

HYMN: # 626

As The Deer

**As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you. (Repeat)**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

YOUTH LITANY

Hadessah Wright/Megan Shuler

MESSAGE

*Choosing the Best Life*

\*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**

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SPECIAL MUSIC

*More Love To Thee*

Molly Ijames

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 # 735

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

**I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.  
Refrain: I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee. O bless me now, my Savior I come to thee!**

**I need thee every hour; stay thou near by, temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. Refrain**

**I need thee every hour; teach me thy will, and thy rich promises in me fulfill. Refrain**

**I need thee every hour. Most Holy One; O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. Refrain**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE:

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Douglas Wagner



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 16, 2022  
11:00 am

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

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

MOMENT FOR SIGNING IN

MOMENT FOR MISSION

KJ'S

PRELUDE

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus In the Morning*

Robert James

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Janna Simon

One: Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.

**All: Thanks be to God for God's mighty wonders.**

One: Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment, God's majesty is revealed in all creation.

**All: We look around us at the wonders, and marvel at the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.**

One: Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

**All: We are God's beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for the world. AMEN.**

\*HYMN # 722

*Lord Speak to Me*

**Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.**

**O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet. O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungry ones with manna sweet.**

**O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart. And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.**

**O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart overflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.**

**O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely overlook the wonders of your creation, O God. All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us. But we are weak and easily trapped into attitudes of indifference or destructive behavior. You have not given this world to us that we should destroy it, but rather that we should cherish it and make sure that all receive from its bounty. Forgive us, we pray. AMEN.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Elder Julie Bussells

We invite children ages 4k - 4th grade to sit in the "Children's Corner" after the "Children's Message." One Adult will be sitting with the children, and age appropriate activities will be provided for children that go along with worship. Parents will pick up their children after the service.

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\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

## Sunday, October 16

Counters: Ron Kesterson, Hal Bowman  
 Usher: Guy San Fratello  
 Greeters: Sue Kesterson, Brenda Turner  
 Acolyte: Weston Pilkington  
 Children's Message: Julie Bussells  
 Children's Corner: Karan Bundrick

## Next Sunday, October 23

Counters: Banks Robinson, Polly Robinson  
 Usher: Fred Holbrook  
 Greeters: Hal Bowman, Jim Wilhide  
 Acolyte: Hadessah Wright  
 Children's Message: Janna Simon  
 Children's Corner: Mary Johnson

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**Treasurer:** Hal Bowman

**Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW):**

Mary Johnson

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

**This week at SOPC:**

**Sunday, October 16, 2022**  
 9:30 am - Roads to Faith Adult SS Class  
 Session Room or zoom  
 9:45 am - Fellowship Adult SS Class-in-person  
 Fellowship Classroom  
 9:45 - Children/Youth SS Class  
 3:00 pm - Youth - McGregor  
 3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution  
 6:00 pm - Chin Church  
**Monday, October 17, 2022**  
 5:00 pm - Session Meeting - Zoom  
 7:30 pm - NANA  
**Tuesday, October 18, 2022**  
 9:30 am - Staff meeting  
 10:00 am - The Adventures—Fellowship Hall  
 7:30 pm - NANA  
**Wednesday, October 19, 2022**  
 5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion  
 7:30 pm - NANA  
**Thursday, October 20, 2022**  
 9:00 am - The Chosen - Fellowship Hall  
**Friday, October 21, 2022**  
 6:45 am - Lanterns  
**Saturday, October 22, 2022**

**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 it 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. Masks are available in narthex/lobby.

**Hearing impaired equipment** available in the narthex. 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 this morning are given to the honor and praise of God, by Fred and Janice Holbrook, and in loving memory of her mother, Dorothy Greer.

**Music Notes:** The prelude is based on an African-American folk song that calls us to simply live lives of praise, love, and service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *As the Deer* is a paraphrase of Psalm 42:1 and includes parts of Psalm 28:7.



October  
 Word of the Month  
**PEACEMAKING**

**In our continued prayers...**

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

**If you would like someone to be added to the prayer list please contact the church office.**

## Welcome!

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



**Love Revolution:** Today, SOPC will host Love Revolution. Please bring a dish to share or just join us to show your love & fellowship, 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 attend.

**Youth:** Meet at McGregor PC @ 3 pm to drive to Clinton Sease Farm. Bring \$15. Return to McGregor @ 6 pm

**ReShape - Worship Ministry - a.** We are continuing to regularly include a wider diversity of music both in congregational songs and in music performed. This diversity includes an emphasis on incorporating contemporary selections regularly in worship.  
**b.** Rally Day worship and our post worship gathering included Liberty Church musicians and their music, which is all in contemporary form and instrumentation.  
**c.** Outreach to bring in guest musicians and musical groups has been constrained by three things; i. COVID, II. Lack of budget funding, III. Lack of interest on the part of groups we have reached out to.  
**d.** We continue to be significantly challenged and limited by streaming/licensing restrictions on the music we can use in worship.

**Sharing God's Love:** Please bring any of the following: Items: Grocery Bags, Grits, Oatmeal, Pancake Syrup, Jelly, Ravioli, SpaghettiOs (Lunch Can), Elbow Pasta, and Pasta sauce. Please leave them in the Missions' closet or in the black baskets in the Narthex! See October 13th newsletter for more details.

**Our partner church in Cuba** needs supplies, if you can help with anything please bring to the church. List of items are in the Sept. 15th newsletter. Items include clothes, shoes, sewing supplies, Christmas decorations and batteries. And of course as always your prayers for this church. Please have items to the church no later than November 1.

**Community Problems Assembly.** All MORE Justice members from SOPC are invited to be part of the CPA at Shandon Presbyterian Church, tomorrow, Monday, October 17th at 6:30 pm. We will decide what our area of focus will be in 2022-2023, and we need YOUR VOTES!

**Stewardship Sunday** is October 30, 2022. Email went out to congregation Monday, October 10. Pledge cards are in the narthex.

**The October Ladies luncheon** will be tomorrow, October 17th at Olive Garden, Harbison, noon. Hope to see you there. Please notify Margaret Royals 83-957-0430 or [mroyals052@gmail.com](mailto:mroyals052@gmail.com), if you plan to attend.