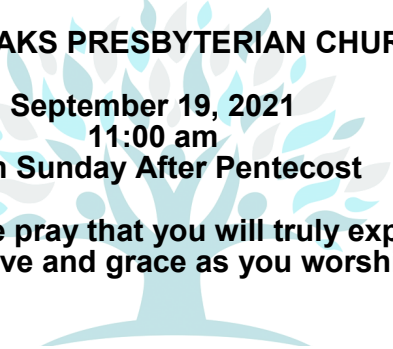




SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 19, 2021
11:00 am
17th Sunday After Pentecost

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



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:33-37, James 3:13-4:3

MESSAGE

What Does Wisdom Look Like?

OFFERING

Text Sevenoaks to 73256 or use the SOPC website with this link:
<https://onrealm.org/SevenOaksPresby/-/give/now>

SPECIAL MUSIC

Built On a Rock

Anthony Giamanco

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 238

Thine is the Glory

Budry/Handel

(Please stand and join together in song)

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain:

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. [Refrain]**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Creighton

POSTLUDE

Prelude in A minor

J. S. Bach

Music Notes: Built On a Rock is a majestic hymn that borrows from the imagery Jesus uses in Matthew 7:24-27. The hymn triumphantly proclaims that no matter what goes on around us, the church of Jesus Christ will stand. The third verse reminds us, "We are God's house of living stones, built for His own habitation. He fills our hearts, His humble thrones, granting us life and salvation. Yet to the place, and earthly frame, we come with thanks to praise His name. God grants His people true blessing."

Our partner church needs your help! The people of Cuba are suffering from a lack of basic medicine. Unlike America, the churches are the first access to over the counter pharmaceuticals. Previously due to Covid, we are unable to travel to them to take supplies. But now a common mission friend will be receiving medicines and be able to get them back into Cuba! If you have a heart to help our sister church, please drop off any of the following supplies NO LATER THAN October 10th to the mission closet in the Fellowship Hall. If you wish to write cards, notes and words of encouragement, these will also be shipped to our church family at this time. Medicine needs include: Benadryl, Zyrtec and children's Zyrtec, Claritin, Eye Drops (Visine/allergy/dry eye drops), Multi-Vitamins for Children's and Adults, Vitamin C, Vitamin B complex, Omega fatty acids, and Iron supplements, Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Advil, Baby Aspirin (81mg), 325mg Aspirin, Excedrin, Antacids, Probiotics Children's cough and flu syrups Adult flu and cold medicines, Ointments: Hydrocortisone, menthol chest rub, Triple Antibiotics Cream, Topical Benadryl, Bengay, as well as Masks/mouth covers, Hand sanitizer Gels, and Ziplock bags, which can be used to distribute medications to families. If you would prefer, you may also make a monetary donation to assist with the cost of getting everything to Cuba.

PRELUDE

Brethren We Have Met To Worship

Franklin Ritter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Creighton

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Dan Loffredo

One: Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.

All: Let us seek God's will in all we do, and God will show us the paths to take.

One: Everyone who finds wisdom is joyful! Happy are those who gain understanding.

All: Wisdom is a tree of life to those who embrace her; Happy are those who hold her tightly.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Smith

(Please reflect on the words, we ask that you hum along)

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dan Loffredo

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. In the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from worldly doubt and help us to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom which comes from You. In Your name we pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jenny Fogle

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.

HYMN 288

Spirit of the Living God

Iverson

(Please reflect on the words, we ask that you hum along)

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Sunday Worship, September 19, 2021

Counters: Jim Taylor and Elizabeth Taylor
Usher: Guy San Fratello
Greeters: Elizabeth Taylor and Jim Taylor
Acolyte: Kaelin Pilkington

Next Sunday, September 26, 2021

Counters: Frank Sheppard and Mark Wishart
Usher: Fred Holbrook
Greeters: Janice Reiser and Dallene Smith
Acolyte: Abby Dempster
Children's Message: Judy Barnes

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Carol Griffith- Fellowship
Ed Keelen- Worship*
Mark Pilkington - Christian Education
Sharon Staton - Christian Education*
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, September 19, 2021

9:30 Brewing Faith SS Class in-person or zoom
9:45 am: Fellowship SS Class-in-person
11:00 am: Worship Service

Monday, September 20, 2021

12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga
4:30 pm - ReShape Group 5 - Session Room
7:00 pm - ReShape Group 3 - via Zoom

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

9:30 am - Virtual Staff Meeting
4:30 pm - ReShape Group 7 - via Zoom
7:00 pm - Yoga

Wednesday, September 22, 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, September 23, 2021

4:30 pm - ReShape Group 6 - via Zoom
6:00 pm: Youth group/ReShape Small Group - Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 24, 2021

6:45 am: Lanterns (in person)

Office Hours:

Monday- Wednesday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Stay connected! If you would like to receive emails and/or texts from SOPC, please text the letters SOPC to the number 84576.

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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

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 name badge in the Narthex.

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.

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

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 you tube.
3. We will only sing the final hymn during worship to minimize the spread of particles in the air and our exposure time together, exiting immediately following.
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.
6. Please wear your mask securely around your mouth and nose.

Announcements

• **ReShape:** Thank you to everyone for making the ReShape Launch a success. We appreciate so many participating in small groups this week. We are excited to see how God moves during this time in the life of SOPC. If you have not joined a small group yet, please call the church office. Times are located on the calendar.

• **Acolytes:** All current and new acolytes, please come to training today or Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 9:00 am in the sanctuary.

• **Youth:** Youth Bible study Thursdays from 6:00 - 7:30 pm!! Bring a mask and your own food/drink for fellowship before Bible study.

• **Confirmation:** Youth in 8th grade and high school students who have not yet been through confirmation, classes meet every Sunday at 9:30 am in the courtyard. Contact Pastor Dan if you need more information.

• **Children:** Sunday School kick-off today at 10:15 am in the Pavilion.

• **Lantern's Men's Prayer Meeting:** Friday at 6:45 am in-person

• **All Readers of Seven Oaks!** We want you to join us! We are reading interesting books and having lively discussions. We have felt comfortable meeting in person at church. However that might change for September. So we want to be able to tell you personally. All you need to do is get your email address to Kitsie Miller (kihehomi@yahoo.com) or Julie Bussells (jbussells8287@gmail.com) and we will let you know. We will be reading The Bluest Eyes by Toni Morrison for September's meeting on September 29 at 5:30 pm. The first 30 minutes will be for chatting followed by our book discussion. Oh yes and we would love to hear about any books you'd like the group to read and discuss. We hope to hear from you!

• **MORE Justice:** Interested in what God is doing in our community? MORE Justice wants to know what 'Keeps YOU up at night'! Let us discern together how we may make this world a brighter place! Meetings dates are Polly's group on 9/23/21 at 6:30 pm in the session room and zoom. Jana's group will meet 10/10 after worship in the pavilion (with snacks). Please see the newsletter for zoom link.

• When you are the last leaving the church building, please lock the doors. Not only ensuring that you have locked the door, but also check that the locking mechanism has latched once the door is closed.

• You were lost and now you're found, but your laptop might not be so lucky. Please keep your things with you.

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.