

*HYMN # 22 *God of the Sparrow*
God of the sparrow God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,
How does the creature say Awe, How does the creature say Praise,

God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast,
How does the creature cry Woe, How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave,
How does the creature say Grace, How does the creature say Thanks,

God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the pruning hook,
How does the creature say Care, How does the creature say Life,

God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart,
How do your children say Joy, How do your children say Home.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Jana Creighton

YOUTH LITANY—Based on Luke 15 Dannah Lane, John Hinton Lane, Fin Bundrick, Megan Shuler

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:11-32

Message “Throw a Party”

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:
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SPECIAL MUSIC *Give Thanks* arr. House

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 Rev Jana Creighton
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 # 157 *I Danced in the Morning*
I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, But they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John. They came with me and the dance went on.**

**I danced on the sabbath and I cured the lame. The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, And left me there on a cross to die.**

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black. It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, But I am the dance and I still go on.**

**They cut me down, and I leapt up high. I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Jana Creighton

POSTLUDE *From All That Dwells Below the Skies* arr. Dorothy Wells

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SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 22, 2022
11:00 am
6th 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION ReShape Hal Bowman

PRELUDE *We Praise You, O God* Dale Wood

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS Rev. Jana Creighton and Elder Janna Simon

One: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

All: For once we were lost and felt so far away;

One: now we have been found and welcomed home.

All: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

One: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

All: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love. AMEN!

*HYMN # 611 *Joyful, Joyful*

Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

**All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect they rays;
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning ov'r us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

*CALL TO CONFESSION Elder Janna Simon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**Loving God, There is enough evil within us to dampen our confidence;
Sometimes there is enough doubt in us to swamp our faith.
Some days there is enough weariness in us to swamp our hopefulness.
There can be enough apathy within us to smother our compassion.
Yet, thankfully there is also enough hunger in us to keep us unhappy.
And enough discontent in us to make us return home to your love
God of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Mary Dempster
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, May 22, 2022

Counters: Ron Kesterson, Banks Robinson
 Usher: Fred Holbrook
 Greeters: Tom & Betty Shuler
 Acolyte: Hadessah Wright
 Children's Message: Janice Holbrook
 Children's Corner: Mary Dempster

Next Sunday, May 29, 2022

Counters: Mary Johnson, Guy San Fratello
 Usher: Guy San Fratello
 Greeters: Elizabeth Taylor, Shelagh Wirth
 Acolyte: Weston Pilkington
 Children's Message: Judy Barnes
 Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson

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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

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

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, May 22, 2022

9:30 am - Youth Confirmation Class
 9:45 am - Joint Adult SS Class-in-person—
 Fellowship Classroom—Rev Tom Are Series
 10:00 am - Children and Youth Sunday School
 Classes
 11:00 am - Worship Service
 12:30 pm JAMA Irmo Community Park
 Confirmands Retreat
 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 - SOPC Reshape Dinner
 Chin Church

Monday, May 23, 2022

12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

9:30 am - Staff meeting
 6:30 pm—PW Birthday Celebration @
 Westminster PC

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

6:00 pm - Youth Bible Study

Thursday, May 26, 2022

Friday, May 27, 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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 803-772-1761

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.

Music Notes: The prelude is based on Julia Cory's hymn that prepares us to enter God's presence with praise. The opening verse of this hymn is: "We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator. In grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you. We kneel and adore you. We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing!" Give Thanks came from the pen of a young seminary graduate in 1978. It reminds us of the call in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "In every thing give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you (KJV).

Rev. Tom Are: The Joint Adult Sunday School hour started today to study Rev. Are's new book, "Joy Even on Your Worst Day." See the leaflet for more information. Join us as we continue this class through July 17.

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



• **Reshape Dinner** - today May 22 @ 6:00 pm. No cost, just come be part of the discussion in reshaping SOPC! Let's Party!!!! The ReShape Committee will have a panel discussion after dinner.

- **Confirmation Retreat:** Confirmands will meet for a retreat time today, Sunday, May 22, 2022 following worship and will return in time for Reshape dinner.
- **Youth:** Wednesdays, May 25 at 6:00 pm, Bible Study and music. bring your instrument with you as we learn music and worship together. If you do not play an instrument, bring a willingness to laugh and be joyful. Last Confirmation class, Sunday, June 5, in the youth room, 9:30 - 10:00 am. Last Youth Sunday School, Sunday, June 5, for all youth, in the youth room 10:00 -10:40 am. End of school year party Wednesday, June 1, 6:00 - 7:30 pm,
- **Children:** JAMA will meet today at Irmo Community Park (7473 Church St, Irmo, 29063) after church, Bring a lunch and we will let the kiddos play. Excited to see you all.
- **BBQ Butt** Pickup today, May 22, 2022 until 2 pm
- **Elder Training:** Final Elder training will be held in the Fellowship classroom in Building B today, 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
- **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.
- **Family Promise** will be here starting June 12, 2022. Although they will not be on site, we still need to help with meals. Gift cards for \$25 from Lizards Thicket & KJs are appreciated. If you would like to prepare a meal, please either text or call
- Tish Lowe 803 800 6995.