

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Janna Simon

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:8-14
Psalm 149

MESSAGE

What is Love?

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:

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Tom Birchwood

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 our thanks and praise!

One: Let us pray to the Lord ...

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 # 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees; on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees, on our knees

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me, on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees, on our knees. Refrain

Let us praise God together on our knees; on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees, on our knees. Refrain

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE TAKING OF THE VINE

CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN # 839

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long, this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love, Refrain.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. Refrain

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Elder Janna Simon

POSTLUDE:

Praeludium

Gordon Young



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 4, 2022
11:00 am

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



Rev. Jana Light Creighton

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR SIGNING IN

PRELUDE:

He Leadeth Me

Gilbert Martin

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Janna Simon

One: We come from far and near to this community of faith.

All: Lord, draw us together in celebration of your love.

All: Hymn # 401, sing verse 1 "Gather Us In"

One: We are young, older, middle aged.

All: We are rich, comfortable, poor, struggling,

All: Hymn # 401, sing verse 2 "Gather Us In"

One: Now is the time of Celebration! God is with us!

All: Now is the time of Rejoicing! God's love is poured over us!

All: Hymn # 401, sing verse 4 "Gather Us In"

*HYMN # 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food. God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed wherever I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known. And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne, while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that we can be, thou, God art present there.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev Jana Light Creighton

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

written by Katherine Hawker, on Liturgy Outside

Forgiving and loving God, our hearts are filled today with pain and concern for the future of humankind. In our fear, we cry "Where are you, O Lord?" We wander around in the darkness of the spirit, seeking light and hope. Forgive us when we forget that you are always with us, through times of peace and times of war. Heal our souls. Help us to reach out to others with the assurance of your love and presence, for we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God hears our prayers and our cries. God leads us out of the darkness of the past into the bright promise of today. We are called to stand strong and confident in God's Love. Rejoice, dear friends, for that love which began before creation flows in and through you this day! AMEN.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Elder Sue Kesterson

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.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Sunday, September 4

Counters: Fred Holbrook, Sharon Watkins
Usher: Mary Johnson, Dallene Smith, Marion W Wishart
Greeters :Jeanne LeBoeuf, Stephanie Sampson
Acolyte: Communion
Children's Message: Sue Kesterson
Children's Corner: Mary Dempster

Next Sunday, September 11

Counters: Guy San Fratello, Judy Barnes
Usher: Ron Kesterson
Greeters: Ben Smith, Dallene Smith
Acolyte: Abby Dempster
Children's Message: Janice Holbrook
Children's Corner: Marion W Wishart

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Class of 2023:

Karan Bundrick - Worship*

Mark Dillard - Congregational Care*

Banks Robinson - Fellowship*

Mark Wishart - Fellowship

Class of 2024:

Hal Bowman - Administration/Reshape

Richard Brinkley - Building & Grounds

Guy San Fratello - Buildings & Grounds*

Class of 2025:

Fred Holbrook - Administration*

Ed Keelen - Christian Education*

Sharon Staton - Missions*

Sharon Watkins - Missions

ReShape Coordinator: Hal Bowman

Trustees: Jim Wilhide, Sue Kesterson, Frank Sheppard

Treasurer: Hal Bowman

Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW) -
Kathy Keane

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

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, September 4, 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

11:20 am - Liberty Worship Service
Fellowship Hall

3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution

6:00 pm - Chin Church

Monday, September 5, 2022

Labor Day - Office Closed

7:30 pm - NANA

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

9:30 am - Staff meeting

5:30 pm—PWC CT meeting—Session Room
7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

5:30 pm CMT Meeting

5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion

7:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, September 8, 2022

6:30 pm Hannah Circle - Pavilion

Friday, September 9, 2022

6:45 am - Lanterns

Saturday, September 10, 2022

8:00 am SC Manufactured Housing School

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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4 WAYS TO GIVE!

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
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. Masks are available in the narthex,. See an usher for assistance.

Hearing impaired equipment available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery: A nursery is available in Building A during 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: On Jordan's Stormy Banks originally comes from the hand of Samuel Stennett. The lyrics depict our heavenly home as a fair and happy land, where God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away. There, sickness and sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more; and we shall see our Father's face, and in his bosom rest.



In our continued prayers...

John Anderson Edith Blanchett
Al Charles Joe Gause Jo Groce
Ed Keelen 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 call or email the church office.

Welcome!

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.



Love Revolution: Today, Ashland UMC will host Love Revolution.

Please 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 come. Ashland UMC provides the meal on the first Sunday, and Liberty Church provides the meal on the second Sunday each month. Seven Oaks provides the meal on the third, fourth & fifth Sundays of the month, please consider joining us any Sunday.

Rally Day will be BIG this year!! Please mark your calendars and bring a friend, Sunday, Sept 11. Sunday School classes will begin at 9:30 am., with donuts & coffee. Come grow with us. There will be guides around campus to direct you to the proper rooms. During worship we will introduce our SOPC teachers for the year. Liberty Church plans to join us for worship & their Praise Band will lead us in worship music in the back parking lot, as we prepare to feast on burgers and hot dogs in the Pavilion. Fellowship, games & bounce house will kick off this SOPC school year. Come play with us!!

Sharing God's Love: If you would like to bring any of these items or others that you find on sale at the grocery store, please leave them in the Missions' closet or in the black baskets in the Narthex! See Sept 1st Leaf for more details.

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will be installed today, September 4. The PWC CT will meet Tuesday, September 6 @ 5:30 pm in the Session Room.

Hannah Circle will meet Thursday evening, September 8, 6:30 pm at the church, outdoors if weather permits. A light supper will be provided. Bring comfortable chair. This year's study book will be available at church on today or at the meeting. It will be so good to be back together again!!!

Providence Men's Home needs you. Robert and Kitisie Miller would enjoy having some SOPC members to help cook, serve and fellowship with the men on the 2nd Tuesday each month. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Robert Miller at rmiller84@sc.rr.com or 803-807-7380

Small Group Starting Soon! The small groups for fall are: **Book Study** (I Guess I Haven't Learned That Yet-- Discovering New Ways of Living When the Old Ways Stop Working by Shauna Niequist); **The Chosen-Season 1** (view/discuss); **The Adventurers**, a group engaged in a variety of fun activities; **Small Town Outings** to explore neighboring towns; and **New Pathways**--walking together in scenic locations. Signup begins on Rally Day, Sept. 11. Groups start October 10. See the Thursday, Sept 1st Leaf for more details.