



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 10, 2020

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Once worship begins, please do not unmute yourselves. Zoom is very sensitive to sounds coming from our computers and to provide for the most fluid and clear worship experience for everyone, this is a small thing you can do to celebrate this worship opportunity!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Creighton

PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

Arr. Molly Ijames

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mother's Day Offering

Marion Watson Wishart

OPENING PRAYER

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Excerpts from Psalm 31 and 1 Peter 2:9-10

One: Come, people of God!

All: Let us sing the praises of the One who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

One: For once we were not a people at all, but now we are God's people, built on the Cornerstone.

All: We gather together to worship God, our Rock and our Redeemer, the one in whom we find refuge.

One: You are our rock and our fortress, O God; into your hands we place our lives.

All: Let us worship God together.

HYMN

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (verses 1 and 2)

Hymn 394

**Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come with all your lovingkindness; hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Parent God, deliverer of our daily bread, we Your children, come before You hungry and thirsty for the spiritual nourishment that only You can provide. For we have tasted that You are good and we cannot live without Your goodness.

God in Christ, Cornerstone of our fellowship and faith, we Your living stones come to be built up together as Your house, to Your design. For we are ready to be chiseled and polished until we are fit for Your present purpose for us.

And if we are those of Your children, Lord, who are at this moment having a hard time making ends meet, then show us where and who to ask, where to seek and the doors upon which we should knock. Reveal to us who in our faith family we might approach for sharing or help.

Living God, if we have lost the life in us and become as dry, luster-lacking, dead stones during this time of great world need, then forgive us. Refresh us with water and Spirit that we may emerge gleaming with Your presence and filled again with a passion for the Gospel.

Compassionate God, in the quietness now, we make our personal prayers to you: our confessions of wrongdoing, our needs for healing and our offloading of anything that troubles or burdens us. Through the silence Lord, hear our prayers. (a time for silent prayer)

God whose Spirit interprets our deepest longings we praise You for Your never-ending and limitless love and mercy. Now we are ready to feast upon Your Word to us today. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesus Loves Me

Mark and Kaelin Pilkington

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

MESSAGE

The Stones of Faith

Rev. Jana Creighton

SPECIAL MUSIC

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Sharon Watkins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

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.

HYMN

How Firm a Foundation (verses 1 and 2)

Hymn 463

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

CLOSING PRAYER

God of all things seen and unseen, you gathered our hearts, our hurts, our knowns and our unknowns and you are even now molding us, as a mother figure molds her young. Thank you for being our mother, our father, our sister, our brother, our family and our future. Mold us, Lord, God as we leave this place of Holy worship and open a space where Your love for us becomes the only contagious reality in our midst. Hear our praise and honor each day, Lord, until we yet meet again. Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go in peace!

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

MOMENT OF HOLINESS

Please remain after worship to greet one another in breakout rooms in fellowship of the Spirit!

The Mother's Day Offering

Mother's Day has traditionally meant a special offering in our church to support the ministry of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina, which serves older adults at 6 retirement communities across the state. The Mother's Day Offering provides charitable care to residents who have outlived their life's savings due to old age or costly medical bills, so that they can continue to call PCSC "home."

Although our church cannot gather for worship due to the coronavirus pandemic, the need of these residents for financial assistance remains. Please visit www.prescommunities.org and click on the "Mother's Day Offering" tab to learn more and to donate online. Or you can send a check to the church with "Mother's Day Offering" in the memo line. Thank you for keeping this special Presbyterian tradition of caring for older adults alive!

Family Promise Host Week--If these were normal times, SOPC would be preparing to host two or three families in the Family Promise Program from May 17 – 24. Following COVID-19 protocol, the program is currently providing housing in local hotels and motels for these families and food allowances for them to get their own groceries and cook in their rooms. The Missions Ministry would like to ask that in lieu of donating your time or preparing a meal as you would usually volunteer to do, that a donation be made to SOPC specifically for Family Promise. Funds collected will be forwarded to Family Promise to assist in the food allowances and shelter for the families in the program, and thus we can continue to do God's work in this regard. You can mail a donation to the church or give through our electronic giving options (via text or through our website).

Pentecost Sunday, the celebration of the birth of the church, is coming **May 31!** You are encouraged to send in pictures of your homemade birthday cakes to sopc@sopc.net so that we can collectively celebrate this day via Zoom worship. Similarly, don't forget to wear your red, yellows and oranges to worship on this day! In our breakout rooms, each group will vote on their most festively dressed participant who will be honored in a special way during that following week!

Giving statements through the month of April will be arriving soon in your email (a few will be mailed). Thank you for your continued generosity during this time!

This Week at SOPC

Zoom Link for Sunday Services

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

[https://zoom.us/j/743754044?](https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWIHWWJWOFR4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09)

[pwd=bWIHWWJWOFR4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09](https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWIHWWJWOFR4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09)

Meeting ID: 743 754 044

Password: 072863

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 743754044 #

Elder Training Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 via Zoom

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91377579324?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91377579324?pwd=OG01WmtoWWJVcGJnTmZUQ3NPcGFzUT09)

[pwd=OG01WmtoWWJVcGJnTmZUQ3NPcGFzUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91377579324?pwd=OG01WmtoWWJVcGJnTmZUQ3NPcGFzUT09)

Meeting ID: 913 7757 9324

Password: 072531

By Phone 1 646 558 8656 91377579324#

Zoom Link for Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

[https://zoom.us/j/508111743?](https://zoom.us/j/508111743?pwd=WUUpnelhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3I0YU8yZz09)

[pwd=WUUpnelhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3I0YU8yZz09](https://zoom.us/j/508111743?pwd=WUUpnelhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3I0YU8yZz09)

Meeting ID: 508 111 743

Password: 046739

By Phone: 1646-558-8656 508111743 #

Zoom Link for Wednesday Lunch & Prayer

Wednesdays at Noon

[https://zoom.us/j/546228347?](https://zoom.us/j/546228347?pwd=bIBEYzhWMVI5cUtJMmJWVdMdmRBUT09)

[pwd=bIBEYzhWMVI5cUtJMmJWVdMdmRBUT09](https://zoom.us/j/546228347?pwd=bIBEYzhWMVI5cUtJMmJWVdMdmRBUT09)

Meeting ID: 546 228 347

Password: 093874

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 546228347 #

Zoom Link for Children's Check-In and Sunday School

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

[https://zoom.us/j/97349616349?pwd=](https://zoom.us/j/97349616349?pwd=R28reFBhbjB6cE94UXV1WmhuUnVmQT09)

[R28reFBhbjB6cE94UXV1WmhuUnVmQT09](https://zoom.us/j/97349616349?pwd=R28reFBhbjB6cE94UXV1WmhuUnVmQT09)

Meeting ID: 973 4961 6349

Password: 505967

Zoom Link for Youth Check-In and Sunday School

Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

[https://zoom.us/j/94771320620?](https://zoom.us/j/94771320620?pwd=K2xGOXCxQWNXTGppTDBjRTJweGJ5dz09)

[pwd=K2xGOXCxQWNXTGppTDBjRTJweGJ5dz09](https://zoom.us/j/94771320620?pwd=K2xGOXCxQWNXTGppTDBjRTJweGJ5dz09)

Meeting ID: 947 7132 0620

Password: 651569

Zoom Link for Lanterns

Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

[https://zoom.us/j/549066835?pwd=](https://zoom.us/j/549066835?pwd=RmsrMVAXdnJibGlaeGRRNVZHQ0xVdz09)

[RmsrMVAXdnJibGlaeGRRNVZHQ0xVdz09](https://zoom.us/j/549066835?pwd=RmsrMVAXdnJibGlaeGRRNVZHQ0xVdz09)

Meeting ID: 549 066 835

Password: 168424

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 549066835 #