



## SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 15, 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

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

arr. Pilkington

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS (Joshua 3, Psalm 107)

One: Come! God is leading us home.

**All: Our wandering is over at last.**

One: Come! God is leading us home.

**All: Home, to a safe and prosperous place.**

One: Come! God is leading us home.

**All: There is no more hunger and thirst.**

One: Come! God is leading us home.

**All: Our lives have meaning and joy.**

One: Come! God is leading us home.

**All: Our souls find rest at last.**

HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth* (verses 1, 2, and 4)

Hymn 14

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 107)

God, our guide and our protector, as we gather today in your holy house, open our minds and souls and hearts, that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction of your spirit in our lives. Help us follow you as you lead us to the land you have created for us, where we may dwell with you and in you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 3:1-17

Early in the morning Joshua rose and set out from Shittim with all the Israelites, and they came to the Jordan. They camped there before crossing over. <sup>2</sup> At the end of three days the officers went through the camp <sup>3</sup> and commanded the people, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place. Follow it, <sup>4</sup> so that you may know the way you should go, for you have not passed this way before. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, a distance of about two thousand cubits; do not come any nearer to it." <sup>5</sup> Then Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you." <sup>6</sup> To the priests Joshua said, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass on in front of the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went in front of the people. <sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses." <sup>8</sup> You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, "When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan." <sup>9</sup> Joshua then said to the Israelites, "Draw near and hear the words of the LORD your God." <sup>10</sup> Joshua said, "By this you shall know that among you is the

living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: <sup>11</sup> the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. <sup>12</sup> So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. <sup>13</sup> When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap.” <sup>14</sup> When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. <sup>15</sup> Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, <sup>16</sup> the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. <sup>17</sup> While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*He Leadeth Me*  
Sharon Watkins, piano

Joseph Gilmore

#### MESSAGE

*God's Timing*

Rev. Jana Creighton

Sermon Notes: 1. Focus on God 2. Step out in Faith 3. Wait for God to act.

#### OFFERING

Scouts Video (Troup 91)

Please take this time to offer your online giving, 2021 pledge, and to reflect on the gifts of God in your life.

#### MOMENT OF RECOGNITION FOR OUR VETERANS

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND 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.**

#### 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.**

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: We leave this place by many paths.

**All: May God be our guide.**

One: We go in confidence that God is with us, protecting us.

**All: May God be our guide.**

One: May we walk in faith on paths established by God.

**All: May God be our guide.**

One: May we work and live with God.

**All: May God be our guide.**

#### MOMENT OF HOLINESS

Please remain after worship to greet one another in breakout rooms in fellowship of the Spirit! What are ways to rejoice, even when you don't feel like rejoicing?



#### In our continued prayers...

Edith Blanchett

Nan Foster

Tom Falls

Eleanor Evans

Ed Keelen

Linda Floyd

Jake Fogle

Scott Willhide

SOPC Covid Task Force

Patricia Williams

Daniel and Elizabeth Turk

Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz

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

**Music Notes:** Today's prelude calls all who worship the Lord to join their voices with the heavenly host in praising the Lord of all. Thanks to Sharon Watkins for her arrangement of *He Leadeth Me*. That great hymn of comfort reminds us that whatever we do, and wherever we may be, God's hand is leading and guiding us all along the way!

**Volunteers needed to decorate the Sanctuary** for Advent Christmas. We will be decorating our sanctuary on Saturday morning, starting at 9 a.m. on December 5. Please let Ed Keelen know if you can join us. Many hands make light work!

You and your families are invited to the **virtual St. Andrews Community Thanksgiving Worship** service on Wednesday November 25th, at 7pm. Mark your calendars and join as our community churches join together to give thanks to God via our SOPC Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOmp3jkrJiEuy1y6Hets91w> To donate to Sharing God's Love online, visit: [https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=iFtrj14zqO9Vp5p8-TJtLpl8ztzJlCmFslv-nkPqGrR6irGVXouEM\\_2n2LvCaPlyMmD22JS3CSk7yGsM](https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=iFtrj14zqO9Vp5p8-TJtLpl8ztzJlCmFslv-nkPqGrR6irGVXouEM_2n2LvCaPlyMmD22JS3CSk7yGsM)

**Want to give to SOPC online, but need help figuring it out?** Call or email the church office and we would be glad to walk you through giving electronically. Giving by regular mail is also a welcome option. The church address is: 530 St. Andrews Rd, Columbia, SC 29210.

### What's This About Legacy Opportunities?

Legacies include gifts of money and property and, just as important, the story of our lives, the values we tried to live by, the lessons we learned, what we started and hope others will continue. SOPC has set up General Legacy and Christian Education Legacy Funds with the Texas Presbyterian Foundation to provide opportunities for those who would like to consider such gifts. Stay tuned to learn more.

**SOPC Kids** will be meeting for JAM today from 1-2 p.m. on Zoom. Following JAM, All Children (feel free to invite a friend) will meet at Saluda Shoals main playground near Bush River Road Entrance, at 2:30 p.m. Masks required, please bring drink, snack, and sanitizer. See you there for a nature walk that ties into our lesson for the day!

**Youth** meet Thursday, November 19th in the pavilion at 6 p.m. Please bring anything related to Charlie Brown and your innate joy!

We will not hold **Wednesday prayer group** the week of Thanksgiving, Wednesday November 25th at noon. Join us on Wednesday 18th and December 2 for updates!



**We will be ordering poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas.** If you would like to order one or more in memory or in honor of a loved one, please email or call the church office: [sopc@sopc.net](mailto:sopc@sopc.net) or (803) 772-1761. The cost for each plant will be \$13.00. Checks can be made out to Seven Oaks and mailed to: 530 St. Andrews Rd., Columbia, SC 29210

### Annual Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women

"Since 1888, Presbyterian women have expressed their deep sense of gratitude for God's blessings in their lives by giving back to people in their communities and around the world". Through the Thank Offering, we can help to provide safe housing, programs that provide education relief from disasters, cooking instruction and training for justice and advocacy work, to name a few. Go to PCUSA.org for more information. COVID has been detrimental to donations. Please consider donating. Make check out to Seven Oaks Presbyterian Women (SOPW) and in memo line put "Thank Offering". Deadline: December 1, 2020.

## This Week at SOPC

### Sunday

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

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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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### Monday

Stated Session Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 827 1148 2668 Password: 216747

By Phone: 1(312)626-6799 82711482668#

### Wednesday

Lunch & Prayer: Wednesday at Noon

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Meeting ID: 897 0511 3395 Password: 300498

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

### Friday

Lanterns: Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

<https://meet.google.com/gei-nbcw-upo>