



Shandon Presbyterian Church

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Greek Monastery Icon, in the public realm

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ARR. COLLEEN ADENT

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

* Call to Worship

In our waking and in our sleeping

may Jesus Christ be praised!

In our worship and in our work

may Jesus Christ be praised!

From north to south and from east to west

may Jesus Christ be praised!

From the highest heavens to the deepest depths

may Jesus Christ be praised!

In this hour and in every hour

may Jesus Christ be praised!

* Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

Call to Confession

Jackson Ringley

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

Some days are full of joy and celebration

but other days are overcome by exhaustion.

We feel a bit like the wedding feast at Cana —

like we have run out of wine.

We have used up nearly every drop

of energy and imagination.

We struggle to offer grace

and even to receive it.

What we have left in reserve seems inadequate.

Forgive us, O God,

when we forget you are the source

of all abundance.

Remind us again

that you are making all things new,

including us.

(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

Rev. John Cook

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Debbie Wells

Scripture Lesson

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Signs and Sommeliers

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

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
ASHLEE POOLE, DIR.

A Jubilant Song
ALLEN POTE

O Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.
Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad,
let the heavens be filled with joy, and a jubilant song.

Sing alleluia to the Lord; tell of his salvation from day to day.
Shout his marvelous works among the people,
for great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.
Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad,
let the heavens be filled with joy, and a jubilant song.

Lord you have been our refuge,
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were made,
and the land and the sea were born,
from age to age you are God,
and we pray for the coming of your kingdom.
We shall rejoice, we shall be glad all the days of our lives.

Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.
Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad,
let the heavens be filled with joy, and a jubilant song.

* 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 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

* Benediction

Postlude

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Madi Dooley (acolyte), Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Jackson Ringley, Rev. John Cook, Rev. Debbie Wells, and the Chancel Choir under the direction of Ashlee Poole.

TODAY'S LITURGY was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

TODAY'S COVER IMAGE — While there are countless images of the wedding at Cana, this Greek icon is unique in that it shows the water changing from water into wine. Look closely at the water being poured from the jar. Blue slowly fades into red as water turns to wine. The time in which the water changes is never specified in the story. Scholars have speculated various opinions — that the water changed immediately or that it changed when it was served. We don't know about timing, but we do know about transformation. It happens, on God's own time.

AFTER THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, 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

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING — If you would like to participate in this effort to fight hunger, you may include a designated offering in the offering plates today, leave a donation in the soup pot located in the Narthex, or contact Catherine Teal in the business office. All contributions will go to Harvest Hope Food Bank in Columbia. For over 30 years, this youth-inspired movement, which started in Columbia, has been harnessing the enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend to tackle hunger in communities across the nation.

BACKPACK FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED — In February, we are collecting shelf-stable milk, macaroni and cheese (microwaveable individual size) and healthy granola bars. Please drop off donations in the designated box. If you would like to volunteer 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.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH MEALS ON WHEELS — Drivers are needed for Meals on Wheels routes served by Shandon. Volunteers deliver meals and make a friendly visit to eight to 10 seniors and people with disabilities in our community. If you are interested in driving on a routine basis or as a substitute, please contact Harriet McMaster, harrietmcmaster@gmail.com or 803-603-6128.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES — A variety of new adult education offerings are planned for 2022. For details, go to bit.ly/spcspring2022. Contact Jenny McDevitt, jmcdevitt@shandonpresbyterian.org, with ideas or for more information.

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

CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY WITH CAFÉ JUSTO — A bag of Café Justo makes a tasty gift for anyone on your valentine list. Only \$10 for a full pound with a colorful free valentine gift bag. To order, Rowena Nylund, Rnylund@sc.rr.com, call 803-252-7752 or text 803-743-7122.

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 would like to learn more about joining this team and provide AV support during worship services, contact Matt McCall, mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org. No experience necessary!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR SHANDON STUDENTS — Are you a senior in high school about to go to college? Or are you a Shandon Presbyterian Youth Alum who is currently in college? Then you are eligible to apply for scholarships to help support your educational goals. Print an application at bit.ly/spcscholarship2022, and return it no later than April 1 to Brittany Young in the front office or via email at byoung@shandonpresbyterian.org.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIRS — Shandon has opportunities for children and youth of all ages to join the fun of making music together and in worship. 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) meets Sunday afternoons during regularly scheduled youth group activities. For more information, contact Matt McCall, mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org.

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.

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