

*HYMN 314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*
**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

Spiritual

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

John 21:1-19

MESSAGE

Feed My Sheep

OFFERING

Offerings may be placed in the large wooden boxes with crosses at the main exit of the lobby
To give online, text Sevenoaks to 73256 or use the SOPC website with this link:
<https://onrealm.org/SevenOaksPresby/-/give/now>

SPECIAL MUSIC

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling

arr. Dale Wood

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Jana Creighton

(You are invited to the Lord's table to receive your elements and return to your seat for communion)

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

One: Let us pray to the Lord . . .

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE TAKING OF THE VINE

CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 828

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Prentiss/Doane

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!

Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.

This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee;

More love to thee, more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.

Now thee alone I seek; give what is best.

This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;

More love to thee, more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;

This be the parting cry my heart shall raise.

This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;

More love to thee, more love to thee!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

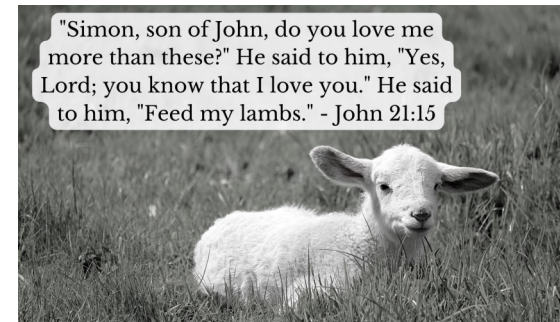
Rev. Jana Creighton

POSTLUDE

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

Douglas Wagner

New Sermon Series begins May 8, 2022: Building Bridges: Join us for this 4-week series as we become passionate about mending relationships and building bridges. Our culture builds vast chasms of bitterness and hurt between people, groups, families, and churches. But Jesus shows us how to live as peacemakers in a world of conflict.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Creighton

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Mother's Day Offering

Elder Hal Bowman

PRELUDE

Hiding in Thee

Sankey/arr. Anna Laura Page

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Creighton and Elder Janna Simon

One: This is what the Sovereign Lord says: "I myself will search for my sheep and look after them."

All: As shepherds look after their scattered flocks when they are with them, so will the Lord look after God's sheep.

One: "I will tend them in good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land."

All: God will be the one to tend God's sheep and to search for the lost. God will bring back the strays and strengthen the weak.

All: Let us worship God!

(Adapted from Ezekiel 34:11-16)

*HYMN 313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

Spiritual

Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy;

Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again:

Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving;

Lord, make us more loving, until we meet again:

Loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient;

Lord, make us more patient, until we meet again:

Patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful;

Lord, make us more faithful, until we meet again:

Faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we realize that You know us more intimately than we know ourselves. We come before You now asking You to show us our sin, to make us aware of our failings, to open our eyes to our brokenness. We are wandering sheep that have gone our own way. We need Your wisdom and guidance to show us the path of truth and life, for we are lost without Your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Do Your transforming work in us so that we can live as Your redeemed people in the world. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Jana Creighton

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, May 1, 2022

Counters: Guy San Fratello and Sharon Staton
 Usher: Mary Johnson
 Greeters: Carol Griffith and Stephanie Sampson
 Acolyte: None
 Children's Corner: Dallene Smith

Next Sunday, May 8, 2022

Counters: Mark Dillard and Sharon Staton
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Ben Smith and Dallene Smith
 Acolyte: Abby Dempster
 Children's Message: Sue Kesterson
 Children's Corner: Mary Johnson

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Carol Griffith- Fellowship
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 Mark Pilkington - Christian Education
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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*
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Trustees: Frank Sheppard, Jim Wilhide, Sue Kesterson

Treasurer: Hal Bowman

Oncoming and renewing Elders: Fred Holbrook, Ed Keelen, Sharon Staton, and Sharon Watkins

Renewing Trustee: Frank Sheppard

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, May 1, 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
 2:00 - 3:30 pm - Elder Training
 3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution
 6:00 pm - Chin Church

Monday, May 2, 2022

12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

9:30 am - Staff meeting

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

6:00 pm - Youth Bible Study

Friday, May 6, 2022

6:45 am - Lanterns
 11:00 am - Church Women United

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!

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

530 St. Andrews Rd Columbia, SC 29210

Announcements

Masked and Socially distanced seating: There are two pews marked as reserved in the sanctuary to the far right front close to the side exit for those preferring masking and social distancing. If you need assistance please ask an usher.

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 flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Carter Family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charlene Carter.

- 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 prelude is an arrangement of a 19th century hymn that was based on Psalm 143:9. The hymn's first verse is, "O safe to the Rock that is higher than I, my soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly. Alone I would perish, undone would I be; Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in Thee." The postlude comes from a 20th century hymn directing us to go forth from worshiping and communing with Christ, to spreading the good news of the gospel!

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In our continued prayers...

Edith Blanchett Al Charles Nan Foster
 Joe Gause Jo Groce Ed Keelen
 Pat Robosky Rebecca Taylor
 Patricia Williams Jim Mullins
 Carter Family Tara and John Whitfield
 John Anderson and Anderson Family
 Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (missionaries)
 Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz
 Upcoming Elder Training for new and renewing Elders

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

Welcome!

We are not presently passing the attendance pads, but we want to acknowledge your presence!



Please let us know you are here today by scanning the QR code using your phones camera and include your name and those who attended with you in the link.

Announcements

- Mother's Day Offering:** May 8, 2022 we will collect a special offering for Presbyterian Communities. These funds help support residents who have outlived their savings through no fault of their own. If you are able, please make plans to give towards this special offering next week. You may give online or use the special envelopes provided in the pews next week.
- Fireflies Baseball: Today is the last day to register!!** Join us on May 20, 2022 for a family gameday outing to Segra Park to see the Columbia Fireflies! Tickets are \$11 and must be purchased in advance. Please sign up by May 1, 2022 in the Narthex/lobby or online at <https://sopc.flocknote.com/signup/86101>
- Youth:** Wednesdays at 6:00 pm Bible Study and music. 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.
- Church Women United May Friendship Day:** May 6, 2022 at 11:00 am, join Presbyterian Women in the Session Room for this virtual event. There will be beverages and snacks.
- BBQ Butt Pre-Order has been extended: \$35.** Pickup will be Memorial Day Weekend. This will be a separate event from the previously scheduled Spring Fling. Tickets available for purchase in the Narthex/lobby or by calling the church office. BBQ will be available for pickup on May 29, 2022 after worship.
- Ladies Luncheon:** May 16, 2022 at noon, at Fusco's Restaurant, 2900 Dreher Shoals Rd., Suite A, Columbia, SC. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals, at mroyals052@gmail.com or 803-957-0430.
- Elder Training:** Elder training will be held in the Fellowship classroom in Building B as follows: May 1, 2:00 - 3:30 pm, May 11, 6:30 pm, May 15, 2:00 - 3:30 pm, and May 22, 2:00 - 3:30 pm.
- 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.
- VBS:** June 20-23, 5:30 - 8:00 pm: This year's theme is "God's Wonder Lab: Jesus Does the Impossible!" We need 30 volunteers to help make VBS a success! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mary Dempster or the church office. More information about registration coming soon!