

Sunday, July 28

Greeters: Sandra Johnson, Jim Wilhide, Jeanne LeBoeuf, Shelagh Wirth,
Ushers: Ron Kesterson, Richard Brinkley, Monroe Swearingen, Mary Johnson
Attendance: Mark & Mary Johnson, Marty Spearman
Counters: Fred Holbrook, Mark Pilkington
Time With Children: Sue Kesterson
Children's Church: Kitsie Miller
Nursery: Amy Schwartz
Sound: Marty Hilyer
Acolyte: Josie Werner
Flowers: Janice Holbrook

Sunday, August 4, 2019

Greeters: Jim Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor, Brenda Turner
Ushers: Shelagh Wirth, Bev Elbert, Fred Holbrook, Daniel Perriero, Betty Shuler, Tom Shuler
Attendance: Barbara Fowler, Marion Watson-Wishart, Shelagh Wirth
Counters: Kathy Morganelli & Jack Noë
Time With Children: Tish Lowe
Children's Church: Carol Griffith & Christal McTier
Nursery: Amy Schwartz
Sound: Ken Watkins
Acolyte: Communion
Flowers: Janice Reiser
Opening Church: Fred Holbrook
Home Communion: Ed Keelen

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2022: Byron Dickson- Building/Grounds
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Ed Keelen- Christian Ed. Chair
Mark Pilkington - Christian Education
Sharon Staton - Administration
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Treasurer: Hal Bowman

PRAISE:

Jackson Frederick Diehl arrived about 4:15 pm, CDT, 7 pounds, 2 ounces. Mom and son are fine. Grandson of Fred and Janice Holbrook.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Linda Floyd, Nan Foster,
Rafe Glymph, Ed Keelen, Ben Killian,
Margaret Royals,
Dick and Barbara Schneider

THIS WEEK AT SOPC

July 28, Sunday
9:45 am Sunday School*
11:00 am Worship Service*
6:00 pm Chin Worship Service

July 29, Monday
7:00 pm NANA

July 30, Tuesday
7:00 pm YOGA & NANA

July 31, Wednesday
6:00 pm Chin Bible Study
7:00 pm NANA

August 1, Thursday

August 2, Friday
6:45 am Lanterns

August 3, Saturday
10:00 am Overeaters
7:00 pm Chin Church Band Sanct.

August 4 Sunday
9:45 am Sunday School*
11:00 am Worship Service*
6:00 pm Chin Worship Service

*Nursery is provided.

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SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service - July 28, 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:

Brethren We Have Met to Worship

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Please pass and sign the Friendship Register)

Rev. Alice Odell

PRELUDE:

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Matt Hyzer

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS:

Leader: It is in this place of holiness that we can come with our fears, our doubts, all the questions of our hearts.

All: We come to this place to hear the words of peace, of hope, of joy God speaks to us.

Leader: It is in this place of discovery that we can come searching.

All: We come to this place, to find the One who has been looking for us.

Leader: It is in this place of openness that we can come knocking.

All: We come to this place, to be embraced by the One whose heart is never locked.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Alice Odell

*HYMN # 401:

Here In This Place

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, forgive us for we have sinned. Help us to see ourselves for who we are and who we are not. We whine about those who are not doing what we think they should, but ignore our own failings. We hurt those around us with the callous things we have said and with our selfish behavior. Forgive us, O God, sit us down at Jesus' feet so we may learn the life you intend for us. Set our hearts right so that we may stop hurting others and bring healing where healing is needed. Teach us to reach out to our sisters and brothers and welcome them just as you have welcomed us into your heart, O Jesus, our Lord and Savior. (time for silent confession) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Christ Jesus comes to reconcile us to God, so we can be reconciled to one another. **Recreated in God's image, we are made whole. When we are in Christ, everything becomes new. Praise God! We will go forth and live as reconciled people. Amen**

*GLORIA PATRI:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Elder Sue Kesterson

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM:

My Jesus, I Love Thee

arr. Pilkington

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Psalm 85

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE: "A Brief Statement of Faith, A Teaching Moment"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. 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 unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples 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!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN # 754: Help Us Accept Each Other

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

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: Amazing Grace arr. Pilkington
Ernie Bussells—Soprano Recorder
Sharon Watkins—Alto Recorder

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.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN # 694: Great God of Every Blessing

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE: The Lord Bless You

POSTLUDE: Cortege Gordon Young

*Please stand in body or in spirit

During the Welcome and Announcements, please pass and sign 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.

Guests are invited to stop by the Guest Table in the narthex. Please leave your information when you take a goody bag as a reminder of God's love. 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.

Music Notes: In preparation for the worship of God, the prelude reminds us that as a ransomed, healed, restored and forgiven people, we will evermore sing God's praises. My Jesus, I Love Thee brings to mind 1 John 4:19 "We love because he first loved us" (NRSV). The offertory reflects the depth of God's love for us, as it brings together two hymns, Amazing Grace and Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed.

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God by Fred and Janice Holbrook and in honor of the birth of their grandson, Jackson Frederick Diehl.

Congregational Vitality Survey: copies available in Narthex.

Congregational Meeting : There will be a short meeting after the worship service on August 4th to approve Frank Sheppard as a trustee for the class of 2022.

Missions Collections: Peanut butter & jelly for Sharing God's Love. Summer Collections: Snack Pack Items, PB&J, small mac & cheese, and beanie weenies.

Every day collections: Pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Box Tops for Education for SOES.

Prayer Circle: The Monday Prayer Circle will NOT meet July 28th and August 5th.

Pastoral Care Needs: From July 26 - August 6, 2019 please call the church office, Rev. Alice Odell, Rev. Barry Shatzer or your session shepherd for any immediate care concerns.

Charleston Mission Trip: We ask that you be in prayer for the students as they travel to Charleston August 4-9 for our mission trip.

Seven Oaks Elementary School Supplies List: Once again we are taking up donations for school supplies for Seven Oaks Elementary School. You can bring your donations to church and put them in the black baskets in the narthex or in the mission closet. Thank you for your help!

A list of supplies is as follows:

- Colored Plastic Folder (with pockets & brads)
Highlighters
Pack of Pens
Zip Pencil Bag
Ziploc Bags - gallon, quart, sandwich
Hand Sanitizer in Pump Dispenser
Disinfecting Bleach
Free Wipes
Kleenex Tissues
Washable Glue Sticks
Pack of Crayola Crayons
Pack of Long Colored Pencils
Packs of #2 Pencils
Pink Pearl Erasers
Blunt Scissors
Yellow Sticky Notes
Marble Composition Books (black /white only)
Filler Paper - Wide Rule

SOPC Small Groups: This Fall and Spring, SOPC is hosting a number and variety of small groups to facilitate meeting new faces and growing in faith. Session has been reading 'The Trelis and the Vine' by Tony Payne who describes small groups in a church as 'a shift from running programs to building people'. In small groups, leaders spring up from within the church and share their natural talents with the congregation. These folks form new relationships (even in old friends), new interests, and new faith perspectives. Not to mention that small groups are a non-threatening means of inviting friends who may be weary of church or faith into a community of support where grace can be seen. Isn't that part of our call, to love God and love our neighbor as we studied last week? In the coming weeks, we will highlight some of the small groups coming to your SOPC family. You are invited to find a new group to explore and invite a friend to go with you! Where two or more are gathered...

Session Shepherds: One of the strengths of Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church is our natural ability to care for one another. According to the vitalization survey, 85% of members feel that "my church loves and cares for all its members". We are encouraging this care by forming shepherd groups within the congregation. If you haven't already received a phone call, email, or card from your session shepherd, look for one very soon. This will be your immediate contact when you want to chat, need a ride, desire home communion, or simply want to grab a meal with some other folks. Of course, your pastors are always here as well. Your shepherd may ask if you'd like to have an impromptu dinner with the group or perhaps just give you a ring from time to time to discuss how church life is going. In return, you are invited to call your shepherd and support them. After all, being an elder and being a shepherd of others is hard work. If you do not yet know who your shepherd is and desire to make contact, please call the office and we can connect you! Let's practice feeding God's sheep together!