



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 11, 2021

Bright Sunday

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

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, as you have taken what we call an absurdity and turned it into possibility.....as you have coaxed us to sing springtime alleluias, where once there was a gray dawn; as you have called us out of the tombs we inhabit into an undreamed of tomorrow, we praise you for this day!
Come, Risen Christ, in newness and hope on this Eastertide day. Amen.

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS (Based on Psalm 68)

Rev. Jana Creighton

People of God, rejoice!
Celebrate before the Lord with gladness and great joy!
Sing praise to God, play music to his name,
Lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds!
For he is the Lord—rejoice in God's presence!
Christ is Risen Indeed!

Hymn:

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Wesley/Darwall

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph ever more.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come
And gather all the saints to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice again I say, rejoice!**

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

MESSAGE

Proof is in the Puddin'

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OFFERING

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

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

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Debt Free in Three

Banks Robinson

SPECIAL MUSIC

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Pilkington

**We believe in God, who made us in God's image.
 We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like God.
 We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.
 God had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son.
 Our counselor, our guide, our motivator – God is our joy!
 Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is
 rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.
 Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
 ~ Rev. Robert M. Thompson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jana Creighton

**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.**

CLOSING PRAYER

**Lord, grant me a joyful heart and a holy sense of humor. Please give me the gift of faith,
 to be renewed and shared with others each day. Teach me to live this moment only,
 looking neither to the past with regret, nor to the future with apprehension.
 Let love be my guide, and my life a prayer.
 Go in laughter; go in grace. Keep the Lord in your heart and a smile on your face.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**Let's Connect!!! Are you receiving all church communications? Feel like you're missing out
 on what's happening at SOPC? We have a brand new way to connect!!**

Text the letters SOPC to the number 84576.

**You'll get a text back with a link, click the link and you can update all your info and chose what
 groups you want to hear from. If you're already in the system and receiving emails, you can
 still text this number to confirm your info and your groups.**

**Need Help? If technology is overwhelming, no need to worry, just call or email the church
 office and LiAnne will get you set up with your communication preferences.**

In our continued prayers...



Edith Blanchett	Nan Foster	Ed Keelen	Al Charles
Linda Floyd	Joe Gause	Jo Groce	Wilhide Family
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk		SOPC Covid Task Force	
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz			
Please join us on Wednesdays at Noon via Zoom for our Prayer Meeting.			

Holy Humor Sunday service heals a divided church

The past year has brought difficulty, strife and loss. Our God, however is the way maker of all things new 'Behold, I am doing a new thing, do you not see it'? In the resurrection, death was defeated and a new way was made for a joyous life. This is a remarkable story from an anonymous, harried pastor in Alaska who was trying to bring together a fractious, divided church.

This church was in turmoil with a heavy, discouraged spirit. For several years, the pastor had tried everything, without success, to bring the various squabbling cliques together. He finally decided to try a Holy Humor Sunday or Bright Sunday celebration on the Sunday after Easter in 2009. The service was filled with joyful songs and hymns and inspiring Scripture readings celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. Members were encouraged to tell their favorite jokes. And practical jokes were played on the pastor and others. Everybody had a lot of fun. The entire congregation rallied around the resurrection of Jesus. The Holy Humor Sunday service brought everyone together in a spirit of good cheer and camaraderie. "The response was overwhelmingly positive," the pastor wrote. "The congregation needed to know that they could come to worship and just 'let go' for an hour, and that it was possible to come to church and feel good. People have been talking about the service all week. And some, who said they had intended to leave the church and go to another church, said they had decided to stay. "The Holy Humor Sunday service was just what the doctor ordered for our church. It provided much-needed healing." When we need some internal and external healing, God's church should be the place we can come. May our Lord meet us in this place today.

"10 Ways to RE-Joice in the RE-surrection":

- RE-Joice... He is Risen... Indeed!
- RE-Fresh... your body by sound sleep and good eats!
- RE-New... acquaintances and habits of health and hope!
- RE-Deemed... Know that you are loved forever by the Lord!
- RE-View... your past lumps and bumps... and know you're forgiven!
- RE-Late... Talk, and listen closely, to those around you!
- RE-Store... "unto me a clean heart, O God." (Psalm 51:10)
- RE-Vive... your faith through the Word and Sacraments!
- RE-Focus... on all the great gifts the Lord has given you!
- RE-Member... those special people around you!

Announcements

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School

9:40 AM Youth Check-in

1:00 pm Children's Check-in and Sunday School

- **Congregational Meeting: Date change:** April 18, 2021 at 9:45 am on zoom prior to zoom worship. This will be held to elect new elders to session for the class of 2024 and one new trustee.
- **Sunday Registration:** Register each week by Thursday to attend the next Sunday: <https://sopc.flocknote.com/signup/49775>
- **Lunch:** April 25, 2021 after service. Register by April 22, 2021 to attend. See Leaflet for more information. <https://sopc.flocknote.com/signup/50773>
- **Children:** Zoom check-in and Sunday School at 1:00 pm and JAMA today at 2:30 pm—children will meet in the pavilion for fun and games.
- **Children:** Next Sunday JAM in the pavilion at 1:00 pm
- **Lantern's Men's Prayer Meeting:** 7:00 am in-person or on zoom
- **BBQ & Basketball Youth Fundraiser:** May 15, 2021. Be on the lookout for more info!
- **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
- **Youth:** Bowling, April 25, 2021, 3:00—5:00 pm, cost \$10 + snack money, RSVP by April 15, 2021 to dannyloffredo@hotmail.com
- *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!*

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Building Superintendent: Mr. Karl Thompson

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SESSION MEMBERS

2021: Richard Brinkley - Administration
Fred Holbrook - Administration Chair
Melanie Mixon - Good News Chair
John Whitfield - Missions

2022: Carol Griffith- Fellowship Chair
Ed Keelen– Worship Chair
Mark Pilkington - Christian Education
Sharon Staton – Christian Ed Chair
Jim Taylor – Missions Chair

2023: Karan Bundrick - Worship
Mark Dillard – Congregational Care Chair
Banks Robinson - Administration
Guy San Fratello – Buildings & Grounds
Chair

Mark Wishart - Fellowship

Trustees: Beverly Hudson, Frank Sheppard, and
Jim Wilhide

Treasurer: Hal Bowman

This Week at SOPC

Sunday's

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

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By phone:1(301)715-8592,85010780625#

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

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

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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