

*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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Elder Mark Johnson
ANTHEM *Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy* Gordon Young
Chancel Choir
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Jana Creighton
OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 12:1-4a* OT 9
GOSPEL READING *John 3:1-17* NT 88

MESSAGE *Light and Dark* Rev. Jana Creighton

TIME OF REFLECTION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Excerpts Adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism (1562)*

One: *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

All: ***That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.***

One: *What is true faith?*

All: ***True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation.***

These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

One: *But why are you called a Christian?*

All: ***Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and evil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.***

One: *Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?*

All: ***Because Christ, having redeemed us, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for God's benefits, so that God may be praised through us. 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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Mason/Bjorck

*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 *Be Thou My Vision* Hymn 450

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE *Threefold Amen*

POSTLUDE *The Solid Rock* Bradbury/Krug

**Please stand in body or in spirit*



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 8, 2020

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



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP *Fill This House with Your Holy Presence*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jana Creighton
(Please pass and sign the Friendship Register)

PRELUDE *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Atkinson/Larson

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Elder Tish Lowe

One: "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God."

All: **"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

One: "Love never ends."

All: **"Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law."**

One: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

All: **"God so loved the world."**

One: "God so loves the world."

All: **Let us worship the God of love and life.**

*GATHERING HYMN *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* Hymn 41

PRAYER OF THE DAY "Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit." John 3:8

One: Holy Spirit of God, invisible like the wind, we do not see you moving among us, but the effect we see—come to our hearts:

All: **that we may be renewed and reborn.**

One: Open our minds:

All: **that we may perceive your kingdom.**

One: Lift up our eyes to where the cross of Christ stands for our healing:

All: **so may we believe, and in believing not die but have eternal life; through him who in your love for us you sent into the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy one, holy three, The winds of your Spirit beckon us to follow, but we cannot hear the wind over the noise we have created.

Again and again, you call us to believe. Again and again, we look the other way.

You offer us freedom, but we choose independence, Pretending that we have ultimate control.

You offer us life, but we find ourselves perishing, Buried under the weight of our own self-interest.

Forgive us, God of life. Heal us, and bring us peace. (time for silent confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God so loved the world that God would come among us,

Become one of us, live with us, and suffer for us,

That we might have life and have it abundantly.

Hear this good news: God loves us, God forgives us, and God calls us to try again.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

Sunday Worship, March 8, 2020

Greeters: Hal Bowman, Suzy Bowman, Kathy Keane, Bev Elbert

Ushers: Ron Kesterson, Frank Sheppard, Mark Wishart, Marion Watson-Wishart, Melanie Mixon, Ben Smith

Attendance: Anne Crook, Willie Hale, Martha Hallbick

Counters: Jim Taylor, Mark Wishart, Sharon Staton

Time with the Children: Mark Johnson

Children's Church: Carol Griffith

Sound: Greg Mixon **Acolyte:** Sydney Edwards

Opening Church: John Whitfield

Liturgist: Tish Lowe **Nursery:** Amy Schwartz, Carol Haimberger

Flowers: Anne Crook

Sunday Worship, March 15, 2020

Greeters: Joe Gause, Myrna Gause, Carol Griffith, Heather Noë

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

Attendance: Robert Miller, Sarah Drayton, Brenda Turner

Counters: Monroe Swearingen, Jack Noë, 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

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THIS WEEK AT SOPC

March 8, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School*

11:00 a.m. Worship Service*

12:15 p.m. Covenant Ringers

5:30 p.m. Chili Cook-Off

6:00 p.m. Chin Church Worship

March 9, Monday

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. NANA

March 10, Tuesday

11:00 a.m. Mary Martha Circle

11:00 a.m. Presbyterian Communities Circle

2:00 p.m. Rachel Circle

7:00 p.m. YOGA & NANA

March 11, Wednesday

3:30 p.m. Christ and the Chocolaterie

5:00 p.m. Session Docket Deadline

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. NANA

March 12, Thursday

10:30 a.m. Ruth Circle

12:00 Praying in Color

12:15 p.m. Chair Yoga

3:30 p.m. Christ and the Chocolaterie

6:30 Christ and the Chocolaterie

6:30 p.m. Hannah Circle

March 13, Friday

6:45 a.m. Lanterns

March 14, Saturday

10:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous

11:15 a.m. Central Midlands Intergroup (OA)

6:00 p.m. Chin Bible Study

March 15, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School*

11:00 a.m. Worship Service*

12:00 Youth Hiwire

12:15 p.m. Covenant Ringers

6:00 p.m. Chin Church Worship

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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.

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 to the glory of God by Anne Crook and in loving memory of Clyde Crook.

Music Notes: Thanks to Sharon Watkins for leading the music in worship today. The choir's anthem is based on the hymntune Beach Spring. Joseph Hart's lyrics reminds us that Jesus' love and power are ready, willing and able to meet our every need.

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 on March 16th, noon at M Kitchen, 340 Columbiana Dr., Columbia. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals at 803-957-0430 or mroyals052@gmail.com.



Join the Youth this evening, March 8th at 5:30 p.m. as they host a Chili-Cook-Off Fundraiser for the Summer Trips.

Bring a crock pot of your best chili recipe for a chance to earn the title of **SOPC's Chili Master**.

VBS

June 22-26

9:00 a.m. - noon

Pre-K-5th Grade

**Save the Dates
Volunteers Needed**

Shepherding News

PRAYER REQUESTS

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



What/How to do it regarding Flue Season/Coronavirus

FACTS: There are no reported cases in SC (Prisma Richland's suspected case was a cold virus). This is a Droplet Spread, NOT Airborne virus, so it enters your system through droplets entering your nose or mouth. Like the flu, the elderly and very young are more susceptible. Common Sense actions are most likely to prevent spread

What are we doing at SOPC

- Lysol application on all handles/switches/fixtures
- Pews wiped down prior to worship
- 60% Hand Sanitizer available in narthex
- Preparation for online worship if necessary
- Encouraging you to Greet one other with a elbow bump/conversation
- Advising you to keep a yard's distance between yourselves in the pews
- Staying up to date with the WHO (world health organization) and PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Association)

What can You do?

- WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY (particularly after shaking hands and prior to eating)
- Keep 60% hand sanitizer in your pocket/purse/car for use especially for pumping gas (consider gloves for gas)
- Use wipes to wipe down carts/baskets at grocery
- Limit travel to known affected areas
- If you feel ill, stay at home. If you MUST go out and feel ill, wear a well-fitting mask to prevent spread
- Sneeze into a tissue or corner of your arm, dispose of tissues immediately
- Take elderberry lozenges or liquids daily (over the counter); Zinc has been proven to ward off the coronavirus as well. Check with your doctor to ascertain your needs.
- Some recommend having a few extra supplies of food in your pantry should you need to stay inside due to illness.
- And lastly, instead of panicking, pray! Pray for those affected, for containment, for vaccines and pray we experience the peace of God during this time of uncertainty.

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.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 5

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

12:00 J.A.M.

Maundy Thursday, April 9

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

Good Friday, April 10

7:00 p.m. - Community Service at Pine Grove A.M.E.

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