

\*HYMN # 362 *I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry*  
I love the Lord, who heard my cry  
And pitied every groan.  
Long as I live and troubles rise,  
I'll hasten to God's throne

I love the Lord, who heard my cry  
And chased my grief away.  
O let my heart no more despair  
While I have breath to pray.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 51:1-2, Luke 10:25-36, Ephesians 2:4-5

Message *Have Mercy*

OFFERING The Special Offering today is being received for Presbyterian Communities  
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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Diane Bish

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.**

\*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.

\*HYMN #394 *There is a Balm in Gilead* African-American spiritual  
Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again.

**Refrain**  
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

Don't ever feel discouraged, For Jesus is your friend,  
And if you lack for knowledge He'll not refuse to lend.  
**Refrain**

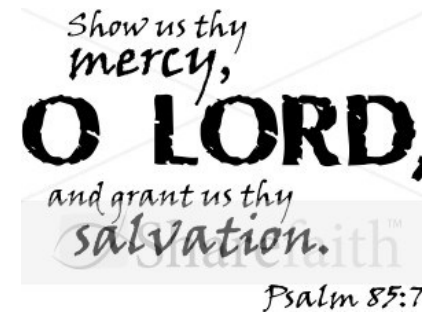
If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus And say, "He died for all."  
**Refrain**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Jana Creighton

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* Gordon Young

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arr. Richard Smallwood, 1975



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 15, 2022  
11:00 am  
5th Sunday of Easter

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Creighton

MOMENT FOR SIGNING IN

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Joint Sunday School

Elder Jim Wilhide

PRELUDE

*I Love to Tell the Story*

arr. Dale Wood

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Creighton and Elder Janna Simon

Leader: Your steadfast love, Lord, never ceases,

**People: Your mercies never come to an end;**

Leader: They are new every morning; so let us proclaim –

**All: Great is Your faithfulness. Great is Your love. Great is Your mercy. And greatly is Your name to be praised!**

\*HYMN # 276

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*William Marion Runyan, 1923*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
**Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
**Refrain**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! For your name's sake, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Submitted by Dustin Ray

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Elder Sue Kesterson

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 15 2022

Counters: Richard Brinkley, Hal Bowman  
 Usher: Guy San Fratello  
 Greeters: Janice Reiser, Jeanne LeBoeuf  
 Acolyte: Kaelin Pilkington  
 Children's Message: Sue Kesterson  
 Children's Corner: Kathy Keane

## Next Sunday, May 22, 2022

Counters: Ron Kesterson, Mary Johnson  
 Usher: Mary Johnson  
 Greeters: Tom & Betty Shuler  
 Acolyte: Hadessah Wright  
 Children's Message: Jenny Fogle  
 Children's Corner: Mary Dempster

## STAFF

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## SESSION MEMBERS

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### Class of 2022:

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

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

**Renewing Trustee:** Frank Sheppard

## NEW Office Hours: Monday - Thursday - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

### This week at SOPC:

#### Sunday, May 15, 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 16, 2022

12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga

#### Tuesday, May 17, 2022

9:30 am - Staff meeting  
 2:00 pm - Rachel Circle

#### Wednesday, May 18, 2022

6:00 pm - Youth Bible Study

#### Thursday, May 19, 2022

#### Friday, May 20, 2022

6:45 am - Lanterns

**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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## 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 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 prelude is based on a 19<sup>th</sup> century hymn that celebrates the sharing of the good news of Jesus. The opening verse is, "I love to tell the story of unseen things above; of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story because I know it's true. It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do."

**Rev. Tom Are:** Beginning May 22, 2022 everyone is invited to join our adult Sunday School hour to study Rev. Are's new book, "Joy Even on Your Worst Day." See the leaflet for more information.

**Pastor Jana** will not be on social media for the foreseeable future. Her new cell phone number is 803 530 4866

### In our continued prayers...

Edith Blanchett Al Charles  
 Joe Gause Jo Groce Ed Keelen  
 Pat Robosky Rebecca Taylor  
 Patricia Williams Jim Mullins  
 John Anderson Tara and John Whitfield  
 Our Ukraine Family  
 Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (missionaries)  
 Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz  
 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

- New Sermon Series: 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.
- Mother's Day Offering:** We will continue this special offering for Presbyterian Communities for this Sunday. These funds help support residents who have outlived their savings through no fault of their own. You may give online or use the special envelopes provided in the pews.
- Confirmation Retreat:** Confirmands will meet for a retreat time after worship on Sunday, May 22, 2022.
- 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.
- BBQ Butt Pre-Order has been changed:** \$35. Pickup will be May 22, 2022. Tickets available for purchase in the Narthex/lobby or by calling the church office. **Order Deadline is today, May 15, 2022.**
- 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](mailto:mroyals052@gmail.com) or 803-957-0430.
- Elder Training:** Elder training will be held in the Fellowship classroom in Building B as follows: May 15, 2:00 - 3:30 pm, and May 22, 2:00 - 3:30 pm.
- 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. Register online at [www.sopc.net/vbs2022](http://www.sopc.net/vbs2022)
- All Presbyterian Women:** You are invited to an at-church retreat on Friday, May 20, from 4:00-8:00pm and on Saturday, May 21, from 10:00am-2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This "Come to the Well" retreat will be presented by Erin Kay, a Christian Health Coach from Chapin, SC. The cost of the retreat is \$35.00. This includes cost for Paint and Pray (\$25) and two meals (\$10). Love offering for Erin Kay will be accepted and appreciated. Come join us! Have questions? Call Dallene Smith at 847-528-0379 or email her at [dallene611@gmail.com](mailto:dallene611@gmail.com).
- 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.