

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1:1-27 Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer  
 SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 1:1-30 Rev. Jana Creighton  
 MESSAGE Light Sermon Series: Reflecting the Source Rev. Jana Creighton  
 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer  
 Adapted from John Bailie "A Diary of Private Prayer" Thirteenth Day: Morning by the Very Rev. John Chalmers

**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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing* arr. Holstein

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

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS Family Promise Robert Miller

HYMN *How Great Thou Art*

**O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
 Consider all the works thy hands hath made;  
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
 Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;  
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
 How great thou art, how great thou art!  
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
 How great thou art, how great thou art!**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,  
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
 And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"  
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
 How great thou art, how great thou art!  
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 How great thou art, how great thou art!**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Grand Choeur* Gordon Young

**\*\*\*Congregational Meeting\*\*\***



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



April 18, 2021  
 11:00 am

3rd Sunday of Easter

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

**\*\*\*Congregational Meeting Today following the Worship Service, to elect new elders to session for the class of 2024 and one new trustee. if you are on zoom, please stay online for the meeting\*\*\***

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jana Creighton

PRELUDE *Lord, Speak to Me* arr. Lani Smith

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS (based on Philippians 2) Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Dan Loffredo

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord!

**People: Call upon the name of the Lord!**

Leader: God's love and mercy are given daily for each of us.

**People: God's forgiveness and tenderness are poured out for us.**

Leader: Praise be to God who deals so kindly with us.

**People: Lord, help us offer the same compassion to others. AMEN.**

OPENING PRAYER Rev. Jana Creighton

Lord, whether we have come to you from long ago, or have just come to you now, you reach out with love and blessing for each one of us. Help us remember your mercy and your love and offer greetings and blessings to each other in your name. AMEN.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Philippians 1, Matthew 20) Rev. Dan Loffredo

God of fruitful labor, work sometimes brings out the worst in us. At home, at school, in the workplace, even in our relationship with you, we too easily question what others do and get, instead of taking care of our own business. Take away our bitterness. Teach us the art of the careful complaint. Give us grateful hearts, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Exodus 16, Philippians 1) Rev. Dan Loffredo

Hear the good news: what we do matters, but our salvation is God's doing. God hears our complaints, but also our prayers. God will not forget us. In Christ's name, we are forgiven. Amen.

HYMN *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* Wesley

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light;  
 Sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night;  
 Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
 Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;  
 More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Janice Holbrook

## Sunday Worship

Counters: Melanie Mixon and John Whitfield

Ushers: Ron Kesterson

Acolyte: Abby Dempster

## STAFF

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### 2021:

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John Whitfield - Missions

### 2022:

Carol Griffith- Fellowship\*

Ed Keelen- Worship\*

Mark Pilkington -

Christian Education

Sharon Staton -

Christian Education\*

Jim Taylor - Missions\*

### 2023:

Karan Bundrick - Worship

Mark Dillard - Congregational Care\*

Banks Robinson - Administration

Guy San Fratello - Buildings & Grounds\*

Mark Wishart - Fellowship

**Trustees:** Beverly Hudson, Frank Sheppard,  
and Jim Wilhide

**Treasurer:** Hal Bowman

## This week at SOPC:

### Sunday, April 18, 2021

9:00 am: Virtual Adult Sunday School

9:40 am: Virtual Youth Check-in

11:00 am: Worship Service

1:00 pm: Virtual Children's check-in and SS

1:30 pm: Children's JAM

### Monday, April 19, 2021

12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga

### Tuesday, April 20, 2021

9:30 am - Virtual Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, April 21, 2021

12:00 pm - Virtual Prayer Meeting

### Thursday, April 22, 2021

4:30 pm: worship practice

6:00 pm: Youth gathering

### Friday, April 23, 2021

7:00 am: Lanterns (in person or zoom)

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**Nursery:** A nursery is available in Building A for ages 0 - 4. If you have any questions please see any of our volunteers with a ribbon or name badge in the Narthex.

**Worship bags:** Parents, you are invited to pick up worship bags for your children in the Narthex before the Worship Service, for ages 2-5, K-2nd and 3rd-5th grades.

**Guests are invited to stop by the Guest Table** in the narthex. Please leave your information, when you take a goody bag, as a reminder of God's love.

**Thinking about joining our SOPC family? Got questions?** We invite you to speak with the pastor or any elder at any time, or contact the church office. You are not here by accident.

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Jim and Patty Mullins, and in loving memory of their sister-in-law, Pat Buckner Mullins.

\*If you would like to donate a floral arrangement for Sunday morning, please contact the church office. See the Leaflet for more information\*

**Hearing impaired equipment available:** Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Music Notes:** Lord, Speak to Me is an 19th century hymn inviting our Lord to speak, to lead, to teach, to fill and to use us until our Lord's blessed face we see. The special music is based on two hymns celebrating Jesus' resurrection and triumph over death. The first hymn's opening verse is, "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring. Alleluia!"

**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.**

## Announcements

- **Congregational Meeting: TODAY, April 18, 2021** after Worship Service; This will be held to elect new elders to session for the class of 2024 and one new trustee.  
<https://sopc.flocknote.com/signup/49775>
- **Sunday Registration:** Register each week by Thursday to attend the next Sunday:  
<https://sopc.flocknote.com/signup/50773>
- **Lunch:** April 25, 2021 after the Worship Service. Register by April 22, 2021 to attend. See Leaflet for more information.  
<https://sopc.flocknote.com/signup/50773>
- **Family Promise:** Online auction, April 17-24 and online Celebrity Gala Fundraiser, April 24, see Leaflet for more information.
- **MORE Justice:** April 26, 2021, Nehemiah project.
- **Children:** JAM today at 1:00 pm—children will meet in the pavilion.
- **Children:** April 25, 2021 and May 2, 2021 JAMA
- **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](mailto:dannyloffredo@hotmail.com)
- **Youth:** Bowling, April 25, 2021, 3:00—5:00 pm, cost \$10 + snack money. Contact Pastor Dan if you have any questions.
- **Youth:** Lexington Work Camp, Summer camp for Youth, RSVP and \$50 deposit due by April 30, 2021.
- *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	Joe Gause
Wilhide Family	Kirk Wirth	Jo Groce
SOPC Covid Task Force		
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk		
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz		

Please join us on Wednesdays at Noon via Zoom