



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 7, 2021

3rd Sunday in Lent

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Zoom Worshipers: 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

"For God so loved the world..." That familiar phrase gives me hope. Perhaps, because it doesn't say, "Because you loved God enough." This doesn't have anything to do with how good we are. We don't deserve this love, we just get it. Even here. Where is your hope? Where does your light shine? How do you keep your light lit? In what ways do you share God's love with others who "don't deserve" your love?

PRELUDE

Voluntary

Maurice Greene

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

Leader: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

People: Let those who know they are redeemed celebrate it!

Leader: Those who have been reclaimed from deep trouble!

People: Though we were as good as dead, God made us alive with the grace of Christ through whom we are rescued and healed.

Leader: O give thanks to God for such unswerving love, for such wonderful deeds for the children of earth.

~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Home Page. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>.

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jana Creighton

Blow, wind of God, Blow away the tight rules that hold us back from trusting, risking, loving. Blow away our sin that stands in the way of encountering our neighbors Ready us for birth. Prepare us for risk. Equip us with courage and vision for the new thing that waits around the corner. We cannot choose the stories we have inherited. But we can choose the stories that we become. Amen

Adapted by KPH. Written by Eileen Klassen Hamm (second line by Dori Zerbe Kornelson). Posted on the website of the Superb Mennonite Church. <http://www.superbmennonite.org/>

Hymn:

Blessed Assurance

Crosby/Knapp

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The words we speak all too often do not show you in our lives, God of our pilgrimage. We spend so much time boasting to others, they imagine we have no need for you. We grumble impatiently when you don't respond immediately to our requests, but are slow to sing your praises. We mutter under our breath about the behavior of those around us, when we could be asking them if there is some way we could serve them.

It is on our journey to the cross and the tomb that you fill us with the riches of your mercy, Steadfast Love! You do so, not because of any thing we have done, but because of the compassion which flows from your heart wounded by our failings. As we open our lives to receive your forgiveness, may we turn to the Light which brings us life, following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, every step of the way. Silent Confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN

Just As I Am

Elliott/Bradbury

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:14-21

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

MESSAGE

Even Here: A Glimpse of the Light

Rev. Jana Creighton

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

arr. Pilkington

OFFERING

Text Sevenoaks to 73256 or use the SOPC website with this link:

<https://onrealm.org/SevenOaksPresby/-/give/now>

SEALING THE WORD: The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Jana Creighton

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE TAKING OF THE VINE

CLOSING PRAYER

HYMN

More Love to Thee

Prentiss/Doane

**More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee;
More love to thee, more love to thee!**

**Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
Now thee alone I seek; give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;
More love to thee, more love to thee!**

Music Notes: Worship today begins with a musical setting for a Lenten prayer written by John Birch. I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say is based on Ralph Vaughan Williams' harmonization of an English country song. The text focuses on Jesus' invitation to come and receive living water, and His life-giving light. The postlude is based on the 19th century hymn by Robert Lowry and Fanny Crosby.

Announcements

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 am

Youth Check-in at 10:00 am

Children's Check-in at 1:00 pm

- **Adult Sunday School:** Please note, you have a new zoom link and call in number!
- **Children's Check-in and Sunday School:** TIME CHANGE!! Meetings will begin at 1:00 pm, unless notified otherwise.
- **Children:** Bring a friend and join us at Congaree National Park Walk, March 14, 2021 at 2:30 pm.
- **Spring Forward:** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 13, 2021!
- **Family Movie Night:** Parents, children and youth, join us on March 20, 2021 at 6:30 to watch the movie Soul. Bring a chair, snacks and drinks for your family.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** March 28, 2021, stay tuned for time and more information!
- **Lenten Devotional:** Join Pastor Jana every Wednesday at 6:30 pm via Zoom for a special Lenten Devotional, February 24, 2021 through March 31, 2021. This will be a time to meditate on God's Word during the season.
- **Youth:** Thursday: 6:00 pm—7:00 pm Youth meeting in the Pavilion. Bring your own dinner or snack. (2 parent volunteers needed). For questions or to volunteer please contact Pastor Dan at dannyloffredo@hotmail.com
- **Presbyterian Women:** To fulfill our obligations and give financially to agencies we support, if you plan to pay PW dues -now would be a great time! Make payable to Seven Oaks Presbyterian Women (SOPW) and mail to the church. Sharon can place checks in the PW box. All women are welcome and encouraged to meet with Hannah Circle via ZOOM the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. ZOOM link is in leaflet. For more info – see this week's leaflet.
- **Walk 2 Talk:** Thank you to everyone who has joined us the last few weeks for Walk 2 Talk. We will continue to meet each Saturday at 11:00 am in the church parking lot to Walk 2 Talk. Bring your mask and water!
- **Birthday Fund:** During worship next week, we will hear more about the endowment and birthday giving. Check the newsletter and join the service next week to learn more!
- **Easter Lilies:** Easter lilies are on sale now!! \$15.00 each. You can register online or send a check to the office with your order. <https://sopc.flocknote.com/signup/44423>
- **Easter Sunday!** Join us for worship via Zoom at 9:00 am and/or in person at 11:00 am. Please be aware, to attend the 11:00 am service you must pre-register!
Register at <https://sopc.flocknote.com/signup/44287> no later than Palm Sunday.
- *If you have information to be included in the weekly bulletin or newsletter, please have your information to the church office (sopc@sopc.net) no later than 10:00 am Tuesday the week of publication. Thank you!*

In our continued prayers...

Edith Blanchett	Nan Foster	Ed Keelen	Al Charles
Linda Floyd	Scott Wilhide	Joe Gause	SOPC Covid Task Force
Kirk Wirth	John Anderson	Anne Crook	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk
Ann Humphreys (Nancy's daughter)			
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz			

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



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2021: Richard Brinkley - Administration
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Jim Wilhide

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This Week at SOPC

Sunday's

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

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By phone:1(301)715-8592, 3130515159#

Youth Check-In at 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m.

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Children's Check-In & Sunday School at 1:00 p.m.

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Weekday's

Chair Yoga: Monday at 12:15

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Lunch & Prayer: Wednesday at Noon

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Lenten Bible Study: Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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Lanterns: Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

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Hannah Circle: 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

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