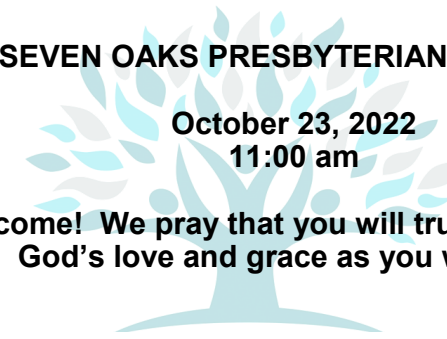


SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



October 23, 2022
11:00 am

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

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 Elder Janna Simon

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Psalm 89

MESSAGE Power, the Holy Spint, and Full Conviction

*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

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 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus Stan Pethel

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 # 625 How Great Thou Art
O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds they hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power through out the universe displayed.
Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great thou art! How great thou Art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great though art! How great thou Art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: Refrain

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin: Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great though art!" Refrain

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE: A Praising Gilbert Martin

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Janna Simon

MOMENT FOR SIGNING IN

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PRELUDE Let Us With a Gladsome Mind Robert Powell

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS
One: Praise is due to you, O God, O you who answer prayer.
All: Happy are those who live in your courts— those who are satisfied with the goodness of your house and your holy temple.
One: You are the hope of all things, Holy One, from the ends of the earth to the farthest seas.
All: You make the gateways of the evening and the morning shout for joy.
One: Rejoice in God, O people, and be glad.
All: Let us shout and sing together for joy.

*HYMN # 269 Lead On, O King Eternal
Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong, and now, OO King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal; we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning wherever your face appears; your cross is lifted o'ver us; we journey in its light. The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Creator God, We confess this day to engaging in habits that diminish the bounty of your creation. Not satisfied with the goodness of your holy temple, your seas and mountains, your rain and soil, we have fashioned a system of sustenance that seems good to us, but cannot be sustained. Be merciful to us, for we have sinned. Answer us with awesome deeds of deliverance, O Hope of the Earth. Give us vision and a prophetic spirit. Renew our vocation, as stewards of your creation. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Do not lose heart. Those who humbly admit their sins find favor with God. For God answers prayer, and forgives transgression. Believe this good news: We are forgiven and freed to newness of life.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Elder Janna Simon
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 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

Next Sunday, October 30

Counters: Guy San Fratello, Judy Barnes
 Usher: Shelagh Wirth
 Greeters: Nancy Taber, Richard Brinkley
 Acolyte: Naomi Finnegan
 Children's Message: Mark Johnson
 Children's Corner: Julie Bussells

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Mary Johnson

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, October 23, 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
 2 pm - JAM—SOPC Kids
 3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution
 5:00 pm - Youth
 6:00 pm - Koinonia Dinner
 Chin Church

Monday, October 24, 2022

7:30 pm - NANA

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

9:30 am - Staff meeting
 SC DHEC - Fellowship Hall
 7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

10:00 am - The Adventurers - Youth Room
 5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion
 7:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, October 27, 2022

1:00 pm - The Chosen - Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 28, 2022

6:45 am - Lanterns

Saturday, October 29, 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 beautiful artificial flowers in the sanctuary this morning were donated to the church, to use when we have no fresh flowers.

Music Notes: The prelude is based on a hymn whose lyrics were written in 1623 by John Milton at age 15. It is a paraphrase of Psalm 136. The opening verse is: Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord, for he is kind. For his mercies will endure, ever faithful, ever sure. That hymn was set to music by John Bernard Wilkes, an organist. As an affirmation of our commitment to our Lord, I Have Decided to Follow Jesus reminds us that Christ's followers are leaving the world behind as we step forward each and every day with the cross before us!



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:

ReShape - Exploring rental of office space. Action being proposed to Session to negotiate the sale of one acre to provide funds for new roofs.

Koinonia Dinner is tonight at 6:00 pm. Come enjoy the meal and stay for the program

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.

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

The Fellowship Sunday School Class is departing from its current topic Proverbs to Because of Bethlehem by Max Lucado. We will start this Sunday, Oct. 16 and begin back with Proverbs on January 1st. We invite all to join us as we journey to Christmas.