

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Greeters Jim Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor, John Whitfield, Tara Whitfield

Ushers: Ron Kesterson, Frank Sheppard, Mark Wishart, Marion W. Wishart, Melanie Mixon

Attendance: Anne Crook, Willie Hale, Martha Hallbick

Counters: Richard Brinkley, Mark Wishart

Time with Children: Michaela Craven

Children's Church: Mary Dempster

Nursery: Amy Schwartz

Sound: Greg Mixon

Acolyte: Megan Shuler

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Greeters: Donna Moore, Nancy Taber, Carol Griffith, Richard Brinkley

Ushers: Guy San Fratello, Judy Barnes, OB Drayton, Finn Creighton, Sandra Johnson, Pete Spearman, David Waugh

Attendance: Robert Miller, Sarah Drayton, Brenda Turner

Counters: Carol Griffith, Ed Keelen

Time with the Children: Sue Kesterson

Children's Church: Linda Floyd

Nursery: Amy Schwartz

Sound: Marty Hilyer

Acolyte: Sawyer Creighton

Opening Church: Sharon Staton

Flowers: Willie Hale

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Carol Griffith- Fellowship Chair

Ed Keelen- Christian Ed. Chair

Mark Pilkington - Christian Education

Sharon Staton - Administration

Jim Taylor - Missions

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THIS WEEK AT SOPC

Sept 8, Sunday

9:00 am Rally Day Breakfast & Exploring 2019/2020 events
10:00 am Sunday School*
11:00 am Worship Service*
6:00 pm Chin Worship Service

Sept 9, Monday

10:30 am Bible Study
7:00 pm NANA

Sept 10, Tuesday

11:00 am Mary Martha Circle
7:00 pm YOGA & NANA

Sept 11, Wednesday

6:00 pm Chin Bible Study
6:30 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm NANA

Sept 12, Thursday

Sept 13, Friday

6:45 am Lanterns
7:00 pm Chin Church Band

Sept 14, Saturday

10:00 am Overeaters

Sept 15, Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School*
11:00 am Worship Service*
5:15 pm Bootcamp
6:00 pm Chin Worship Service

*Nursery is provided

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SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service - September 8, 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:

The Lord is Present

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Please pass and sign the Friendship Register)

Rev. Jana Creighton

PRELUDE:

Your Love Never Fails

Larry Shackley

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS:

One: Come! Listen to the word of the Lord!

All: Help us to receive God's word and direction for our lives.

One: Proclaim the goodness of God's love!

All: Let our voices and our actions be filled with love.

One: Come, now is the time to worship.

All: Open our eyes, our hearts and our spirits this day, Let us Worship the Lord!

*HYMN # 39:

Great is Thy Faithfulness

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

We can never match your perfection, Lord. Try as we might, we stumble and fall, grasping for that which we feel is unobtainable. We are nothing if not consistent in our falling from your grace. For you are perfect love and we most certainly are not. Perfect love casts out fear, and we are fearful, fearful of the unknown, fearful of failure. And the Lord answered, 'Child, I never ask for the impossible, I never set a goal that cannot be reached, a mountain that cannot be climbed, even by those of a nervous disposition. All I ask is that you come to me as you are at this moment in time, and accept me as I AM. There is no part of you that cannot be made clean, renewed, restored. Don't stumble, hold out your hand instead. That's not too much to ask, is it? Lord. Help us to tear down walls and draw closer to you. (Silent time of confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*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.**

RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Elder Kathy Keane

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Elder Ed Keelen

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Michaela Craven

ANTHEM:

With a Voice of Singing
Chancel Choir

Martin Shaw

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Creighton

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Proverbs 1:1-7

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Hebrews 10:19-25
Acts 2:42-47

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE:

"Small Groups"

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 319:

Men of Faith Rise Up and Sing
Verse 1—Men
Verse 2—Women
Verse 3—All

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy
Four Hand Piano

arr. Joel Ranney

*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 # 361:

O Christ, The Great Foundation

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE:

May the Road Rise to Meet You

POSTLUDE:

Come! Live In The Light!

David Haas

Shepherding News

PRAYER REQUESTS: Bill Bailey, Sarah Drayton, Linda Floyd, Nan Foster, Rafe Glymph, Cathy Martin, mother of Mary Dempster, Lyle Menzel, brother of Sarah Park, Christal McTier, Al Morganelli, Kathy Morganelli, Marsha Phillips, Margaret Royals, Dick and Barbara Schneider, Brenda Turner, Patricia Williams, Kirk Wirth

CELEBRATIONS: Welcome back Rev Alice Odell.

The work of Trinity Presbytery in leading a Nationwide Vitalization Process. The work of SOPC in shaping this nationwide process.

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 a volunteer 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: *Your Love Never Fails* is a worship song that reminds us God's love for us never changes and never fails! *With a Voice of Singing* was originally composed for a festival of choirs. Its unique voicing and rhythmic energy inspire us to celebrate all the good things God has done for us, and to praise God with joyful "Alleluias" as we give our praise to God. The offertory is a four-hand piano arrangement of John Dykes' great hymn of praise. The postlude is based on a hymn whose lyrics remind us that we are called to act with justice, to love tenderly, to serve one another and to walk humbly with our God!

Flowers: The flowers in the Sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and remembering that happy September 7, 1957, when Arnold and Mary Lou Taylor were united in Holy Matrimony at the First Presbyterian Church in Lansing, MN. This union has thus far produced two sons, seven grands, and one great grand.

Missions Collections: This month the items for donations are macaroni and cheese boxes and Spaghettios. We are changing our program to make the first Sunday of each month our collection day for this project.

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

Did you know? Small groups are nothing new to the life of SOPC! Part of our vitalization process celebrates what we do well which is in part small groups. Leaders join us today after worship in the Session Room for a small group growth group training. Want to learn the basics? Welcome!

Bootcamp starts tonight at 5:15 pm. There will be a annual parents meeting at 5:00 pm. We will see you to-

night!!!

Inquirer's Small Group begins in October. Are you interested in learning about God's work here at SOPC? Sign up now.

Bible Study returns Monday, Sept. 9 @ 10:30 am in the Fellowship Classroom. We will be studying Leviticus from an anthropological standpoint. Bring a friend and we'll see you there!!!

Join us for lunch, 3rd Monday of each month starting with Monday, September 16, 2019 at 12:00 noon. We will meet at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, 148 Harbison Blvd., Columbia, SC. We encourage any members, male and female, to join us. If you wish to attend, please notify Margaret Royals, 803 957-0430.

Firetruck Pull and Fall Festival

Have you heard that our youth have a heart for mission? The firetruck pull is a youth created concept that will support the Autism Academy to be held with the fall festival on October 27th (Sunday) from 3-7pm. Now is the time to get busy for all of us. We need YOU in order to spread the word! How?

- Recruit teams (10-12 persons per team) this could be teams from families, schools, classes, teams, other churches, stores you visit, there will even be an over 80 cheering group!

- Recruit donors - the amount of donations determines what kind of advertisement the company gets (t-shirt, signage on property, etc). Know someone with a business? Know someone who needs to get their name out there? Know someone who has a family affected by autism? Ask them to be a part! See the office for more details. Sponsorships available for \$100, \$500 or \$1,000.

- Recruit sponsors- if someone has a business and they want to be on site (say craft tables or selling candles, etc.), they may pay a small fee and park on the property to sell

- Know someone who can donate goodie bag treats? Ask them and bring them in!

- Want to participate but don't want to pull? Stay tuned...we have lots of volunteer spots available, see Michaela or come by the office! Let's break down the stigma walls around mental health! Flyers are available in the narthex.

MORE Justice is in the process of contacting church members. If you haven't been contacted yet, and you would like to meet her, please contact Lizzy Van Harn, elizabeth@thedartcenter.org or cell: 616-916-9568.