



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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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 mspangler@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 during all worship services.** 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.

A service of Lessons and Carols

Prelude

Matthew McCall

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ARR. AARON SHOWS

* Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

We come, in heart and mind,
to see what has come to pass.

**We come with the shepherds
to find the Savior!**

We come with the wise ones
to find God's promise, born for us!

**We come to find our King,
born in a lowly manger.**

With all the world,
and with all the peoples of the nations,

**Come, let us worship, let us adore him:
Christ the Lord!**

* Carol 143

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

**Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!**

**Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!**

**All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!**

The First Lesson: Long Lay the World in Sin and Error Pining

John 1:1-5; 9-14

Mike Hughes

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

**O Come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Desire of Nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

The Second Lesson: Yonder Breaks a New and Glorious Morn

*"Await the Hand of God" by Susan Palo Cherwien
Rev. Molly Spangler*

Blest Be the God of Israel

FOREST GREEN

**Blest be the God of Israel who comes to set us free;
who visits and redeems us, who grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill that promise and bring the people peace.**

**God from the house of David a child of grace has given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.**

**On those who sit in darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes.
God guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!**

The Third Lesson: O Night When Christ was Born

*Luke 2:8-14
Andrew Mitchell*

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.**

**O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.**

**O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

The Fourth Lesson: Born to Be Our Friend

Isaiah 9:2-7

John Maynard

Carol 145

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

**What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!**

**Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through the cross
be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

The Fifth Lesson: Led by the Light of a Star Sweetly Gleaming

Matthew 2:1-2; 8-12
Betty Gurnell

Anthem

Christopher Moore,
tenor

Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow
ARR. JACK SCHRADER

The Sixth Lesson: Truly He Taught Us to Love One Another

"God the Redeemer" by Susan Palo Cherwien

Carol 123

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

**It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven's all gracious King,"
the world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.**

**Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and we at war on earth hear not
the tidings that they bring.
O hush the noise and cease the strife
to hear the angels sing!**

**For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.**

Prayers of the People

Offering

*You may also give by texting SHANDONPC to 73256
or visiting our website, shandonpresbyterian.org.*

Anthem

Jennifer Mitchell,
soprano

Away in a Manger
K. LEE SCOTT

* Response

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet, what I can I give him: give my heart.**

The Seventh Lesson: Chains Shall He Break

Revelation 21:1-7

* Carol 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

* Benediction

* Carol 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king.
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.,**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

* Dismissal

Go in peace, Christ has come!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

in the style of J. S. Bach Joy to the World
ARR. MATT LIMBAUGH

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Mike Hughes, Rev. Molly Spangler, Andrew Mitchell, John Maynard, Betty Gurnell, Christopher Moore and Jennifer Mitchell.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP was written by Mathew McCall.

JOIN US OUTSIDE for Christmas cookies and hot chocolate after worship. Deacon Kathleen McDaniel will receive pastoral concerns and prayer requests outside the Memorial Garden.

January Sermon Series: Things Jesus Never Said

January 9

Follow Your Heart

January 23

Money is the Root of All Evil

January 16

God Helps Those Who Help Themselves

January 30

God Doesn't Give Us More Than We Can Handle

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