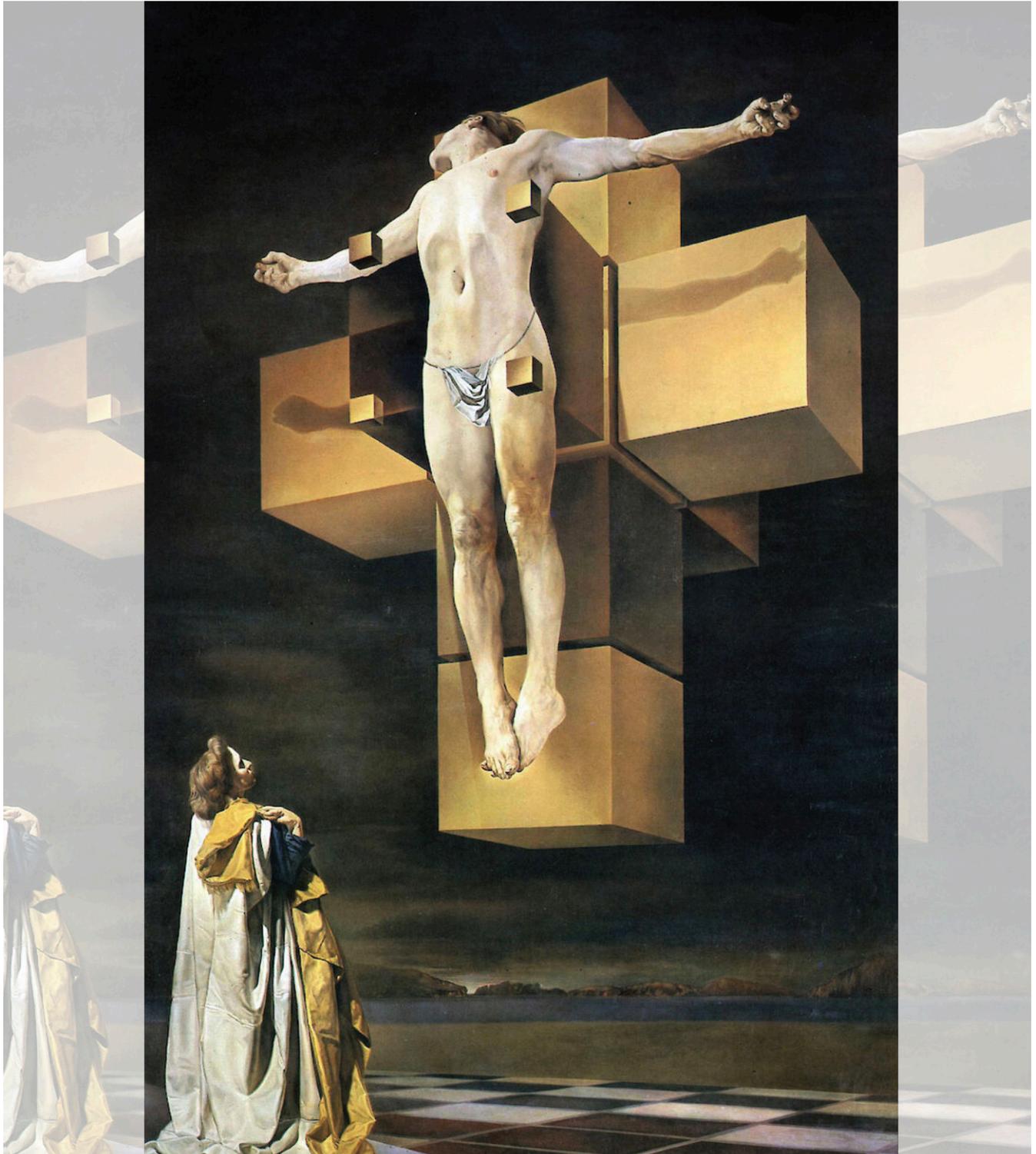




Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

October 24, 2021 • 10:30 a.m.



Crucifixion (Corpus Hypercubus), by Salvador Dalí

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

Tintinnabulators

Prelude from Cello Suite No. 1

J.S. BACH | ARR. JOHN MAYNARD

* Call to Worship

Rev. Molly Spangler

from Psalm 145

I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever.

Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

There is no end to your greatness.

One generation shall praise you to another.

They shall tell of your wondrous acts.

They shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

**You, Lord, are faithful in all your words,
and loving in all your works.**

Let every living being bless God's holy name forever and ever.

* Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Call to Confession

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

Sometimes you are too unpredictable for us.

**You are a raging flood, a burning bush,
and a wrestling match.**

**You are a manger birth, an abandoned grave,
and an open-ended promise.**

**And while we know that this is good news,
we admit that sometimes a simple, reliable equation
would be easier for us to bear.**

The unknown frightens us.

**So we add up our accomplishments
and subtract our shortcomings
and forget that you are in the business
of multiplying grace.**

**Remind us, O God, of your love,
which defies all reason, disregards all the rules,
and destroys even death. (Silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

Summary of the Law

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

Jesus said:

**"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

Our Life Together

Minute for Mission

Edie McNeish

Prayer for Illumination

Mary Rogers

Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Faith and Math: When the Numbers Don't Add Up

Responding to the Word

Anthem

Chancel Choir

DR. JABARIE GLASS

My Eyes for Beauty Pine

HERBERT HOWELLS

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God's grace,
no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.

O splendor thence is shed from all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said, 'tis love, 'tis heavenly love.

And every gentle heart that burns with true desire
is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Reception of New Members

*Ling Ao, CC Dellinger, Sonja Erickson and Rusty Monhollon, Jessie and Graham Garlinghouse,
Mary Kathryn McGregor, Donna O'Daniel, Anne-Thomas Surratt, Beth Vaughan*

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 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

* Benediction

Postlude

Thine the Amen

ARR. K. LANGLOIS

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Molly Spangler, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Mary Rogers, the Chancel Choir and guest director Dr. Jabarie Glass.

ABOUT THE COVER ART. The most striking change Dalí makes from nearly every other crucifixion painting concerns the cross, which he transforms into an unfolded net of a tesseract (also known as a hypercube). The unfolding of a tesseract into eight cubes is analogous to unfolding the sides of a cube into six squares. The use of a hypercube for the cross has been interpreted as a geometric symbol for the transcendental nature of God. Just as the concept of God exists in a space that is incomprehensible to humans, the hypercube exists in four spatial dimensions, which is equally inaccessible to the mind. The word "corpus" in the title can refer both to the body of Christ and to geometric figures, reinforcing the link Dalí makes between religion and mathematics. The motif of the cube is present elsewhere: Gala is standing on one, and the chessboard is made up of squares.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

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

Announcements

TREATS ON THE STREET. Join us for this fun fall event 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, October 27. The whole family will enjoy games, trick or treating and fall photo opportunities on Shandon's front lawn. Food trucks will be on site to purchase dinner. If you would like to host one of our games, please sign up at bit.ly/spctreats2021.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S. A group from Shandon will meet in the church parking lot at 9 a.m. Saturday, October 30, to participate in this year's walk. To join us and/or help the Shandon Presbyterian Team with a donation, contact Mary Rogers, 803-920-6742 or visting@yahoo.com, or go to bit.ly/spcalzwalk2021.

WE WANT TO SEE YOUR HALLOWEEN ATTIRE. Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to morning worship on Sunday, October 31. Please plan to wear your family-friendly and creative holiday attire for everyone to enjoy.

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!

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, there will be music in the background, and pastors will be on-site.

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.

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.

Current Worship & Sermon Series Information

WITH ALL YOUR MIND

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 (and Right)
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

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

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