

\*HYMN # 414 *Be Still and Know*  
Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 32  
Matthew 4:1-11

MESSAGE

*Tested*

\*A HOLY LENTEN CREED

Patmos Abbey—The Order of Saint Columba

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs. We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted. We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child. We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts. We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine. We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us. This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

The Lenten Creed is from *Traveling to Easter with Jesus* as our Guide, posted on the website of Patmos Abbey—The Order of Saint Columba. <http://www.patmosabbey.org/>

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OFFERTORY

*Give Me Jesus*

arr. Patti Drennan

\*HYMN # 783

*When We Are Tested*

**When we are tested and wrestle alone, famished for bread when the world offers stone, nourish us, God, by your word and your way, food that sustains us by night and by day.**

**When in the desert we cry for relief, pleading for paths marked by certain belief, lift us to love you beyond sign and test, trusting your presence, our only true rest.**

**When we are tempted to barter our souls, trading the truth for the power to control, teach us to worship and praise only you, seeking your will in the work that we do.**

**When we have struggled and search through the night, sorting and sifting, the wrong from the right, Savior, surround us with circles of care, angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Elder Janna Simon

POSTLUDE

*Victory Through Christ*

Lani Smith

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SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 26, 2023

Recognizing All Saints Sunday

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

PRELUDE

*Jesus Saves*

R. Kevin Boesiger

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Janna Simon

One: For forty days and forty nights our Savior fasted in the wilderness..

**All: Tempted to turn from God, tempted to turn to power and privilege our Savior resisted.**

One: Let us follow Jesus through the wilderness this Lent, examining our temptations, resisting them and returning to God.

**All: Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN: # 166

*Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days*

**Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.**

**As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win, O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.**

**And through these days of penitence, and through this Passion-tide, yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.**

**Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

We pause here to examine our lives, our temptations and the ways we have fallen short before our God. Let us confess our sins together.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, as we wander through this wilderness with Jesus, examining all the worldly comforts we turn to during times of stress and struggle, we confess the neglect of our faith. We confess all that we place above you, making idols of money, earthly power, and even food. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our spiritual practices so we can leave this wilderness season more aware of your presence and the ways our faith can sustain us. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Remember and receive these hopeful words from John 8:32, "If you continue in my word, you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Receive God's truth. Receive God's grace. Accept the freedom God provides.

RECOGNITION OF THE SAINTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton-

Charlene AB Carter

10/3/1951 - 4/23/2022

Linda Floyd

5/9/1945 - 1/6/2022

Marjanne (Nan) G Foster

7/17/1921 - 2/7/2022

Martha R. Hallbick

8/30/1936 - 8/14/2022

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come to Me/I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
Chancel Choir

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." An Adult will be sitting with the children, and age appropriate activities will be provided for children that go along with worship. Parents, please pick up your children after the service.

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

**Sunday, February 26**

Counters: Hal Bowman, Richard Brinkley  
Usher: Fred Holbrook  
Greeters: Betty Shuler, Tom Shuler  
Acolyte: Hadessah Wright  
Children's Message: Janna Simon  
Children's Corner: Melanie Mixon

**Next Sunday, March 5**

Counters: Mark Dillard, Carol Griffith  
Usher: Mary Johnson, Dallene Smith, Marion W. Wishart  
Greeters: Jim Wilhide, Richard Brinkley  
Communion Servers: Fred Holbrook, Mark Wishart  
Children's Message: Janice Holbrook  
Children's Corner: Emalee Dillard

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Mark Dillard - Congregational Care\*  
Banks Robinson - Fellowship\*  
Mark Wishart - Fellowship  
**Class of 2024:**  
Hal Bowman - Administration  
Richard Brinkley - Buildings & Grounds  
Guy San Fratello - Buildings & Grounds\*  
**Class of 2025:**  
Fred Holbrook - Administration\*  
Ed Keelen - Christian Education\*  
Sharon Staton - Missions\*  
Sharon Watkins - Worship\*

**Trustees:** Jim Wilhide, Sue Kesterson, Frank Sheppard

**Treasurer:** Hal Bowman

**Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW) -**  
Mary Johnson

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

**This week at SOPC:**  
**Sunday, February 26, 2023**  
9:45 am - Adult SS Classes  
9:45 - Children/Youth SS Classes  
3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution  
5:30 pm Youth - Westminster

**Monday, February 27, 2023**  
6:30 pm - Worship Ministry Meeting  
7:30 pm - NANA

**Tuesday, February 28, 2023**  
9:30 am - Staff meeting  
5:00 pm - Mission Ministry Meeting  
7:30 pm - NANA

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023**  
5:30 pm - Koinonia Dinner/Bible Study  
5:30 pm - CMT Meeting  
5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion  
7:30 - Choir Practice  
7:30 pm - NANA

**Thursday, March 2, 2023**  
2:00 pm - Care Givers - Fellowship Classroom  
5:00 pm - Christian Ed Ministry Meeting

**Friday, March 3, 2023**  
6:45 am - Lanterns

**Saturday, March 4, 2023**

**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!*



**February**  
Word of the Month

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**Welcome!**

**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 new silk flower arrangements in the sanctuary today were donated for use when the church does not have fresh flowers. Thank you Patty Mullins. If you are interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary, please call the church office. Flowers are \$95 for two arrangements.

**Music Notes:** The prelude is based on a 19th century hymn penned by a Sunday School teacher. The closing verse is, "Give the winds a mighty voice: Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Let the nations now rejoice: Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Shout salvation full and free, highest hills and deepest caves; This our song of victory: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!" The anthem combines two tunes, one a 20th century American hymn, and the other an English country song. Together, they bring us Jesus' invitation to come to Him, and the response of those who have answered His gracious call. The offertory is based on an African American spiritual.

**In our continued prayers...**

John Anderson Edith Blanchett  
Al Charles Joe Gause  
Myrna Gause Jo Groce  
Nealy Jordan Ed Keelen  
Jim Mullins Ron Kesterson  
Rev. Barry Shatzer Charlotte Swearingen  
Patricia Williams Kirk Wirth  
Tara and John Whitfield  
Our Ukraine Family  
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (missionaries)  
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz  
**Long Term Care** - Edith Blanchett, Cathy Cashion, Patricia Williams, Dave, Rich & Sam Allen.  
**If you would like someone to be added to the prayer list please contact the church office.**

**Announcements**

**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: SOPC** hosts today.. You are invited to bring a dish and come from 3:30 - 5:30 pm for fellowship & to serve our neighbors in Christ. We need you!!!

**Youth** meets tonight, February 26 at Westminster 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm for dinner, fellowship and college care packages. Please RSVP or update the spreadsheet Nikki Lane sent out.

**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!

**Koinonia** (Wednesday night dinners) has started up again. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for dinner @ 5:30 pm, Bible Study @ 6:15 pm. \$6 for adults, children/youth no charge.

**Blessing Box** is in need Ramen noodles & Chef Boyardee products, as well as other instant foods, for the Blessing Box. Thank you for sharing.

**Nominating Committee** is still taking nominations. Please give to either Mark Dillard or Sharon Watkins.



**Children Prayer Buddies** - Please consider becoming a prayer buddy for our wonderful children/youth. Prayer buddies are an important part of our children/youth's lives. You are a person in church who is in their corner. You would pray for them, get to know them by checking in occasionally for any prayer needs, etc.

This program is going to run March 26th through August 3rd. Questions—contact either Mary Dempster or Janice Holbrook.

**Visitors** who are considering membership are invited speak to Pastor Jana for an information book. Pastor Jana will talk with you about SOPC & what being a Presbyterian means.

**Care Givers Group** meets on Thursdays @ 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Classroom. On Thursday, March 2, please join us @ 12:00 pm for lunch at Miyo's. Please let Pastor Jana know if you will be attending.

**ReShape** has a new logo! Check it out on the ReShape bulletin board in the Narthex. You'll be seeing the logo accompanying all of the activities that we are involved in that pertain to ReShape. The current list of activities is on the bulletin board, in addition to a section on "How You Can Help" Find an activity that fits you and contact the person listed to get involved!!