



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 Jackson Ringley at jringley@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.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Matthew McCall

Song without Words

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

* Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget God's generous acts.**

The one who forgives our wrongs
is the one who heals all disease;

**the one who redeems our lives from the grave
is the one who crowns us with love and tenderness.**

The Lord performs righteous acts
and provides justice for the oppressed.

**For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is your love for all people.**

* Hymn 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
When we forget what you have taught us
and stumble along on our own path,
forgive us;
when we put words in Jesus' mouth
and treat them as gospel truth,
forgive us;
when we don't know what to say
and fill the silence with unhelpful words,
forgive us;
and when we fear we have to shoulder
the weight of the world all alone,
forgive us.**

**We fall short in all these ways, O God.
Cover us once again in your grace.**

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

Response

Glory to God

GLORIA (TAIZE)

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!**

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

The Sacrament of Baptism

Lola Noore Hoefer, daughter of Paul and Adrienne Hoefer

Statement on Baptism

Presentation

Cheri Stakely

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sitteth at the right hand of God

the Father Almighty,

from whence He shall come to judge

the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Baptism

Welcome

Baptized in Water, verse 3

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the cross of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Prayer for Illumination

Allison Croxton

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 11:28-30

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Things Jesus Never Said:

God Doesn't Give Us More Than We Can Handle

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 638

Lord of All Hopefulness

COURTNEY

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

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

Anthem

Chancel Choir

DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

All My Hope on God is Founded

HERBERT HOWELLS, ARR. JOHN. RUTTER

All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone, calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness eye endureth, deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught
Evermore from his store newborn worlds arise and adore.

Daily doth the Almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

* Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDETH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

* Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in C

JOHANN KREBS

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Madi Dooley (acolyte), Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. John Cook, Cherie Stakely, Allison Croxton, and the Chancel Choir under the direction of Dr. Jabarie Glass.

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship is from Psalm 103. The Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Adrienne and Paul Hoefer in honor of the baptism of their daughter Lola Noore Hoefer.

THE COVER ART this week was created by a husband and wife team who sign their work with only their company name: God's Fingerprints. They say, "Our dream is simple — create beautiful artwork for those who love God's word. The cover image was inspired by Matthew 11:28-30. They write: "This print features a whimsical illustration of a burdened biker — a reminder for those who struggle with trying to carry too much in this life." We selected it for the cover this week because though it is lightheaded in style, it depicts the serious truth we all know: sometimes we choose to carry too much, but other times, it is not a choice at all. Everyone's burdens are different, but everyone knows what it's like to feel as though you are riding a bike through water, wearing a pack overcrowded with precarious items, while trying to avoid running over a fish. Metaphorically, at least.

AFTER WORSHIP TODAY join us outside for cookies, coffee and other refreshments. Additionally, a deacon will be present in the Sower's Chapel to receive prayer concerns.

Announcements

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — Session has called the Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 13, 2022, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The congregation will receive the 2021 annual report and the 2022 budget, elect officers to the class of 2025, and approve the 2022 pastoral terms of call. The slate of officers was provided as a bulletin insert in worship on January 30. Hard copies are available from the church office. Additional documents will be available February 9 via the weekly congregational email and at the church office. All documents will be provided in person at the meeting. The meeting will take place in the Sanctuary and will also be livestreamed. Members attending via livestream will vote by phone at the end of the meeting.

AV VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — Since the return to indoor, in-person worship, our services are livestreamed each Sunday morning. Behind the scenes are volunteers who work to ensure that anyone who wishes to worship with Shandon Presbyterian can do so from anywhere in the world. From microphones to graphics, camera angles to lighting, these volunteers are integral to our worship life together. If you are interested in learning more about how you can join this

team and provide AV support during worship services, reach out to Matt McCall, mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org. No experience necessary!

BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS — The American Red Cross Blood Drive at Shandon on January 23 was a great success with 20 units collected (25 people were registered, but five donors were deferred). Three of the registered donors were first time donors. Fourteen donors were from Shandon, and the rest were from the community. Thanks to all who participated in this critical ministry at this critical time!

LAST WEEK'S COVER WAS A COLLAGE OF HEARTS drawn by children of the church. Two additional drawings came in just after the bulletin went to print. However, it is never too late to be reminded that "where your heart is, there your treasure will be also." Thanks to Belle and Ann Hudson Maynard for sharing their artistic skills with us.



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