



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 9, 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. Dr. Barry Shatzer

PRELUDE

Father of Heaven

Henry Baker

OPENING PRAYER

O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that You are God. O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm. O still, small voice, speak to us this hour that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world. Amen.

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS (from Psalm 105)

Rev Dan Loffredo and Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

One: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name!

All: Make known among the nations what he has done.

One: Sing to him, sing praise to him!

All: Tell of all his wonderful acts.

One: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

All: Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

One: He remembers his covenant forever.

All: The promises he made for over a thousand generations.

HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King (verses 1 and 3)

Hymn 2

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:

Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.

Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God who whispers to us in the stillness and silence of our hearts; we admit that our lives are too often filled with busyness, hurry, and chaos. If we are honest, it wasn't until this pandemic forced us to slow down, that we actually did slow down. Even though we don't like it most of the time, we thank you for this time of stillness and silence. Instead of getting angry, frustrated, and irritable with our neighbors; help us to use this time as a holy moment. God of grace, help us to connect more deeply with you, help us to sit quietly in your presence, to meditate more intently on your word, and to seek deeper communion with you, the one who is the lover of our souls. We ask all of these things in the name of the one who speaks most loudly in the quiet of our hearts (moment of silent confession) AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision
Sharon Watkins, piano

arr. Watkins

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

MESSAGE

God of the Still, Small Voice

Rev. Dan Loffredo

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

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (verses 1, 3, and 6)

Hymn 687

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.**

**Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.**

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

CLOSING PRAYER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go in peace!

POSTLUDE

God is Our Rock

Ralph Vaughan Williams

MOMENT OF HOLINESS

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



In our continued prayers...

Edith Blanchett Nan Foster

Linda Floyd Scott Wilhide

Daniel and Elizabeth Turk

Barb Schneider

Jake Fogle

Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz, Cuba

Tom Falls

SOPC Covid Task Force

Janice Holbrook

Please join us on Wednesdays at Noon via Zoom for our Prayer Meeting.

About Our Guest Pastor...

Dan Loffredo has been a P.C. USA Minister for 13 years. He has served three churches, has been a Clinical Chaplain at the SC Department of Juvenile Justice, and is now serving as the Clinical Chaplain of the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute with the SC Department of Mental Health. Dan is passionate about mental health and addictions recovery ministries, evangelism and missions work. He has three children: Joshua (10), Rebecca (7), and Hannah (4) who keep him busy with soccer, swimming, flag football, dance, and gymnastics when not under quarantine. Dan is originally from Miami, FL and his hobbies are fishing, golf, walking, and softball.

Music Notes: *Father of Heaven* is a hymn setting of Edward Cooper's prayer to God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. *Be Thou My Vision* comes from an Irish ballad, and Irish monastic prayer from the 10th century. *God Is Our Rock* is a setting of the great hymntune, Sine Nomine. The prelude and postlude were recorded on our sanctuary's organ.



The sanctuary is open for **Prayer on Thursdays** between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Please feel free to come between those hours to pray. Your temperature will be taken before you are allowed in, you must wear a mask, and social distancing will be observed!!! If you feel ill, have a temperature. or have been near someone with Covid 19, please do not come to the sanctuary on Thursday. No appointment is needed to attend.

Zoom Interest Program Offering This Week

August 12 at 7 p.m.

Cooking

Leader: Jason Bundrick

Let's build a "French Mother Sauce" into Mac and Cheese!!

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81875601955?pwd=aGNNaTGJRNzljUUUpESjdMUXQ5Vm1hZz09>

Meeting ID: 818 7560 1955 Password: 950447

This Week at SOPC

Sunday

Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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

Meeting ID: 508 111 743 Password: 046739

By Phone: 1(646)558-8656 508111743 #

Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m.

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Meeting ID: 743 754 044 Password: 072863

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

Children's Check-In and Sunday School at 5:00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 973 4961 6349 Password: 505967

Wednesday

Lunch & Prayer: Wednesday at Noon

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Meeting ID: 897 0511 3395 Password: 300498

By Phone: 1(301)715-8592 89705113395#

Cooking: Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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Friday

Lanterns: Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

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