



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 23, 2022
11:00 am
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Paul Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Creighton

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

(Excerpts from Austin D. Hill)

One: For the beauty of human love

All: Brother, sister, parent, child.

One: Friends on earth and friends above,

All: For all gentle thoughts and mild;

One: Lord of all, to thee we raise,

All: This, our hymn of grateful praise.

One: We come to you, today, Lord, to offer our thanks for all you are in calling us home. Amen.

Rev. Jana Creighton and Elder Janna Simon

HYMN 15

All Creatures of our God and King

Francis of Assisi/Kirchengesäng

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam,

Sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so, even in the midst of tears,

sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life: There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with You. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN 401

Here in This Place

Haugen

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;

See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;

Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.

We have been sung throughout all of history; called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;

Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

SCRIPTURE READING

Song of Songs 2:1-16, Genesis 2:18-25

MESSAGE

Coming Home: Love and Marriage

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

Offerings may be placed in the large wooden boxes with crosses at the main exit of the narthex/lobby

To give online, text Sevenoaks to 73256 or use the SOPC website with this link:

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder Janna Simon

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 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

Daw/Sullivan

O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to fruit, bestow your blessing on our lives; here let your love find root. Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts of patience, joy, and peace; deliver us from numbing fear, and grant our faith increase.

Through tears and laughter, grief and joy, enlarge our trust and care; so bind us in community that we may risk and dare. Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray; then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Creighton

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Major

J. S. Bach

In our continued prayers...

Edith Blanchett Nan Foster Joe Gause
Al Charles Tom Lowe Jo Groce
Ed Keelen Tara Whitfield Pat Robosky
Patricia Williams Charlene Carter
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (missionaries)
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz

If you would like someone to be added to the prayer list please call or email the church office.

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Announcements

- **Youth:** Come and bring a friend on January 27, 2022 at 6:00 pm for Youth Bible Study at SOPC. If you play an instrument we encourage you to bring it Thursday!
- **JAMA and Youth Families:** Today from 2:00 - 5:00 pm, excursion to Riverbanks Zoo. Families will meet near the parking lot stairs in front of admissions on the animal side of the zoo. Please text Mary Dempster if you are planning to attend, 843-622-5706. If it rains this event will be postponed.
- **Pledge Cards:** Last week you were mailed a letter and pledge cards asking you to prayerfully consider changing your pledge. You may place your updated card in the offering box next Sunday or bring your card by the office or place it in the mail. Thank you for supporting the needs and missions of SOPC.
- **Love Revolution:** Every Sunday from 3:30 - 5:30 pm The Love Revolution provides food, love and hope to our community along with fellowship to anyone who would like to come. Bring a dish or a smile to share God's love.
- **Annual Congregational Meeting:** January 30, 2022, after the worship service there will be an annual congregational meeting to discuss the annual report and for the purpose of electing 3 members to be on the nominating committee for a new class of elders. We hope you will stay after the worship service this day to participate (in person or on zoom),
- **MORE Justice:** Next Sunday, January 30th, visit the table in the Narthex and choose who you will invite to the Nehemiah Action. February 8th at 6:30 pm Network members will participate in a zoom meeting. Pray regarding your financial commitment to MORE Justice. Then on February 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm, MORE Justice leaders will meet via zoom for a Network meeting (zoom link coming soon).

Music Notes: The prelude is based on the hymn tune Lobe Den Herren, a 17th century German chorale. The closing verse calls us to give ourselves over to praising and worshiping our God, "Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him."

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, January 23, 2022

- 9:30 am - Roads to Faith SS Class
zoom
- 11:00 am - Worship Service online only
- 11:20 am - Liberty Worship Service -
Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution
- 6:00 pm - Chin Church

Monday, January 24, 2022

- 12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

- 9:30 am - Staff meeting

Thursday, January 27, 2022

- 6:00 pm - Youth Bible Study (bring instruments)

Friday, January 28, 2022

- 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.

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!

Volunteers for Sunday, January 30, 2022

- Counters: Richard Brinkley and Carol Griffith
- Usher: Guy San Fratello
- Greeters: Sue Kesterson and Marion Watson-Wishart
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