



# SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 21, 2021

5th 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

Jesus knew that the time was coming. He tells the disciples that a seed must fall to the earth before new life can spring forth. In what ways have you seen new life spring forth from change, or even from death?

### MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

MORE Justice

Lizzy Van Horn

### PRELUDE

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

Crosby & Doane

### GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

Leader: Each day is a gift from God,

**People: each moment is that opportunity to reach out in service to all creation.**

Leader: Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:

**People: not written on stone tablets easily broken, but inscribed on our hearts filled with joy and hope.**

Leader: Each day we draw closer to God: who has forgotten more than we ever learn; who has forgiven us more than we ever acknowledge.

### OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jana Creighton

O God who invites us to lose everything so that we might gain eternity; We gather as people on a journey. We believe & we have doubts, we do good & we sin. We are imperfect humans, and still, we are beloved by you. We seek forgiveness & grace from You, and from those we've harmed. Assured of that grace, we are ready to grow again. We yearn for a new way, a new perspective, and a clear path. Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here. Speak to us, God! Continue creating us! Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds. Guide our actions. Amen.

~by Thomas Merton

### Hymn:

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Bowring/Conkey

**In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Compassionate One, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following You is not an easy task. The path of Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Almighty God. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the message of peace and mercy you have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our own witness to your healing mercy. Moment of Silent Confession. AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even though the future is clouded; God is with us, guiding, healing, comforting, restoring. Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and healed. AMEN.

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 12:20-33

Rev. Jana Creighton

MESSAGE

Even Here: Even in Death

Rev. Jana Creighton

OFFERING

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Pilkington

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

(Adapted from Rick Morley: Rick Morley | A Garden Path)

**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

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Clephane

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noon-tide heat, and the burden of the day.**

**I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.**

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. Jana Creighton

POSTLUDE

*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

Georg Newmark

**Music Notes:** Worship opens with a song of faith, hope and commitment. Amazing Grace is John Newton's most well-known hymn. He wrote it out of his own experience of God's redeeming and transforming grace. The postlude is based on a 17th century chorale.

**\*Stay on Zoom when worship is over and fellowship in breakout rooms\***

## Announcements

**9:00 AM Adult Sunday School**

**10:00 AM Youth Check-in**

**1:00 PM SOPC Kids– Check-in and Sunday School**

- **Easter Lilies:** Easter lilies are on sale now!! Deadline is Monday, March 22, 2021. \$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 (Registration deadline is Palm Sunday)! If you are not comfortable registering online feel free to call (803-772-1761) or email ([sopc@sopc.net](mailto:sopc@sopc.net)) the church office no later than Sunday, March 28, 2021. Register at: <https://sopc.flocknote.com/signup/44287>
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** March 28, 2021, 1:30-3:00. Bring your Easter Basket and a friend! Please let Kathy Keane or Janice Holbrooke know if you plan to attend by March 23, 2021. More info in the Leaf!
- **We need Candy!!!** Candy is needed for the Egg Hunt. Please see the Leaf for 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.
- **Adult Sunday School:** Please note, you have a new zoom link and call in number!
- **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)
- **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!
- *If you have information to be included in the weekly bulletin or newsletter, please have your information to the church office ([sopc@sopc.net](mailto:sopc@sopc.net)) no later than 10:00 am Tuesday the week of publication. Thank you!*

## Easter Calendar

Last day to purchase Easter Lilies	Monday, March 22, 2021
Last day to register to attend Easter in-person service	Sunday, March 28, 2021
Easter Egg Hunt	Sunday, March 28, 2021 at 1:30—3:00 pm
Zoom worship (have communion elements ready)	Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Community worship via Youtube	Good Friday, April 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Zoom worship	Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 at 9:00 am
In-person worship	Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 at 11:00 am

### 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
Nancy Humphreys	Jo Groce	Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz	

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



## STAFF

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## SESSION MEMBERS

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

**2022:** Carol Griffith- Fellowship Chair  
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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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Meeting ID: 850 1078 0625 Passcode: 201777

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

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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85778663914?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85778663914?pwd=dDVYmzRnRlI0QmF3cHBiMHRLbFVDdz09)  
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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.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84573328620?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84573328620?pwd=dkVUQWZMaUx5QitMZ1RLYUdCWml0dz09)  
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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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