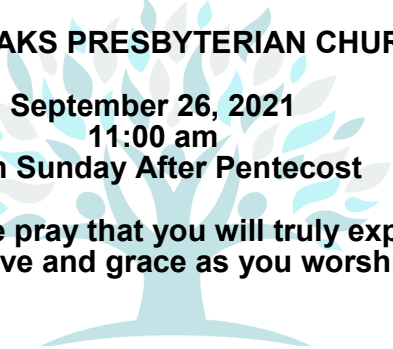




SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 26, 2021
11:00 am
17th Sunday After Pentecost

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



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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Jana Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; James 5:13-20

MESSAGE Turning Around in Life

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

SPECIAL MUSIC O Love How Deep, How Broad Collinsworth

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 465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus Scriven/Converse

(Please stand and join together in song)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Jana Creighton

POSTLUDE Praeludium Gordon Young

Music Notes: The prelude and postlude are both original works. O Love How Deep comes from the 14th century.
The lyrics are derived from the Imitation of Christ by Thomas a Kempis, and the tune was known as The Agincourt
Song. This hymn focuses on Jesus' birth, baptism, temptation, death and resurrection. The closing verse is, "All
glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad: The Trinity whom we adore forever and
forevermore."

Our partner church needs your help! Nueva Paz, our Cuban partner church, needs your help! Churches in
Cuba distribute all pharmaceuticals and over the counter needs (like our local pharmacy clinic). A Cuban
missionary is in the US until October and is taking duffel bags of medicines we supply to our sister church. Please
consider collecting the following and bringing them to the church by October 10th. 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 bandaids, bandages, Masks/mouth covers, Hand sanitizer Gels, and
Ziplock bags, which can be used to distribute medications to families. If you are unable to help collect but wish to
facilitate this endeavor, monetary donations will be accepted to cover the shipping costs and the cost of
purchasing items.

PRELUDE Hail the Lord of All Creation Franklin Ritter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jana Creighton

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS (Psalm 124, James 5) Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Dan Loffredo

One: If it had not been God who was on our side,
All: the troubles of our world would have swallowed us whole.

One: If it had not been God who was on our side,
All: the sorrows of our times would have swept us away.

One: Are any among us suffering?
All: Come and pray.

One: Are any among us cheerful?
All: Come sing songs of praise.

One: Are any among us sick?
All: Come and ask for healing.

One: Our help is in our God, the One who made heaven and earth.
All: Call upon God, creator and rescuer. God is on our side. Let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN God of Grace and God of Glory Fosdick/Hughes

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

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation, to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation, be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.

*CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Dan Loffredo

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Creating and rescuing God, your power amazes us. Yet even in our amazement, we take too long to turn
to you, forgetting that you are the power that makes and saves and sustains us. Even when we claim your
power, we often do so for our own success and comfort, ignoring your command to use your power on
behalf of the weak, the small, and the vulnerable. In Jesus Christ, you show us that you are on the side of
all people, but never at the expense of the weakest among us. Forgive us when our greed, our control,
and our scandals keep others from knowing you. Open our hearts, our lives, and our ministries, that we
may become a doorway to your realm. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Elder Judy Barnes
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.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Sunday Worship, September 26, 2021

Counters: Frank Sheppard and Mark Wishart
Usher: Fred Holbrook
Greeters: Janice Reiser and Dallene Smith
Acolyte: Kaelin Pilkington

Next Sunday, October 3, 2021

Counters: Polly Robinson and Hal Bowman
Usher: Mary Johnson
Greeters: Sue Kesterson and Jeanne LeBoeuf
Acolyte: none
Children's Message: Melanie Mixon

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Class of 2022:

Carol Griffith- Fellowship
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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 26, 2021

9:30 am - Brewing Faith SS Class in-person or zoom
9:30 am - Confirmation Class
9:45 am - Fellowship SS Class-in-person
10:15 am - Children's Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship Service

Monday, September 27, 2021

12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga
4:30 pm - ReShape Group 5 - Session Room
7:00 pm - ReShape Group 3 - via Zoom
6:30 pm - Love Revolution Information meeting

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

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

Wednesday, September 29, 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 30, 2021

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

Friday, October 1, 2021

6:45 am: Lanterns (in person)

Modified Office Hours:

Monday- Tuesday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesday 8:30 - 1:30 pm
Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

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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 YouTube.
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.

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.

Announcements



• **ReShape:** Thank you to everyone for making the ReShape Launch a success. We appreciate so many participating in small groups this week. How are you participating with God in the ReShape process?

- **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.
- **Love Revolution:** We have an exciting opportunity as a church to serve our local community. If you would like to know more about the Love Revolution, please join us on September 27 at 6:30 pm in the Pavilion.
- **All Readers of Seven Oaks!** Would you like to be part of Book Club? We are currently reading The Bluest Eyes by Toni Morrison for the next meeting on September 29 at 5:30 pm. Please send an email to Kitesie Miller (kihehomi@yahoo.com) or Julie Bussells (jbussells8287@gmail.com) to RSVP.
- **Peace and Global Witness Offering:** World Communion Sunday, October 3, you will have the opportunity to worship through giving to 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:** Let us discern together how we may make this world a brighter place! The next meeting will be held October 10 after worship in the pavilion (with snacks). Please see the newsletter for zoom link.
- **Get Social:** Do you have social media accounts and want to keep up with what's going on at SOPC? Like and Follow us on Facebook and Instagram and invite your friends!! Facebook: @sevenoakspresbyterian Instagram: @Sevenoakspc
- Has it been awhile since your last visit with the pastor or a shepherd? Let us know if you would like a visit. Please email the church office at sopc@sopc.net or call 803-772-1761.
- 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.