



Shandon Presbyterian Church

607 Woodrow Street • Columbia, South Carolina • 29205

March 6, 2022 • 10:30 a.m.

The First Sunday of Lent



View from the Desert, Anatoly Kryvolap

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 outside 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

Tintinnabulators

JOHN MAYNARD, DIR.

Our Hope in the Darkest Night

JOHN MAYNARD

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

* Call to Worship

We gather on this first Sunday of Lent,

feeling in our bones like it has been Lent for a long time.

In the midst of a pandemic world,
we have been waiting on resurrection.

**We will continue the journey,
carrying with us the lessons we have learned.**

We will resist the temptation
to act as though nothing has changed.

**We will lean on the Lord,
in whose arms we find refuge.**

We will humble ourselves
and make space for grace.

**We will gather in worship,
trusting that even this path will lead us to life.**

* Hymn 440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERSWYTH

Call to Confession

Rev. John Cook

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

**Forgive us for all the times we are hesitant
to say the words we most need to say.**

Hear us now as we pray from the depth of our hearts.

Hear us in our weariness as we say:

Help me.

Hear us in our sorrow as we say:

Save me.

Hear us in our loneliness as we say:

Hold me.

Hear us in our brokenness as we say:

Forgive me.

Hear us in our vulnerability as we say:

Love me.

Reveal to us, O God,

the truth that will make us whole. (Silent prayer)

Response

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of God's Grace

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

Jane Massey

Scripture Lesson

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

A Different Kind of Lent: Resisting

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 537

When at This Table

FEASTDAY

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Offering

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

Anthem

Chancel Choir

DR. JABARIE GLASS, DIR.

O Taste and See

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blest is the one that trusteth in him.
Psalm 34:8

* Response

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

**For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with the gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

* Benediction

* Postlude

Prelude on ABERYSTWYTH

HEALEY WILLAN

Worship Notes

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY are Matthew McCall, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Rev. John Cook, Jane Massey, and the Chancel Choir under the direction of Dr. Jabarie Glass.

TODAY'S LITURGY — The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

TODAY'S COVER IMAGE — *View from the Desert*, is by Ukrainian artist Anatoly Kryvolap. Deserts are often used to depict scripture's wilderness imagery. This painting includes a view of the Dnipro River, about which Kryvolap writes, "The Dnipro is of extremely important social and historical significance to every Ukrainian." About his work, he writes, "I have had dozens of exhibitions abroad and sold many paintings to international collectors, but I live in Ukraine. I draw Ukraine. I paint Ukraine." Even in the desert wilderness — the wilderness of Lent and the wilderness of war — hope and life are always within view.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in prayerful support of the people of Ukraine. The sunflower is Ukraine's national flower.

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.

AN UPDATE ON SHANDON'S ORGAN — Our beautiful organ enhances worship beyond words. Though we've enjoyed its blessing for several years, it is still settling in. Additionally, with our recent back-and-forth weather patterns, we are experiencing some small, technical issues that require attention. Tomasz Lewtak and Matt McCall are working diligently to ensure our organ is quickly returned to its full grandeur. In the coming weeks, there may be a Sunday when our lovely Steinway piano will accompany worship. This is temporary and no cause for alarm. Rest assured that the organ is simply undergoing some slightly-more-than-routine maintenance.

Announcements

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES — A variety of new adult education offerings are planned for 2022 including:

- **A Reintroduction to the Women of the Torah and the Throne.** Sundays through April 10, 9:15 a.m. in the McDonald Youth Center.
- **Presbyterian Leadership '10'**, an overview of PC(USA) theology, polity, history, leadership, ministries and scripture. 7 p.m. Thursdays, March 10 through April 7, Davis Hall.
- **Last Acts of Love**, a four-part series looking at end of life issues: A Theology of Death and Resurrection; Hospice Care: What It Is and What It Isn't; Legal Matters: Advance Directors, Estate Planning, and More; and Planning a Memorial Service in Advance. Wednesdays, April 20 through May 11, location TBD.
- For more details, go to bit.ly/spcspring2022.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH PROCESS BEGINS — Session has approved a staffing plan that represents the current needs of our congregation, and we will be searching for two positions: a full-time Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults and a part-time Director of Children's Ministry. We believe this structure is the best way to grow our ministry to children, youth and young adults. The Nominating Committee is accepting recommendations through March 15 for members of an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. The APNC will be composed of seven individuals, including at least one youth. You may nominate individuals using our online form at bit.ly/apnc2022, by emailing Nominating Committee Co-Chair Sarah Ramsey, sarahsramsey@gmail.com, or by filling out a form located at the Reception Desk.

UKRAINE RELIEF — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has determined that, at present, their best avenue of support to the people of Ukraine is to provide financial support to Ukraine's neighboring countries who are receiving floods of Ukrainian refugees. To contribute to that effort, please indicate "PDA - UKRAINE" on your check or envelope. You may also contribute online through Realm at bit.ly/pdaukraine.

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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS IN WORSHIP — Both the Arise and Shine choirs will participate in worship services on March 13, April 10 and May 8. All children are welcome and encouraged to gather at the piano in the Sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. to sing. Join us for rehearsals each Wednesday: Arise Choir (ages 4 through first grade), 6-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Room 224; Shine Choir (second through fifth grades), 6:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays in Room 224; Youth Choir (sixth through 12th grades), Sunday afternoons during regularly scheduled youth group activities. Contact Matt McCall, mmccall@shandonpresbyterian.org, for more information.

SPRING FORWARD — Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 13.

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

MARCH BACKPACK FOOD DONATIONS — This month, we are collecting shelf-stable milk and Chef Boyardee ABCs, Beefaroni, lasagna and spaghetti. Donations may be dropped off in the designated box under the Portico or left with Brittany Young in the Church Office.

SAVE THE DATE: EASTER EGG HUNT — A beloved tradition is back! Following the worship service on Sunday, April 3, on the front lawn and playgrounds. Fun and light refreshments for kids and kids-at-heart.

Upcoming Worship

A DIFFERENT KIND OF LENT

Shandon Presbyterian Church

Everything feels different this year.

Maybe Lent should be different, too.

What if we paved our Lenten road with gentleness and grace?

What sort of resurrection might we be ready to receive if we spend this season making space to breathe?

3.6.2022
RESISTING

3.13.2022
TRUSTING

3.20.2022
RESTING

3.27.2022
RECON-
SIDERING

4.3.2022
ANOINTING

4.10.2022
UNTYING

4.14.2022
FEASTING

4.15.2022
YIELDING

MAUNDY
THURSDAY
7 PM

GOOD
FRIDAY
7 PM

Easter Worship

9 am - Outdoor Worship

10 am - Potluck Brunch and Fellowship

11 am - Worship in the Sanctuary

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

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff

Rev. John Cook, Associate Pastor for Discipleship

MC Jordan, Children's Ministry Assistant & UKirk Intern

Jackson Ringley, Educational Ministries Assistant

Matthew McCall, Director of Music and Organist

Dr. Jabarie Glass, Interim Chancel Choir Director

Ashlee Poole, Youth Choir Director

John Maynard, Handbell Director

Carol Ward, Communications Coordinator

Dr. Robert Walker, Church Administrator

Catherine Teal, Financial Manager

Brittany Young, Office Manager

Sandie Stillinger, Bookkeeper

Gerald Taylor, Facilities Manager