

SPECIAL MUSIC

*It is Well with My Soul*  
Piano & Organ Duet

Lloyd Larson

THE 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 159

*O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

Benson

**O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,  
and of the news that came to them from angels in the air.  
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today.  
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing alway.**

**O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy;  
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless boy.  
For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow.  
Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.**

**O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,  
of him who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still.  
For though, like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,  
when faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.**

**O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay,  
of him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away.  
For he who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,  
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Creighton

POSTLUDE

*New Faith, New Life*

Franklin Ritter

**Lectio Divina:**

In order to grow in our faith, Ignatius, a Catholic priest and theologian, invited the retreatant to engage in a prayer method called contemplation. This is not some kind of mystical prayer but a prayer form in which one uses his or her senses in an 'imaginative way' to reflect on a Gospel passage. One uses the senses, seeing, hearing, tasting, touching, and smelling to make the Gospel scene real and alive.

Here is a way of engaging in this prayer form which is relaxing and rather easy.

- Select a passage from one of the Gospels in which Jesus is interacting with others.
- Recall what one is doing in engaging with the Word of God and what one desires from this encounter. God is present and because God is present one relies on God.
- Read the Gospel passage twice so that the story and the details of the story become familiar.
- Close one's eyes and reconstruct the scene in one's imagination. See what is going on and watch the men and women in the scene. What does Jesus look like? How do the others react to him? What are the people saying to one another? What emotions fill their words? Is Jesus touching someone? As one enters into the scene, sometimes there is the desire to be there. So a person can place oneself in the scene, perhaps as an observer, as one lining up for healing, or as one helping others to Jesus.
- Some people's imaginations are very active so they construct a movie-like scenario with a Gospel passage. Others will enter the scene with verbal imagination, reflecting on the scene and mulling over the actions. Vividness is not a criteria for the effectiveness of this kind of prayer. Engagement is and the result is a more interior knowledge of Jesus.
- As one finishes this time of prayer, one should take a moment to speak person to person with Christ saying what comes from the heart.

May this time of contemplation lead you into the presence of God.



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 20, 2022

11:00 am

Third Sunday of Lent

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Creighton

PRELUDE

*The Old Rugged Cross*

Lloyd Larson

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Creighton and Elder Janna Simon

One: The pathway is just beginning.

**All: We have encountered the wilderness.**

One: Now we are moving rapidly toward Jerusalem.

**All: Along the way we will witness astonishing acts of mercy and justice. Lord, be with us on the journey.**

One: We are learning to listen to you Lord, that we may follow.

**All: Guide our lives and our steps, we pray. AMEN.**

\*HYMN 175

*Seek Ye First*

Lafferty

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,**

**And all these things shall be added unto you.**

**Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find;**

**Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.**

**Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia!**

**You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word**

**That proceeds from the mouth of God.**

**Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia!**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Jana Creighton, Elder Janna Simon

**Guiding Lord, even though we hesitated on our Lenten journey; we vowed to come with you through all the trials and fears toward the Cross. Today we face the challenge of opening our hearts and minds to hear your call on our lives. Lead us forward, gracious Lord, up these steps toward the Cross. 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 414

*Be Still and Know That I am God*

Bell

**Be still and know that I am God.**

**Be still and know that I am God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 46:10, James 4:8, Matthew 9:9-13

MESSAGE

Rising from the Ashes: Contemplation

\*\*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>

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

### Sunday Worship, March 20, 2022

Counters: Mark Dillard and Ron Kesterson  
Usher: Guy San Fratello  
Greeters: Tom Shuler and Betty Shuler  
Acolyte: Kaelin Pilkington  
Children's Corner: Melanie Mixon

### Next Sunday, March 27, 2022

Counters: Richard Brinkley and Carol Griffith  
Usher: Fred Holbrook  
Greeters: Shelagh Wirth and Elizabeth Taylor  
Acolyte: Hadessah Wright  
Children's Message: Judy Barnes  
Children's Corner: Mary Dempster

### STAFF

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### SESSION MEMBERS

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### **Class of 2022:**

Carol Griffith- Fellowship  
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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, March 20, 2022**

9:30 am - Roads to Faith SS Class  
in-person or zoom  
9:30 am - Youth Confirmation Class  
9:45 am - Fellowship SS Class-in-person  
10:00 am - Children and Youth Sunday School  
Classes  
11:00 am - Worship Service  
11:20 am - Liberty Worship Service -  
Fellowship Hall  
3:00 pm - Prayer Walking Small Group  
3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution  
6:00 pm - Chin Church

#### **Monday, March 21, 2022**

12:00 pm - Ladies Luncheon  
12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga

#### **Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

9:30 am - Staff meeting

#### **Wednesday, March 23, 2022**

12:00 pm - Artist's Way Small Group  
6:00 pm - Youth Bible Study

#### **Thursday, March 24, 2022**

6:30 pm - Book Study Small Group  
(in person or zoom)

#### **Friday, March 25, 2022**

6:45 am - Lanterns

#### **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!*

### **LIKE US ON...**



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#### **4 WAYS TO GIVE!**

 IN PERSON	 BY MAIL	 ONLINE	 BY TEXT
Offering baskets	530 St. Andrews Rd. Columbia, SC 29210	Sopc.net	Text 73256 to SEVENOAKS

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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.

**Worship bags:** Parents can pick up worship bags in the Children's Corner before the worship service, for ages 3 - 5th grades. (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.

**Flowers:** The beautiful silk flower arrangements in the sanctuary today were donated for use when the church does not have fresh flowers.

- Notify the church office or signup in the Narthex to honor or remember someone either with a flower purchase or donation. For details, please call the church office.

**Music Notes:** The Old Rugged Cross is one of the most well-known hymns from across the centuries that focuses our attention on the cross of Jesus Christ as a symbol of the world's redemption. It Is Well With My Soul was written during a time of grief and deep sorrow. But in the midst of that pain, the hymn writer stood faithfully proclaiming, "For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live. If Jordan above me shall roll, no pang shall be mine, for in death as in life, Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul."

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### **In our continued prayers...**

Edith Blanchett Al Charles Nan Foster  
Joe Gause Jo Groce Ed Keelen  
Pat Robosky Rebecca Taylor  
Tara Whitfield Patricia Williams  
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.**

### **Announcements**

- Easter Lilies: Deadline to purchase is March 27, 2022.** \$15 each. Order cards are in the lobby/narthex. Please place your order in an offering envelope marked for Easter Lilies or place your order online at: <https://sopc.flocknote.com/signup/83477> no later than March 27, 2022.
- Youth:** Youth are invited to gather on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm for a time of Bible Study, Fellowship and music. Come, bring a friend at 6:00 pm. If you play an instrument, bring it with you as we learn music and worship together. If you do not play an instrument, bring a willingness to laugh and be joyful.
- Ladies Luncheon:** March 21, 2022 at 12:00 pm at Willie Sue's, 380 Columbiana Dr, Columbia, SC 29212. Please RSVP to Margaret Royals at [mroyals052@gmail.com](mailto:mroyals052@gmail.com) or 803-608-1434.
- JAMA and Youth:** March 27, 2022 at 1:00 pm: God said "Let the land produce living creatures" and "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it." All families of children and teens are invited to gather at Congaree National Park to learn about God's Creation, walk around, enjoy the sun and see all the living things the park has to enjoy. This event is open to all children and teens ages 0 through high school.
- Congregational Meeting:** March 27, 2022 after the worship service to elect new elders and a trustee and hear an update on the 2022 budget.
- Backpack ministry:** The Backpack ministry needs plastic grocery bags! Please drop them off in the missions closet on Sunday or bring them by the church office during normal business hours. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.
- FLAMINGOS ARE HERE!!!!** To offset the cost of summer camp, the youth need your help!! For the best deal, flamingo flock your friends or family's yard for \$35. We also have insurance!!! Simply fill out an order form and \$75 guarantees no flamingos will flock to your home. For \$40, you can buy minimal insurance. This does not guarantee you will not wake up to a flock of flamingos in your yard, but someone will have to pay \$75 to send the flamingos your way. Order forms are in the narthex/lobby.
- 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. <https://www.campfellowship.org/summer2022>
- The Blessing Box** Please place donations of in the black baskets in the lobby/narthex or bring by the church office during normal business hours. Any donations are greatly appreciated!
- Be Courteous!** Please be good stewards in your use of SOPC property. We are happy for SOPC members, SOPC activities and community use of our facilities, but everyone must do their part to make sure things are clean, safe and not wasteful. When you leave please ensure you have left things clean and tidy, air conditioning or heat are set to the temperatures listed on the signs by the thermostats and that all lights are turned off and doors locked behind you. We appreciate everyone's involvement in taking care of this beautiful property God has provided for our church.