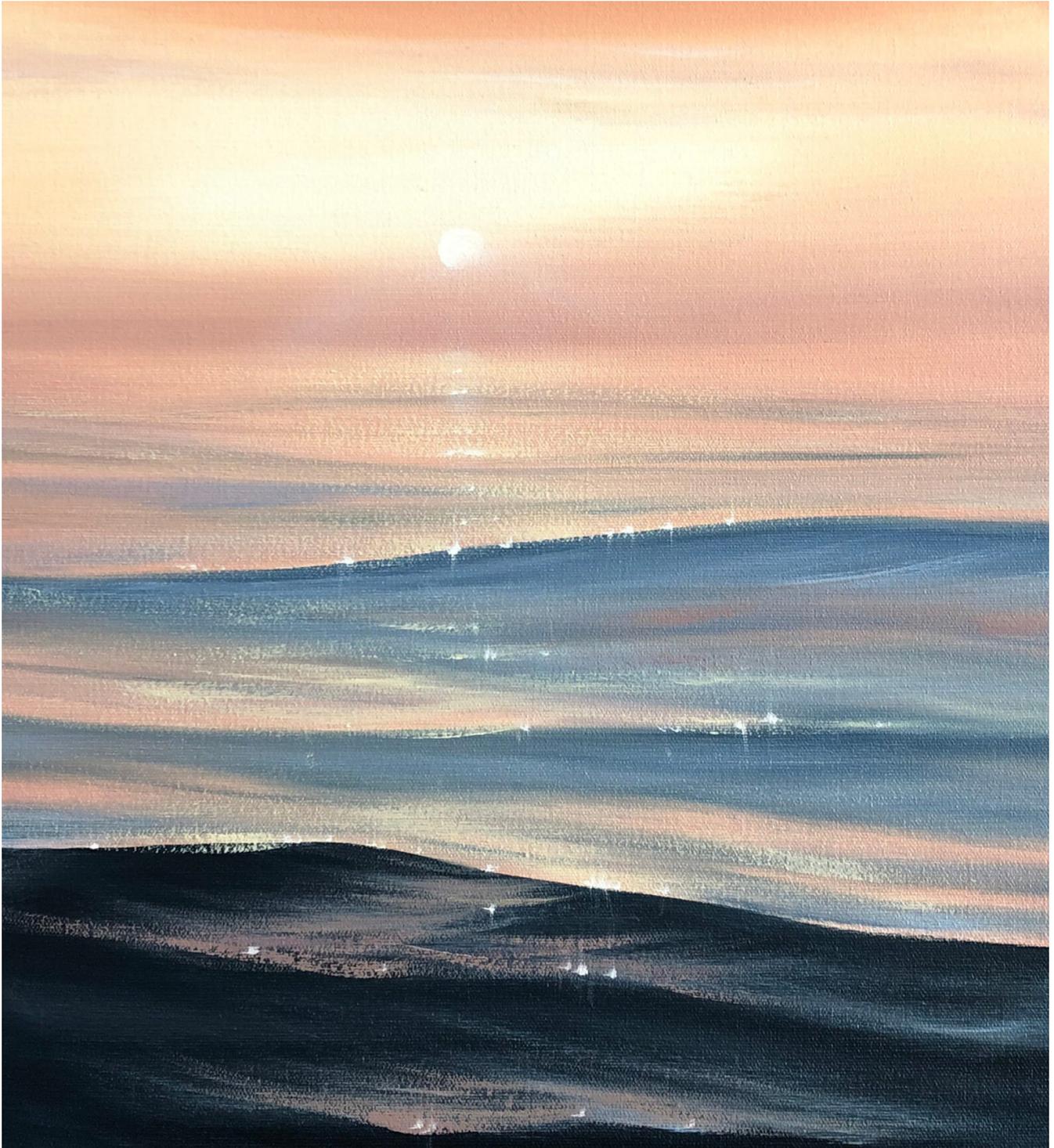




Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

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Be The Light, by Eva Volf

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.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Matthew McCall

Prelude in G Major

J.S. BACH

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

* Call to Worship

Rev. Molly Spangler

O God, we've worked hard all week

to be somebody and make something of ourselves.

You call us to worship now

and here in your presence we are able to just be.

You tell us we're salt and light,

help us to understand what that means.

Let us worship our Creator

who made us exactly what we need to be.

* Hymn 401

Here In This Place

GATHER US IN

Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, few of us misunderstand you all of the time,
but all of us misunderstand you some of the time:**

your thoughts on happiness;

your ideas on giving;

your way of making whole.

These are not always our ready choices.

Give us faith, we pray,

to risk a dangerous hope,

to be ready to follow as you teach,

and to be salt and light in the world. (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

Prayer for Illumination
Drucilla Brookshire

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Molly Spangler

Salt and Light

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

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.

The Glory of the Father

EGIL HOVLAND

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.
In him was life; and life was the light of men.
He came to his own, and his own received him not.

* Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

* Benediction

Postlude

Arise, Your Light Is Come

ARR. MATTHEW MCCALL

Congregational Meeting

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Molly Spangler, Rev. John Cook, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Drucilla Brookshire, and the Chancel Choir under the direction of Dr. Jabarie Glass.

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship was written by Rev. Molly Spangler. The prayer of confession was adapted from a prayer written by James S. Lowery.

Announcements

A RECEPTION HONORING REV. MOLLY SPANGLER — After worship today, join us in the Activity Center for a reception honoring Molly and her family as they depart for Fort Mill, South Carolina. Molly's 3.5 years of ministry at Shandon have been a blessing to all of us. Come and send her off with our prayers and best wishes. In lieu of a love offering, baskets will be provided to collect cards and other expressions of gratitude you may wish to share. If you cannot join us, you may drop off cards or mail them to the church.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED — As part of Molly's departure, Session has called a congregational meeting immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service today, for the purpose of acting upon the request of Rev. Molly Spangler to dissolve her pastoral call with Shandon Presbyterian Church. (This is standard Presbyterian process and language.)

2022 CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT — After much prayer and consideration, the Shandon Retreat Coordinating Committee has made the decision to postpone this year's retreat planned for March 11-13. This decision was made with our congregation and our community's safety in mind and due to the omicron COVID variant and the increase in COVID numbers in our state and across the country. We will miss this opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth. Our hope is to plan an outdoor gathering this spring that will allow us to reconnect in many of the ways we do during our retreat. We will also begin plans for a 2023 retreat.

SOW PROGRAMMING — Shandon on Wednesdays is continuing our monthly intergenerational gathering for fellowship and educational opportunities for all ages. SOW happens once a month, and we begin the evening with dinner followed by children's choirs and Bible studies for children, youth and adults. We also have child care available for children under the age of 4.

- January 12 program — "What Happens at the Dr. John M. Preston Shandon Church Retreat?" Come find out more about it and what it's like to spend the weekend in Montreat with your Shandon family. We'll also discuss the postponement of our 2022 retreat and fellowship activities we have planned in the meantime, and we'll look ahead to 2023. Look for a reservation link in your email.
- Additional SOW spring dates are February 9, March 2, April 6 and May 11.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIRS — Shandon has musical opportunities for children of all ages. Children and youth are encouraged to join the fun making music together and in worship. Children's choirs will resume on January 12. Arise Choir (ages 4 through first grade) meets 6-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Room 224. Shine Choir (second through fifth grades) meets 6:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays in Room 224. Youth Choir (sixth through 12th grades) will resume January 26, meeting 4-5 p.m. Sundays in the Choir Room. Contact Matt McCall, mmcall@shandonpresbyterian.org, for more information.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: JANUARY 15 — We welcome your news for the February issue of The Spire. Please submit items of interest to the congregation to cward@shandonpresbyterian.org.

MEMORIAL GARDEN PRAYER — Work to repair and restore our Memorial Garden will begin the week of January 17. Join us Sunday, January 16, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, for a brief time of prayer to bless that work and honor all those whose earthly remains dwell in that sacred space.

BLOOD DRIVE AT SHANDON — An American Red Cross blood drive will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, January 23, in Shandon's Activity Center. Red Cross professionals will be available to assist you in giving blood in a clinically sanitized environment. You must register to

participate. Sign up online at redcrossblood.org, or contact Linda McDonald, 803-530-5154 or lichmac@aol.com. Thank you for giving at this critical time.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES — The new year will hold a variety of new adult education offerings. Class offerings include:

- Prophets and Popstars: Art, Justice and the Prophetic Imagination, beginning January 23 (see below).
- Major Theologians (Part 1) and Today's Theologians (Part 2).
- Last Acts of Love, addressing end-of-life planning from theological, medical, and legal perspectives.
- A conversation around *No Cure For Being Human (And Other Truths I Need to Know)* by Kate Bowler.

Contact Jenny McDevitt, jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org, with ideas or for more information.

PROPHETS AND POPSTARS: Art, Justice and the Prophetic Imagination — Biblical prophets functioned as poets and performers, artists and activists. Ezekiel acts out scenes of the siege of Jerusalem, Jonah sings a psalm from the belly of the fish, and Habakkuk asks that we play on stringed instruments. Together, we will examine how biblical prophecy is a creative force and read the prophets as the artists they are and consider how to incorporate creative and prophetic practices in our own lives. Taught by Jackson Ringley, a UofSC student headed to Princeton Seminary in the fall. The class will take place in person at 9:15 a.m. January 23, January 30, February 6 and February 13. Room TBD.

WEEKEND FOOD BACKPACK PROGRAM — Thanks to many volunteers, the Weekend Backpack Food Program begins its 11th year at Shandon! You can help ensure that students in need have food over the weekends by volunteering now to help pack bags or deliver food to A.C. Moore, Rosewood or Dreher. Sign up at bit.ly/backpackspring2022. For information, contact Rowena Nylund, 803-252-7752, Rnylund@sc.rr.com or text 803-743-7122.

ACOLYTES IN WORSHIP — Children and youth are invited to serve as acolytes in worship. Each Sunday we begin worship with candles that are lit to represent the presence of the Holy Spirit on the communion table. Even if you have never been an acolyte before, we will help you with everything you need to know. To sign up, go to bit.ly/spcacolytes or to our website (worship and music tab). Contact Jenny McDevitt, jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org, for more information.

COLUMBIA PEACE POLE DEDICATION CEREMONY — The public is invited to attend the dedication of Columbia's peace pole at 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 11, at 900 Senate St. (in the median between the State House and the Columbia Convention Center). Shandon Presbyterian was among the contributors to the project, a collaboration of The Columbia Peace Pole Initiative One Columbia for Arts and Culture.

Upcoming Worship

Things Jesus Never Said

We spend a lot of time reflecting on many of the things Jesus says throughout the gospels: I am the good shepherd. Love your neighbor. In my Father's house there are many rooms. Do not be afraid. Love your enemies. Consider the lilies. Forgive those who wrong you. And on and on. In the weeks ahead, we'll clarify and reflect on some of the things Jesus never actually said, but often get attributed to him.

Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

January 2 — Follow Your Heart

January 16 — God Helps Those Who Help Themselves

January 23 — Money Is the Root of All Evil

January 30 — God Doesn't Give Us More Than We Can Handle

February 6 — Everything Happens For a Reason (Rev. John Cook preaching)

Worship Archives

Miss a service? Want to hear a prayer a second time or read a sermon text? Our worship archives include weekly bulletins, links to livestream recordings, and PDFs of sermon manuscripts (as available).

Visit shandonpresbyterian.org, then select Worship and Music. Sermons are also available as a podcast on SoundCloud and Apple Podcasts.

The Staff of Shandon Presbyterian Church

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