

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

We invite children ages 4k - 4th grade to sit in the "Children's Corner" after the "Time with the Children." Adults will be sitting with children, and age appropriate activities will be provided for children that go along with worship. Parents will pick up their children after the service.

Elder Mark Johnson

HYMN 623 I've Got Peace Like a River Spiritual  
(Please reflect on the words, we ask that you hum along)  
I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Jana Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 4:12-16 Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer  
Mark 10:17-31 Rev. Jana Creighton

MESSAGE Approaching God with Boldness Rev. Jana Creighton

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING Text Sevenoaks to 73256 or use the SOPC website with this link:  
<https://onrealm.org/SevenOaksPresby/-/give/now>  
\*Peace and Global Witness envelopes are located in the pews

SPECIAL MUSIC Standing in the Need of Prayer Anthony Giamanco

\*HYMN 606 Doxology Ken  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.

\*HYMN 838 Standing on the Promises Carter  
Standing on the promises of Christ my king,  
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.

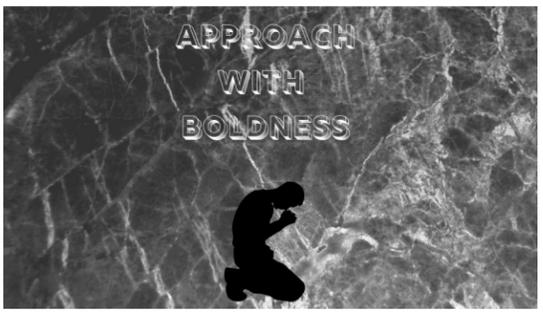
Refrain:  
Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Jana Creighton

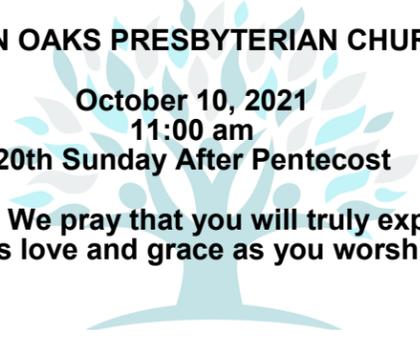
POSTLUDE Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense Paul Manz



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 10, 2021  
11:00 am  
20th Sunday After Pentecost

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



PRELUDE Jesus, Lover of my Soul Douglas Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jana Creighton

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS Advent Devotional Elder Julie Bussells

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS Rev. Jana Creighton and CP Janna Simon  
(excerpts from Dan Schifeling, one of the Co-Pastors of the Church of the Nativity UCC in Buffalo, NY)  
**All: Sisters and brothers, we gather this day to hear and learn from God's Living Word!**  
One: For God's Word is alive and active, sharper than any two-edged sword.  
**All: It cuts through our spirits and souls, through our joints and marrow, until it discovers the desires and intentions of our hearts.**  
One: Before God, none can hide. All are naked and exposed to the eyes of the One who requires us to tell the truth of our lives.  
**All: Yet we have a great High Priest who has soared to the heights of heaven, and he is Jesus, the Son of God!**  
One: Let us therefore hold fast to our faith in God. For God understands our weaknesses, has faced all our temptations, yet without giving in to sin.  
**All: Let us go boldly to the throne of grace. There we will receive mercy and grace to match our every need.**  
One: In the shelter of Christ's mercy and grace, let us dare to hear and explore the truth of God's Living Word for our lives.  
**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 463 How Firm A Foundation Rippons  
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

\*CALL TO CONFESSION CP Janna Simon

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: The fear that stifles us, the anger that overwhelms us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed, have faith that you are with us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God! Alleluia! Amen.

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.  
\*\*We Welcome Commissioned Pastor Janna Simon to the pulpit today.

## Sunday Worship, October 10, 2021

Counters: Sharon Staton and Melanie Mixon  
Usher: Mary Johnson  
Greeters: Robert Miller and Kitsie Miller  
Acolyte: Eli Bundrick

## Next Sunday, October 17, 2021

Counters: Richard Brinkley and Carol Griffith  
Usher: Guy San Fratello  
Greeters: Shelagh Wirth and Marion Watson-Wishart  
Acolyte: Weston Pilkington  
Children's Message: Janna Simon

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### Class of 2022:

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Jim Taylor - Missions\*

### Class of 2023:

Karan Bundrick - Worship

Mark Dillard - Congregational Care\*

Banks Robinson - Fellowship\*

Mark Wishart - Fellowship

### Class of 2024:

Hal Bowman - Administration\*

Richard Brinkley - Administration

Guy San Fratello - Buildings & Grounds\*

**Trustees:** Frank Sheppard, Jim Wilhide, Sue

Kesterson

**Treasurer:** Hal Bowman

## This week at SOPC:

### Sunday, October 10, 2021

9:30 am - Brewing Faith SS Class in-person or zoom

9:30 am - Youth Sunday School

9:45 am - Fellowship SS Class-in-person

10:15 am - Children's Sunday School

11:00 am - Worship Service

12:00 pm - MORE Justice

12:30 pm - JAMA (Riverwalk Park)

3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution

### Monday, October 11, 2021

12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga

4:30 pm - ReShape Group 5 - Session Room

7:00 pm - ReShape Group 3 - via Zoom

### Tuesday, October 12, 2021

9:30 am - Virtual Staff Meeting

4:30 pm - ReShape Group 7 - via Zoom

7:00 pm - Yoga

### Wednesday, October 13, 2021

10:00 am - ReShape Group 1 - Fellowship Class

12:00 pm - Virtual Prayer Meeting

12:00 pm - ReShape Group 10 - Loveland Coffee

4:30 pm - ReShape Group 2 - Session Room

7:00 pm - ReShape Group 8 - Youth Room

### Thursday, October 14, 2021

4:30 pm - ReShape Group 6 - via Zoom

6:00 pm: Youth group/ReShape Small Group - Fellowship Hall

### Friday, October 15, 2021

6:45 am: Lanterns (in person)

### Office Hours:

Monday- Wednesday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

### In our continued prayers...

Edith Blanchett Nan Foster Joe Gause  
Al Charles Linda Floyd Charlene Carter  
Al Morganelli Jo Groce Marilyn O'Mellan  
Ed Keelen Janet Jordan Patricia Williams  
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (missionaries)  
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz

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

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### 4 WAYS TO GIVE!

IN PERSON	BY MAIL	ONLINE	BY TEXT
Offering plate during the	worship service	530 St. Andrews Rd.	Columbia, SC 29210

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## Announcements

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

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

**Children's Corner:** Volunteers are needed to sit with the children in the children's corner during worship service. If you would like to help with this impactful ministry in the lives of our children, please contact Kathy Keane at 803-467-4224 or [kathygkeane@gmail.com](mailto:kathygkeane@gmail.com).

**Worship bags:** Parents, you are invited to pick up worship bags for your children in the Children's Corner before the worship service, for ages 2-5, K-2nd and 3rd-5th grades. (located in the sanctuary near the restrooms).

**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?** Our next class is slated for December. Please let the pastor or an elder know if you would like to attend. You are not here by accident.

**Flowers:** The beautiful silk flower arrangements in the sanctuary today were 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.

**Music Notes:** The prelude is a hymn setting of one of Charles Wesley's great prayer hymns. The closing verse is, "Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee; spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity." The postlude is based on a 17th century hymn, whose closing lines remind us to, "Strive to share what He imparts, while you hear His footsteps follow."

**Our partner church needs your help!** Today is your last chance to help with medicinal needs for our partner church in Cuba. There many needs, but we know the most needed medications are: Multi-Vitamins for Children's and Adults, Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Children's cough and flu syrups, and Adult flu and cold medicines.

## COVID PROTOCOLS

1. We will remain in person for worship and events IF you are wearing a mask. If you decide not to wear a mask, please do not attend.
2. If you feel uncomfortable attending in person, please join us on Zoom or YouTube.
3. Please wear your mask securely around your mouth and nose when you sing.
4. We will continue to shorten the worship service to limit exposure time in one space.
5. We encourage you to socially distance as we worship with those who are not your family.

## Announcements

- **ReShape:** This week marks the fourth week of Small Group Meetings. The small group leaders met by Zoom on Tuesday night, October 5th, to check-in with each other for support and sharing. Leaders report that all groups have been fully engaged in "debriefing" their experiences or sharing what COVID and church conflict has meant to each one of them and to the church. In this week's video, Mark Tidsworth stated that our ReShape process is based on collective discernment or the Holy Spirit moving through each one of us to shape the future of Seven Oaks. Please continue to pray for each group, the coordination team, the small group leaders and our church as we move into the second half of our work.
- **Children: JAMA** today at 12:30 pm. Meet at Riverwalk Park on the Columbia side at the picnic tables by the red schoolhouse. Bring a picnic lunch and a friend. If you did not RSVP please see Mary Dempster.
- **Youth:** Youth Bible study Thursdays from 6:00 - 7:30 pm!! Bring a mask and your own food/drink for fellowship before Bible study.
- **Love Revolution:** Every Sunday from 3:30 - 5:30 pm, members and visitors of SOPC, are invited to join in serving and participating along side our surrounding community as hot meals are served to anyone in need of one. This weekly ministry will offer community services, food, fun and fellowship. All food is provided by the Love Revolution. You are welcome to bring additional food or a smile.
- **Peace and Global Witness Offering:** Today is the last collection day for the Peace and Global Witness Offering. Your gift enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world.
- **MORE Justice:** Today after worship service meet with Pastor Jana in the pavilion. Snacks provided.
- **Member Recognition:** Date Change. We would like everyone who has been a member of SOPC for 50 years to be honored. We are changing the date ensure as many who would like to participate are present. Be on the lookout for more information soon.
- **Family Promise:** SOPC will host families October 31- November 6. More information will be in this weeks newsletter.
- **Recognition of the Saints:** If you have lost family or friends in the past 12 months, we would like to honor them during Worship Service on October 31, 2021. Please fill out the card in the pew and return it to the offering plate no later than October 24, 2021.
- **Christmas Poinsettias:** Is it too soon to think about Christmas?!? Poinsettia orders are due by November 8, 2021. Fill out the card in your pew or contact the church office to order yours for the holidays. Each poinsettia costs \$13.
- **Advent Devotional:** We need your help to make this year's Advent Devotional come to life. Members of the congregation are invited to provide devotionals based on the theme, "The Light Overcomes the Darkness" from 1 John 2:8. Please keep your devotional submissions to one typed page. Please submit your entries to the church office via email no later than November 7, 2021, [sopc@sopc.net](mailto:sopc@sopc.net). If you cannot submit it electronically, handwritten copies will be accepted in the church office.