

MESSAGE Light Sermon Series: Reflecting the Source Rev. Jana Creighton  
 SPECIAL MUSIC *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* arr. Schram  
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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.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer  
 BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

**In life and in death we belong to God, Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ who preached good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life who justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.\*\***

\*HYMN *Jesus, Light of Joy* Grambrell/Goss  
**Jesus, light of joy, surround us;  
 Let your splendid glory shine:  
 Source of every earthly blessing,  
 Heaven's everlasting sign.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, we adore you, light divine.**

**With the saints we lift our voices,  
 God of power, God of might.  
 All creation shines with glory,  
 Singing praises day and night:  
 Alleluia, alleluia, holy, holy, holy light.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Come, Labor On* Noble

\*We invite you to stand if you are able.  
 \*\* Refer to the last page for a note on today's affirmation of faith.



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

STRIKING OF THE HOUR  
 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jana Creighton

PRELUDE *Joy Eternal* arr. Parker

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS (based on Philippians 2) Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Dan Loffredo  
 Leader: Come, let us bow before the holy One.  
**People: Come, let us confess God's might.**  
 Leader: Come, let us feel God's mercy.  
**People: Come, let us live in God's light.**  
 Leader: As God's people, we lift our voices in praise.  
**People: Glory to you, gracious and loving God!**

\*HYMN *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Caswall/Barnby  
**When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:  
 May Jesus Christ be praised!  
 Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:  
 May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:  
 May Jesus Christ be praised!  
 Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply  
 May Jesus Christ be praised!**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Dan Loffredo  
**God of patience, your people grow weary. We complain and question. We put you to the test. Our mouths say yes, but our deeds say no. When we wander off your path, when we fail to follow through on our good intentions, when we give our attention to trivial things; gently call us back to you. Empty our hearts of anger and pride. Empty our souls of greed and selfishness. Empty our minds of envy, doubt, and mistrust. As you poured out your very self through your beloved Son, pour your Spirit into our hearts today. Forgive us our wrongdoing. Reclaim us with your love.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Dan Loffredo

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Janice Holbrook

HYMN *Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining* Kendrick  
**Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining;  
 Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
 Shine on me; shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
 Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
 Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Jana Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-18

## Sunday Worship

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### 2022:

Carol Griffith- Fellowship\*  
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Mark Pilkington - Christian Education  
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Guy San Fratello - Buildings & Grounds\*

### 2023:

Karan Bundrick - Worship  
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Mark Wishart - Fellowship

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

**Treasurer:** Hal Bowman

## This week at SOPC:

### Sunday, April 25, 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  
2:30 pm: Children's JAMA

### Monday, April 26, 2021

12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga

### Tuesday, April 27, 2021

9:30 am - Virtual Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, April 28, 2021

12:00 pm - Virtual Prayer Meeting

### Thursday, April 29, 2021

5:00 pm: worship practice  
6:00 pm: Youth gathering

### Friday, April 30, 2021

6:45 am: Lanterns (in person or zoom)

**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.**

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 <b>IN PERSON</b> Offering plate during the worship service	 <b>BY MAIL</b> 530 St. Andrews Rd.	 <b>ONLINE</b> Columbia, SC 29210 <a href="http://www.sopc.net">www.sopc.net</a>	 <b>BY TEXT</b> Click on the GIVE menu)
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**Nursery:** A nursery is available for any who pre-registered 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.

**Flowers:** The beautiful silk flower arrangements in the sanctuary today were designed by Patty Mullins and donated for use when the church does not have fresh flowers.

\*If you would be interested in donating 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:** The prelude is an original composition, whose rhythmic melody captures the joy of living with Jesus. The closing hymn's text is based on a 3<sup>rd</sup> century vesper hymn, *Phos hiaron*. It is set to the tune *Lauda Anima*. The postlude is based on T. Tertius Noble's great hymntune *Ora Labora*. This hymn's text calls us all to claim the high calling of spreading the love of Jesus!

## In our continued prayers...

Edith Blanchett      Nan Foster      Ed Keelen  
Al Charles      Linda Floyd      Joe Gause  
Wilhide Family      Kirk Wirth  
SOPC Covid Task Force  
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk  
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz

**Please join us on Wednesdays at Noon via Zoom**

## Announcements

- **Sunday Registration:** Register each week by Thursday to attend the next Sunday:  
<https://sopc.flocknote.com/signup/49775>
- **Lunch:** Today after service.
- **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 JAMA in the pavilion at 2:30 pm for Mother's Day Crafts
- **Lantern's Men's Prayer Meeting:** 6:45 am in-person or on zoom
- **MORE Justice:** April 26, 2021, Nehemiah project. Midlands Organized Response for Equity and Justice (MORE Justice) is a growing network of faith-based congregations which are culturally, economically, racially, geographically and religiously diverse – coming together to fulfill our scriptural mandate to “do justice” and make the Central Midlands area a more just place to live for all people. SOPC will join these congregations April 26th and we want YOU there to learn and grow! Contact Ben Smith, Marion Watson, or Jana Creighton to watch and learn!
- **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, today, 3:00—5:00 pm, see Pastor Dan if you have 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!*

\*\*The Brief Statement of Faith stands in conjunction with other confessions of our church. It does not pretend to be a complete list of all our beliefs, nor does it explain any of them in detail but is designed to be confessed by the whole congregation in the setting of public worship. It celebrates our rediscovery that for all our undoubted diversity, we are bound together by a common faith and a common task. The faith we confess unites us with the one, universal church. The most important beliefs of Presbyterians are those we share with other Christians and especially with other evangelical Christians who look to the Protestant Reformation as a renewal of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Diversity remains. But we are thankful that in our time the many churches are learning to accept, and even to affirm, diversity without divisiveness, since the whole counsel of God is more than the wisdom of any individual or any one tradition. The Spirit of Truth gives new light to the churches when they are willing to become pupils together of the Word of God.