

MESSAGE

New Year, New You
Ditch the New Year's Resolutions

ReiQuan Richards

MORE JUSTICE LITANY

One: God in Christ has shown us the beauty of holiness.

All: We come now to express our gratitude to God with our best gifts.

One: What are these gifts?

All: Our prayers, our praise, and the gifts of our hands.

One: These we should offer unto the Lord, but these are not all the Lord asks. The Lord also asks that we break the yoke of tyranny and let the oppressed go free.

All: We would do all that the Lord asks.

One: The Lord asks that we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and house the homeless.

All: We would do all that the Lord asks.

One: The Lord asks that we attend the afflicted and give ourselves for those in need.

All: We would do all that the Lord asks.

One: Then our light shall rise at midnight and our gloom be as the noonday.

All: We will do all that the Lord asks.

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>

OFFERTORY

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Kenneth Lowenberg

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

*You are invited to the Lord's table to receive your elements, either prepackaged, on the left or gluten free bread and juice, on the right, and return to your seat to take communion.

COMMUNION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Janna Simon

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder Jana 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE TAKING OF THE VINE

CLOSING PRAYER

*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.

Refrain, Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

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. Refrain

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. Refrain

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

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. Refrain.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God, the Almighty

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

Gary Davidson

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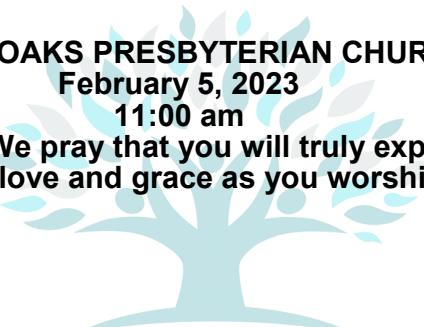


Ditch New Year's Resolution Day

SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 5, 2023

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Cuban Feminine Hygiene Project

PRELUDE

Consecrated, Lord, to Thee

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

One: God said, "Let there be light."

All: And there was light.

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

All: And the light shone in the darkness.

One: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

All: And the light shall not be quenched. Let us Worship the Lord!

*HYMN: # 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring, Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sun shine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host. Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator - Restorer - Ruler: We are prone to point the finger at others and to pervert justice by exaggerated charges. We want the rich to feed the hungry, but not to share from our own provisions. We prefer charity in principle, but in practice evade our duty even to our own kin. Some of us live in half-empty houses while there are families crowded into rooms too small for them, if they have rooms at all. Forgive our failure to live up to the best we know and to let the oppressed go free even after you have freed us. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the Good News! Christ nailed to the cross attests the cost of God's love and forgiveness.

All: Our faith is not built on human wisdom, but on the power of God.

One: Friends, believe the Good News!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jenny Fogle

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.

HYMN # 137

He Came Down

He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 4:9

Ephesians 3:16

Matthew 5:13-20

Elder Janna Simon

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Sunday, February 5

Counters: Sharon Staton, Melanie Mixon
 Usher: Mary Johnson, Marion W. Wishart, Dallene Smith
 Greeters: Carol Griffith, Kitsie Miller
 Acolyte: Communion
 Children's Message: Jenny Fogle
 Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson

Next Sunday, February 12

Counters: Frank Sheppard, Carol Griffith
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Ben Smith, Dallene Smith
 Acolyte: Weston Pilkington
 Children's Message: Melanie Mixon
 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
 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*

ReShape Coordinator: Ed Keelen

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 5, 2023
 9:45 am - Adult SS Classes
 9:45 - Children/Youth SS Classes
 3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution
 5:30 pm - Youth - SOPC

Monday, February 6, 2023
 5:30 pm - Admin Ministry
 7:30 pm - NANA

Tuesday, February 7, 2023
 4:30 pm - PW CT - Session Room
 7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, February 8, 2023
 5:30 pm - CMT Meeting
 5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion
 6:30 - Choir Practice
 7:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, February 9, 2023
 6:30 - Hannah Circle - Session Room

Friday, February 10, 2023
 6:45 am - Lanterns

Saturday, February 11, 2023
10:00 am Feminine Hygiene Project - FH

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
 Love

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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 an usher.

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 an arrangement drawn from the hymn Take My Life and Let It Be. Part of our worship involves giving ourselves more fully to our Lord and Savior. This hymn provides an opportunity for us to consecrate ourselves to His service. The offertory is based on the hymn, which affirms our commitment to Jesus Christ, and asks for His continued presence and the fulfillment of His promises in our lives, as we continue serving Him.

Love Revolution: Ashland UMC will host today, Sunday, February 5. You are invited to come from 3:30 - 5:30 pm. for fellowship.

Youth meet tonight, Sunday, February 5, @ SOPC at 5:30 pm, dinner, fun & creation of our Vision Board for the coming year. Magazines are still needed.

In our continued prayers...

Dave Allen	John Anderson
Edith Blanchett	Al Charles
Doris Cunningham	Joe Gause
Myrna Gause	Jo Groce
Nealy Jordan	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 contact the church office.

Announcements

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.



ReShape Hopefully, each of you has had an opportunity to review/ study our annual report that was presented to the congregation last Sunday. The report contains a write-up on ReShape plus individual pictures of each member of the Adapting Action Group, so you can recognize them. This week, we are focusing on the Ministry action assignments, which will be reviewed at the next Chairs Team meeting and then made visible to you. We truly want to keep you better informed. If you have ideas on how to do that, please see any Adapting Group Team member.

Lenten Groups We are forming two Lenten Study Groups, one for women and one for men, which will be held at Koinonia (Wednesday night supper), Jana will teach the women and Ed Keelen has tentatively agreed to teach the men. Each participant must have a book. The books are being ordered, \$5 for either study. To reserve a copy, please sign up in the narthex.

Women's Bible Study:

Believing God: Experiencing a Fresh Explosion of Faith by Beth Moore is based on Isaiah 43:10 and explores what it means to not only believe in God but to believe Him. Do you take God at God's Word, believing what God has told you, or do you just believe in God's existence and the salvation offered? Beth Moore came face-to-face with this question well into adulthood. At first, her response to God was, "Lord, of course I believe in You. I've believed in You all my life." Over time, the Holy Spirit led her to understand God was saying, "I didn't ask you to believe in Me. I asked you to believe in Me." Come along on this interactive Bible study journey as a body of believers drawing close to God and one another in our faith walk. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Bible Study:

Come experience the camaraderie and memorable stories guided by a best selling author, on a topic that each of us will learn from - *Finishing Strong*. It doesn't matter if you've had a great start in the Christian life, or a rough one. It doesn't matter if you've stumbled time and again, or even fallen flat on your face. What matters most in this all-important race of life is how you finish. Our author, Steve Farrar, offers lively use of Scripture, contemporary illustrations, and great study questions to equip the men who join in this study to finish strong in this race of life.

Koinonia (Wednesday Dinners)
 Starts Wednesday, February 15
 through Wednesday, April 5
 5:30 pm - dinner
 6:15 pm - Bible Study
 Women - Fellowship Hall
 Men - Fellowship Classroom

The Ladies Luncheon will be February 20th at the British Bulldog Pub, 1220 Bower Parkway. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals, 803-957-0430, text 803-608-1434 or mroyals052@gmail.com,