

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 49:1-7 The Servant's Mission

One: Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!

All: **The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.**

One: He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

All: **But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."**

One: And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—

All: **He says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."**

One: Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,

All: **"Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen ME."**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 1:29-42

NT 86-87

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

Follow Me

Rev. Jana Creighton

*HYMN OF REFLECTION

Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak

Hymn 722

*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

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

Look at the World
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

*CONGREGATION RESPONSE

**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

*SENDING HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

Hymn 726

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

Come, People of the Lord

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord

Diane Bish

**Please stand in body or in spirit*



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 19, 2020

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please pass and sign the Friendship Register)

Rev. Jana Creighton

PRELUDE

On Eagle's Wings

Joncas/arr. John Carter

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS (inspired by Psalm 40:1-11, John 1:29-42)

Elder Carol Griffith

One: What offering do we need to bring to God?

God does not look for sacrifices or offerings, but for open ears, like channels for the truth.

All: **Grand gestures and offerings are not required, but a heart-felt delight in doing the will of God.**

One: My friends, behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

All: **God has put a new song in my mouth, placed a new melody on my tongue.**

One: The love of Jesus, the Lamb of God, be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

(written by Bruce Prewer)

*GATHERING HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymn 610

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Jana Creighton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, you call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner; you call us to be your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work; you put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words; you show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important things to do. Put your song on our lips and in our hearts, and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in you. Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love (a time of silent 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.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Elder Julie Bussells

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision
Chancel Choir

Gordon Young

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

Sunday Worship, January 19, 2020

Greeters: Jean Mandeville, Richard Brinkley, Sandra Johnson, Jim Wilhide
Ushers: Guy San Fratello, Judy Barnes, OB Drayton, Finn Creighton, Sandra Johnson, Pete Spearman, David Waugh

Attendance: Robert Miller, Sarah Drayton, Brenda Turner

Counters: Melanie Mixon, Monroe Swearingen,

Time with the Children: Julie Bussells

Children's Church: Janice Reiser

Nursery: Amy Schwartz **Liturgist:** Carol Griffith

Sound: Marty Hilyer **Acolyte:** Sydney Edwards

Opening Church: Richard Brinkley

Flowers: Ruth Circle

Sunday Worship, January 26, 2020

Greeters: Shelagh Wirth, Elizabeth Taylor, Jim Taylor, Donna Moore

Ushers: Greg Mixon, Richard Brinkley, Monroe Swearingen, Mary Johnson

Attendance: Mark and Mary Johnson, Marty Spearman

Counters: Jim Taylor, John Whitfield, Sharon Staton

Time with the Children: Rusty Creighton

Children's Church: Melanie Mixon and Marion Watson -Wishart

Nursery: Amy Schwartz **Liturgist:** Ed Keelen

Sound: Marty Hilyer **Acolyte:** Eli Bundrick

Opening Church: Byron Dickson

Flowers: Lloyd and Tina Pilkington

STAFF

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THIS WEEK AT SOPC

January 19, Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School*

11:00 am Worship Service*

12:00 Youth Group Ice Cream Social

12:15 pm Covenant Ringers

6:00 pm Chin Church Worship

7:30 pm Chin Church Event

January 20, Monday

6:30 pm Session Meeting

7:00 pm NANA

January 21, Tuesday

8:30 Greater Columbia Quilters Board

9:00 Greater Columbia Quilters

7:00 pm YOGA & NANA

January 22, Wednesday

5:00 pm Leaf Article Deadline

5:30 pm Koinonia

7:00 pm NANA

7:30 pm Choir Practice

January 23, Thursday

12:15 pm Chair Yoga

January 24, Friday

6:45 am Lanterns

January 25, Saturday

10:00 am Overeaters Anonymous

6:00 pm Chin Bible Study

January 26, Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School*

11:00 am Worship Service*

12:00 Congregational Meeting

12:15 Church Luncheon

12:15 pm Covenant Ringers

6:00 pm Chin Church Worship

*Nursery is provided

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During the Welcome and Announcements, please pass and sign the Friendship Pads 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 any of our volunteers with an "ASK ME" badge.

Children's Worship: Every Sunday following "A Time with the Children", ages 3-3rd 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.

Thinking about joining our SOPC family? Got questions? We invite you to meet with the pastor in the library on Sunday, January 26 at 10 a.m., speak with any elder at any time, or contact the church office. You are not here by accident.

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.

Flowers: The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by the Glory of God and in loving appreciation of the congregation & staff by Ruth Circle.

Music Notes: The prelude is setting of Psalm 91 that promises God will make you shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of His hand. The anthem is an arrangement of the well-known hymn and ancient Irish text. The offertory is an original anthem reminding us that every good gift and blessing in our lives comes to us as a token of God's love.

Missions Collections and Ministries: January's collection items are: full-size toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, and bars of soap. Please put in the black baskets in the Narthex or in the Missions closet by the first Sunday of the month. February's collection items will be: canned meats and pasta sauce. **Every day collections:** Pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Box Tops for Education for SOES.

The January **ladies luncheon** will be at The Peanut Man, 3905 Fernandina Rd., Columbia, at twelve noon tomorrow, January 20. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals, 803-957-0430 or mroyals052@gmail.com.

In December, we fed 30 men at **Providence Men's Home**. On January 20 (tomorrow), using a donation from the Rachel Circle, we will fix hamburger steaks, scalloped potatoes, a vegetable, dump cakes and ice cream. Cooking begins at 2 pm and serving at 5 pm. Anyone wishing to help, please contact Robert Miller.

Women's Bible Study would like to start up again. If you are interested, please mark your calendar for an organizational meeting on Monday, January 27 at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Classroom. Come with ideas for study and leaders.

Koinonia, Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Volunteers: Tish Lowe, Melanie Mixon, Donna Moore, Charlotte and Monroe Swearingen, Pat Byrne, Carol Griffith

Menu: Covered Dish Dinner; Please bring a dish to share.

Please sign up on the pew pads or call the church office by Monday for your reservation so that we may plan efficiently and not waste food. Hope to see you there!

The Fellowship Ministry invites you to sign up for **Supper Club Meals** to be held February, March and April. One month you will select a date and place and coordinate with the participants on your month's rotation. The goal is to have each meal with different members. For questions and to sign up, visit the table in the narthex today, or call/email Molly Jackson at (803) 798-3750 or mollyjackson803@gmail.com. Please do so by Monday, January 20, 2020.

The **Congregational Meeting** to present the Annual Session Report and Budget is next Sunday, Jan. 26th, immediately following worship. Plan to join us for lunch following. You may sign up for lunch on the pew pads or by calling the church office by Wednesday. At the luncheon, we will be learning more about the churches in Cuba.

Sunday February 2nd will be our annual **Souper Bowl Sunday** food drive and battle of the teams! This year we will have an expanded choice of college teams! Let Michaela know if you have a team you would like to have represented! Top teams will compete in collecting the most food for Sharing God's Love. We encourage you to bring non-perishable food items to worship! Our goal is to collect more food than ever!



It is never too late to give a memorial gift in remembrance of a loved one, most recently John Vousden. Memorials can be made by indicating on your check that it is a memorial and the name of the person whom you are remembering. A letter of acknowledgement will be mailed to the family of the deceased.



The **2020 Flower Calendar** is now in the narthex. Please sign up for flowers by **BOTH** signing beside the date you want **AND** taking an envelope. Complete

the information on the envelope and either put it in the offering plate or take it to the church office. February dates available: February 9, 16, 23. March dates available: March 15, 22, 29.



Shepherding News

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dave Allen, Tom Falls, Linda Floyd, Rafe Glymph, Ed Keelen, John McCulloch, Christal McTier, Dick and Barbara Schneider