

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off (time of silent confession). **AMEN**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*HYMN: **Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD *Presbyterian Foreign Missions*

A MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Elder John Whitfield

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Elder Jean Mandeville

ANTHEM

*Come to the Water*  
Chancel Choir

Anna Laura Page

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Creighton

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

*Exodus 17:1-7*

OT 61

GOSPEL READING

*Reader's Theatre: John 4:5-30*

NT 89-90

MESSAGE

*Living Waters*

Rev. Jana Creighton

The Woman:

1. Is present at the well      Ways I struggle to be present to God      (prayer, time, faith, etc.)
2. Is willing to engage Jesus      Ways I struggle to engage in God's difficult work      (listening, action, questioning)
3. Is truthful with Jesus      Ways I hide the truth from God (thoughts, bitterness, resentment, love)
4. Believes Jesus is the living water      Ways I am struggling in my faith
5. Shares the good news      Ways I hesitate to speak about God      (with neighbors, friends, strangers)

TIME OF REFLECTION: As the hymn is sung, consider which of these 5 areas you are struggling with the most. Leave this item at the cross for Jesus to carry.

\*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.**

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

*Sure Foundation*  
Chancel Choir

Mark Hayes

\*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

*O God, Who Gives Us Life*

Hymn 53

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

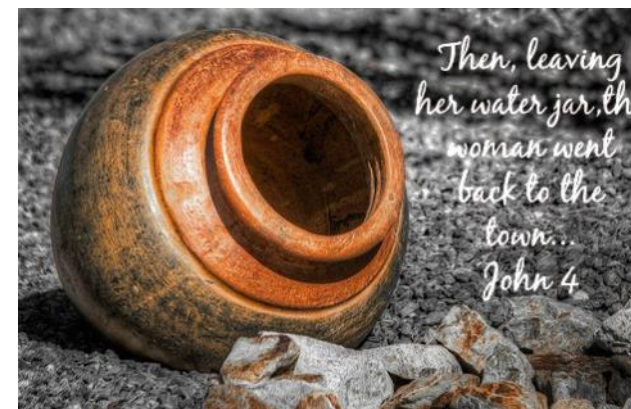
*Shalom*

POSTLUDE

*The Way of the Cross*

Paul Davis

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*



## SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 15, 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

*Fill This House with Your Holy Presence*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please pass and sign the Friendship Register)

Rev. Jana Creighton

PRELUDE

*Amazing Grace*

Diane Bish

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

One: We come to the well of fear and doubt.

**All: We have drawn deeply of those waters.**

One: We come to the well of anger and hate.

**All: The waters flourish in all the land.**

One: Lord, bring us to the water of peace and hope.

**All: Lord, bring us to the well of salvation. Amen**

\*GATHERING HYMN

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Hymn 81

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read responsively)

Isaiah 55:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>**Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.**

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>**See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.**

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>**Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;**

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.**

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup>**For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,**

<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup>**For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

### Sunday Worship, March 15, 2020

**Greeters:** Joe Gause, Myrna Gause, Carol Griffith, Heather Noë  
**Ushers:** Guy San Fratello, Judy Barnes, OB Drayton, Pete Spearman, David Waugh  
**Attendance:** Robert Miller, Sarah Drayton, Brenda Turner  
**Counters:** Monroe Swearingen, Jim Taylor, Sharon Staton  
**Time with the Children:** Jean Mandeville  
**Children's Church:** Melanie Mixon  
**Sound:** Marty Hilyer **Acolyte:** Eli Bundrick  
**Opening Church:** Sharon Staton  
**Liturgist:** Jeanne LeBoeuf **Nursery:** Amy Schwartz  
**Flowers:** Molly Jackson

### Sunday Worship, March 22, 2020

**Greeters:** Jean Mandeville, Richard Brinkley, Sandra Johnson, Jim Wilhide  
**Ushers:** Greg Mixon, Richard Brinkley, Monroe Swearingen, Mary Johnson  
**Attendance:** Mark and Mary Johnson, Marty Spearman  
**Counters:** Sharon Staton, John Whitfield, Shelagh Wirth  
**Time with the Children:** Marty Hilyer  
**Children's Church:** Marion Watson Wishart  
**Sound:** Marty Hilyer **Acolyte:** Laura Crosby  
**Opening Church:** Byron Dickson  
**Liturgist:** Janice Holbrook **Nursery:** Amy Schwartz  
**Flowers:** Fred and Janice Holbrook

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**2020:** Jeanne LeBoeuf - Christian Education  
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Shelagh Wirth - Worship Chair  
**2022:** Byron Dickson - Building/Grounds  
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Mark Pilkington - Christian Education  
Sharon Staton - Administration  
Jim Taylor - Missions  
**Trustees:** Lucretia Seigler, Beverly Hudson, Frank Sheppard  
**Treasurer:** Hal Bowman



### THIS WEEK AT SOPC

#### March 15, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School\*  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service\*  
12:00 Youth Hiwire Event  
12:15 p.m. Covenant Ringers  
6:00 p.m. Chin Church Worship

#### March 16, Monday

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Session Meeting  
7:00 p.m. NANA

#### March 17, Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Greater Columbia Quilter's Board  
9:00 a.m. GC Quilters  
7:00 p.m. YOGA & NANA

#### March 18, Wednesday

5:00 p.m. Easter Lily Order Deadline  
6:30 Christ and the Chocolaterie  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
7:00 p.m. NANA

#### March 19, Thursday

12:00 Praying in Color  
12:15 p.m. Chair Yoga  
3:30 Christ and the Chocolaterie  
6:30 Christ and the Chocolaterie

#### March 20, Friday

6:45 a.m. Lanterns  
5:00 p.m. Leaf Article Deadline

#### March 21, Saturday

10:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous  
6:00 p.m. Chin Bible Study

#### March 22, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School\*  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service\*  
12:15 p.m. Covenant Ringers  
6:00 p.m. 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 3-3<sup>rd</sup> 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?** You are not here by accident. **Our New Member luncheon will be March 22 in the Fellowship Hall, following the worship service.** Please RSVP to the church office: (803) 772-1761.

**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](http://www.sopc.net/sermons).

**Flowers:** The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Molly Jackson and with gratitude and joy for the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Music Notes:** : *Come to the Water* invites us to receive the refreshing and restorative love of Jesus Christ, and then calls us to be the hands of Christ in our world. *Sure Foundation* is based on Isaiah 43:1-2, and it incorporates the hymn, *How Firm a Foundation*.

**Missions Collections and Ministries:** March's collection items for Sharing God's Love are: peanut butter and jelly. April's items will be: Baked beans, canned beans, and dried beans. Please put in the black baskets in the Narthex or in the Missions closet by the first Sunday of the month. **Every day collections:** Pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Box Tops for Education for SOES.



The **March Ladies' luncheon** will be held tomorrow, March 16th, noon at M Kitchen, 340 Columbiana Dr., Columbia. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals at 803-957-0430 or [mroyals052@gmail.com](mailto:mroyals052@gmail.com).



Order forms for **Easter lilies** to adorn the sanctuary for Easter and the Sunday following are in the pews. The cost of the lilies is \$14. **Today is the last Sunday to place your orders.**



There will be a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, March 29th following worship for the purpose of electing elders for year 2023.

WHO IS my neighbor?



Save the Dates  
Volunteers Needed

VBS  
June 22-26  
9:00 -noon  
Pre-K—5th Grade

Spring Luncheon  
Celebrating Church Women United!

Tickets—\$20.00 per person

Saturday, March 28, 2020  
11:00—1:30

11:00-11:30 Gathering 11:30—1:30 Lunch & Program

Brookland Banquet Conference Center  
Registration Deadline: Monday, March 20, 2020  
Absolutely no late registrations or walk-ins will be accepted!

Register by sending your name, church name, your phone number and email address, with your check for \$20.00 (payable to CWU) to:  
Ms. Pat Gilyard, 2801 Wales Road, Columbia SC 29223

### Holy Week Schedule

#### Palm Sunday, April 9

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship

#### Maundy Thursday, April 9

6:30 p.m. - Service with Holy Communion

#### Easter Sunday, April 12

9:15 a.m. - Breakfast with Grits Bar  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Flowering the Cross on the front lawn  
11:00 a.m. - Worship and Holy Communion



The **2020 Flower Calendar** is in the narthex. May and July dates available: May 17, July 9 and 26.



Children's Ministry Outreach Team is seeking donations of 6,000 Easter eggs and fillers (toys and candy) for the Easter egg hunt that we are co-sponsoring at Saluda Shoals on April 3. Give all donations to Michaela or bring to church office. We are sharing God's love through our partnership with Saluda Shoals.

### Shepherding News

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Dave Allen, Anne Crook, Tom Falls, Linda Floyd, Joe Gause, Rafe Glymph, Ed Keelen, John McCulloch, Christal McTier, Alene Rogers, Dick and Barbara Schneider

