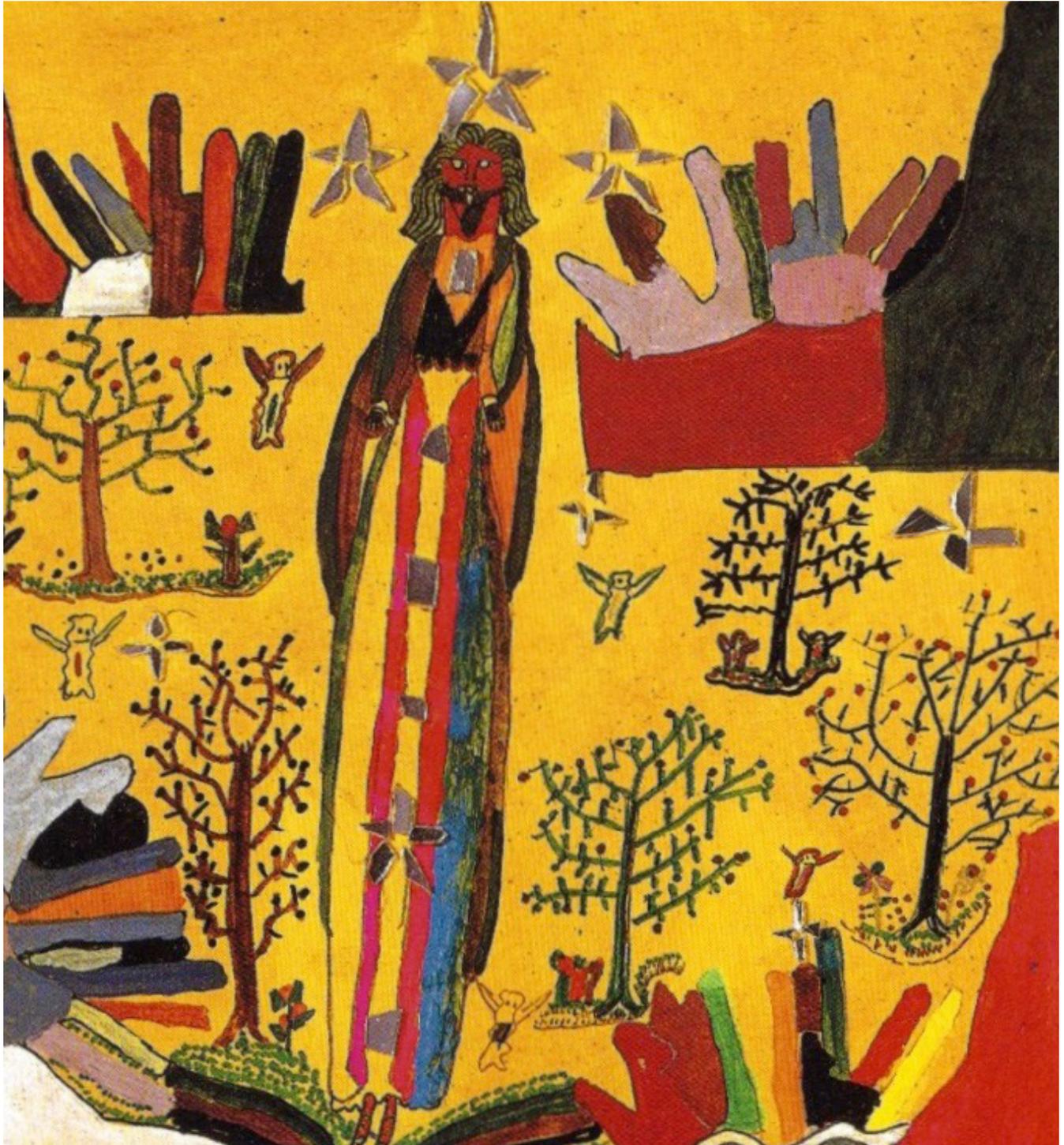




Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

February 27, 2022 • 10:30 a.m.



Sermon on the Mount, Theodore Hill

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

I Am His, and He Is Mine

ARR. CINDY BERRY

Welcome

Rev. John Cook

* Call to Worship

We sing songs of praise

to the one who spoke words of instruction and grace.

We call upon the name of Jesus,

the one who calls us to follow.

We worship and give thanks,

trusting that grace and peace will find us here.

* Hymn 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Call to Confession

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Prayer of Confession

O Lord,

You asked for our hands,

that you might use them for your purpose.

We gave them for a moment, then withdrew them,

for the work was hard.

You asked for our mouths to speak out against injustice.

We gave you a whisper that we might not be accused.

You asked for our eyes to see the pain of poverty.

We closed them, for we did not want to see.

You asked for our lives, that you might work through us.

We gave a small part, that we might not get too involved.

Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve you,

and forgive us for forgetting

the call you have placed on our lives —

to be disciples of your love.

Renew us, so that we may work to bring out your kingdom

here on earth. (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!

Minute for Mission: MORE Justice
Artie Hughes

Proclaiming the Word

The Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination
Randy Covington

Scripture Lesson

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Things We Wish Jesus Hadn't Said

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to hear the voices of people long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

* Hymn 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

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.

Offertory
JOHN NESS BECK

With what shall I come before the Lord,
And bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
With ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man,
He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?

* 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

* Farewell to Alleluia

When the angels sang to the infant king, we, too, sang "Alleluia!"
When Jesus healed the leper, we gasped "Alleluia!"
For the grace of God that empowers all good, we shout "Alleluia!"
but Alleluia cannot always be our song.

When sin breaks relationship and draws us from God,
we hear no "Alleluia."

**When we betray the love of the one who saves us,
we forsake "Alleluia."**

When the world is overcome with heartbreak,
we encounter no "Alleluia."

Alleluia cannot always be our song.

Today, we say farewell to "Alleluia" as silence takes its place.
(Silence)

The journey to the cross is long,
and the path is fraught with challenge.

**But resurrection will come
and we will once again claim "Alleluia!"**

The night will pass and we will exclaim "Alleluia!"
The Lord will rise and embody "Alleluia!"

* Hymn

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

PRAISE, MY SOUL

* Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in C Minor

J.S. BACH

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Belle Maynard (acolyte), Rev. John Cook, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Artie Hughes, Randy Covington and the Chancel Choir under the direction of Dr. Jabarie Glass.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP was written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. The Prayer of Confession is a prayer from South Africa included in "A World at Prayer." The Farewell to Alleluia was adapted from liturgy written by Rev. Anna George Traynham, Senior Pastor of Shallowford Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.

TODAY'S COVER IMAGE — This week's cover art is a creation of Theodore Hill. Hill worked for many years as a custodian for the City of Atlanta's Department of Sanitation and spent his off-hours as a caddy at the golf course of a local country club. A man of strong religious convictions, his pieces usually focus on the life of Christ. They combine painted cardboard with a variety of materials ranging from rocks, broken glass and mirror, marbles, fabric scraps, and discarded bits of metal and wood, to pecans and peanuts. Some of these materials were sourced from his previous employment. Hill's work came to the attention of the public in 1986, when he submitted to a juried exhibition of art by Atlanta city employees. He finished third in the "amateur" category.

AFTER WORSHIP TODAY — Join us outside for cookies, coffee and other refreshments. A deacon will be present in the Sower's Chapel (near the baptismal font) to receive prayer concerns or pastoral updates.

Announcements

A WOMANIST MIDRASH: A Reintroduction to the Women of the Torah and the Throne — This class will follow the work of Dr. Wil Gafney in her book by the same title. Purchase of the book is strongly recommended. Taught by Rev. Kimberly Harper Coyle. Sundays, through April 10, 9:15 a.m. in the McDonald Youth Center. A variety of new adult education offerings are planned for 2022. For details, go to bit.ly/spcspring2022.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIRTHDAY/FRIENDSHIP GATHERING — All women of Shandon Presbyterian are invited to gather and celebrate our friendships and blessings at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, in Davis Hall. Shandon's PW extends a special welcome to all women who have joined our congregation in 2021. The evening will include desserts, the election of new officers for Presbyterian Women and the annual Birthday Offering. RSVP by March 11 to Deborah Goodwin, dbra48@gmail.com.



Ash Wednesday
March 2, 2022

Ashes-to-Go
along Woodrow Street, 7:45-9 am

A Simple Supper
Church Lawn, 6 pm

Worship with the Imposition of Ashes
Sanctuary, 7 pm

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, February 27, 10:30 a.m.

Things We Wish Jesus Hadn't Said

Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 7 p.m.

including the imposition of ashes

Jackson Ringley preaching

Lent Sermon Series: A Different Kind of Lent, 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

March 6 - Resisting

March 13 - Trusting

March 20 - Resting

March 27 - Reconsidering

April 3 - Anointing

April 10 - Untying

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m.

Rev. Kimberly Harper Coyle preaching

Good Friday, April 15, 7 p.m.

Tenebrae Service

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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