

Volunteers - Sunday March 24

Greeters: Sandra Johnson, Melanie Mixon, Jim Wilhide, Jeanne LeBoeuf
Ushers: Greg Mixon, Terry Clark, Richard Brinkley, Monroe Swearingen, Mary Johnson
Attendance: Mark and Mary Johnson, Marty Spearman
Counters: Marty Hilyer, Kathy Morganelli
Children's Church: Sue Kesterson
Time With the Children: Janice Holbrook
Nursery: Sarah Burr
Sound: Marty Hilyer
Acolyte: Megan Shuler

Volunteers - Sunday March 31

Greeters: Janice Reiser, Vern Rogers, Dallene Smith, Robert Miller
Ushers: Byron Dickson, Hal Bowman, Sam White, Missy Watts
Attendance: Cathy Keelen, Beverly Hudson, Mary Hilyer
Counters: Jim Taylor, John Whitfield
Children's Church: Linda Floyd
Time With the Children: Julie Bussells
Nursery: Amy Schwartz
Sound: Greg Mixon
Acolyte: Sawyer Creighton

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THIS WEEK AT SOPC

March 24, Sunday
9:45am Sunday School*
11:00am Worship Service*
12:15pm Covenant Ringers
5:15pm Bootcamp

March 25, Monday
10:30am Bible Study
4:00pm Children's Planning

March 26, Tuesday
7:00pm YOGA

March 27, Wednesday
12:15pm Chair YOGA
6:30pm Chancel Choir

March 28, Thursday
Mrs. Criss Gray's last day in office

March 29, Friday
6:45am Lanterns

March 31, Sunday
9:45am Sunday School*
11:00am Worship Service*
12:15pm Covenant Ringers



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service - March 24, 2019

Welcome! We pray that you will truly experience God's love and grace as you worship!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Shout to the North*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Alice Odell
(Please sign the Friendship Register)

PRELUDE: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* arr. Molly Ijames

***GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS:**

One: God created the heavens, star-spattered with beauty, and the earth, teeming with life. And God set us on the Earth, alive and wide-eyed, able to see and hear, feel and taste life's beauty, able to dream and plan, create and build out of the richness of the earth.

All: (singing) Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!

One: God gave us families to love us, teachers to teach us, elders to guide us, and leaders to inspire us. God gave us His son to save us from the path of destruction and sin, and to be a strengthening presence in our trials and temptations.

All: (singing) Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!

One: Every good thing that fills our souls with gladness and our lives with light is a gift from God. We have been entrusted with unfathomable riches. For this, let us come before God in Thanksgiving and grateful praise.

All: (singing) Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!

* HYMN #305: *Come Sing, O Church in Joy!*

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

CALL TO CONFESSION: *Taken from Isaiah 55:1-9* Rev. Alice Odell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me. (time for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* SONG OF THANKSGIVING: (singing) **Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Janice Holbrook

ANTHEM: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Brian Hanson
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Jana Creighton

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *John 4:21-24*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Exodus 3:1-15*

MESSAGE: *"Spirit Inspired Worship"* Rev. Jana Creighton

The 4 I's of God working in your life

You become _____
You become _____
You gain _____
You receive _____

When worship is spirit filled and inspired, God speaks. Is this time together on Sundays a time that we can live into these 4 things like Moses and truly listen to our God? What can you and this church do to create an atmosphere of spirit inspired worship?

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his Kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* HYMN #805: *Come Sing to God*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Alice Odell

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *At the Cross (Love Ran Red)* Chris Tomlin/arr. Larry Shackley

CONGREGATION RESPONSE: #606

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #319: *Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing*

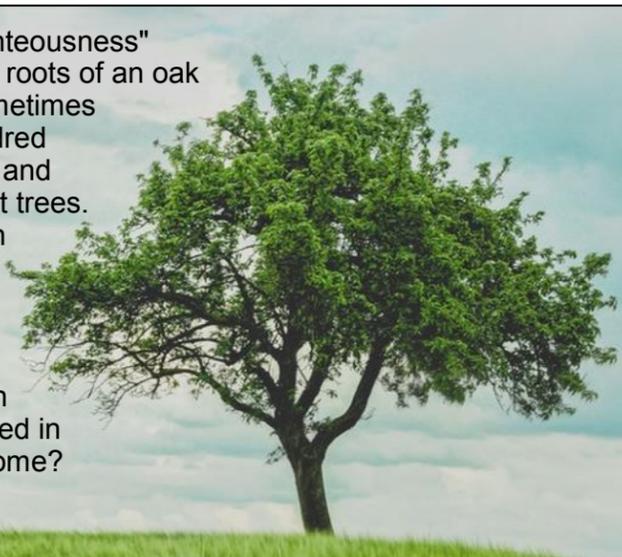
* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE: *Lift High the Cross*

* POSTLUDE: *Praise to the Almighty God*

David Paxton

The Oak Tree symbolizes a certain "Righteousness" when it comes to this tree vs others. The roots of an oak tree are very deep and far reaching, sometimes having a root system that is several hundred miles long. They are known for longevity and strength, with a durability more than most trees. They produce thousands of acorns which feed wildlife beneath their branches. Seven Oaks is the home of life giving strength and nurture with a deep root system that sustains so many others around. Would you like to plant roots with God in this place? Would you be interested in renewing your covenant to this church home? Contact Pastors Jana and Alice!



VITALIZATION SERMON NOTES:

1. Lifelong discipleship: March 3, 2019

The opposite of complacent Christian Piety or teaching good morals, is being a lifelong learner or disciple in development. What are you developing?

2. Outward Incarnational Focus: March 10, 2019

How do we focus outward (*other than a check*) rather than inward? The opposite of a closed community that focuses on survival is an open community that:

- partnerships with a purpose
- has a missional mindset
- communally "other" centered.

3. Empower Servant Leadership: March 17, 2019

The opposite of empowering servant leadership are the notions that it is the "pastor's job"; monopolized leadership among a powerful few; hiring the young energetic pastor or burning out good volunteers.

- We are called as children of God to use our gifts to strengthen the church. It is a lifetime position. It does not end until we are no longer physically and/or spiritually able.
- We are called to identify, nurture, support the use of spiritual gifts in all people, not just a few.
- We are to recognize that the voices of all people, regardless of age or ethnicity, are important.

4. Spirit Inspired Worship: March 24, 2019

The opposite of spirit inspired worship is self-gratifying worship, stale rituals divorced of meaning, or consumer entertainment.

- Worship is coming onto Holy Ground, encountering God and experiencing wonder.
- Worship is active participation in the living relationship with God and ALL should feel welcome no matter of dress, struggles, appearance, life choices.
- Worship challenges, teaches, transforms, encounters, convicts, and sends people out differently. What in worship sends you out with a different perspective each week?

During the Welcome and Announcements please pass the Friendship Books to record your presence here today. You are invited to greet each other with the love of Christ after worship.

Nursery: A nursery is available in building A for ages 0 - 3. If you have any questions please see anyone of our volunteers with an "ASK ME" badge.

Children's Worship: Every Sunday following "A Time with the Children", ages 4-4th grade can either choose to continue to worship with their families, or go to Children's Church. Please pick up children from Building "A". Worship Bags for wiggly children ages 4-12 are hanging on the coat rack in the Narthex.

A Guest Welcome Table is in the Narthex. If you have questions please ask an Elder with an "ASK ME" badge.

Worship CD's of services. Contact the office, ask a Sound System Volunteer in the balcony, or listen/download to podcast at www.sopc.net/sermons.

CRISS GRAY: You may not know, but Criss has been commuting over an hour and 20 minutes each way to SOPC for the past 10 months, and she has now decided to spend more time supporting her family in Pinewood. Please come by the office on Thursday, March 28, to say goodbye to Criss, and to thank her for her love and dedication to SOPC over the past six and a half years!

Music Notes: The prelude is based on a hymn of commitment from Lowell Mason and Ray Palmer's well known hymn, *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*. It is set to a fresh and beautiful melody by Brian Hanson. The closing verse captures the essence of this powerful hymn: "*Plenteous grace with Thee is found; Grace to cover all my sin. Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art; Freely let me take of Thee. Spring Thou up within my heart; Rise to all eternity!*" The offertory is built around the refrain: "*At the cross I surrender my life. I'm in awe of You. Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white, I owe all to You. I owe all to You, Jesus.*"

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by John Vousden to the glory of God and in loving memory of Juanita.

Easter Lilies: If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the Sanctuary, please fill out an order form in the pew racks and make your check out to SOPC and submit to the church office. The deadline is Sunday, March 31st.

Bootcamp continues tonight at 5:15 p.m. We will be studying Lamentations. See you there!

Missions Collections: Peanut butter and Jelly for Sharing God's Love. For our Prison Ministry: Soft yarn, lotions, books and magazines as well as soft toilet tissue and clothes for their work release program. No shoes or purses please. Pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Box Tops for Education for SOES.

Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, March 31st, for the purpose of Election of Elders and Trustees for the class of 2022.

Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, April 7th: Ages 3 -5 - 1:00 p.m. - Ages 6-8 - 1:45 p.m. - Ages 9 -12 - 2:00 p.m. Youth are invited to help hide eggs! We need candy and egg donations by March 31st.

Building & Grounds Committee invites you to come Saturday, April 6 to help us clean the campus, storage areas & paint some windows. Meet us at 8:00 a.m. to fellowship over coffee & snacks before we start!

Passover Seder - Sunday, April 14, 5:15 p.m. is an experiential teaching dinner that recalls the salvation of God's people during the flight from Egypt. As Christians, the retelling of the Passover story calls us to grasp our identity as the People of God, remembering the renewed covenant made through the gift of grace in Jesus Christ. By using all of the senses, the Passover Seder looks forward to the complete redemption upon the return of our Savior. You are invited to join as we share the story of the exodus, followed by a traditional meal. Sign up in the Narthex.