

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:5-42

Elder Janna Simon

MESSAGE

Life in Christ: Living Waters

\*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.**

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OFFERTORY

*I Want Jesus To Walk With Me*

arr. Victor Labenske

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: # 475

*Come Thou Fount*

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE

*Fugue in A minor*

J. S. Bach

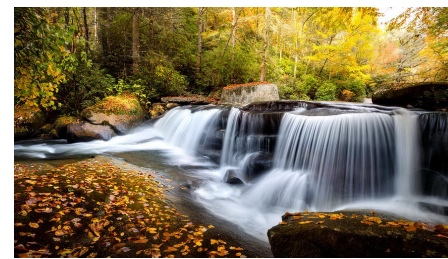
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SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday in Lent

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 MISSION

Family Promise

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

PRELUDE

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

arr. Terry Osman

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Janna Simon

One: We come to the well of fear and doubt.

**All: We have drawn deeply of those waters.**

One: We come to the well of anger and hate.

**All: These waters flourish in all the land.**

One: Lord, bring us to the water of peace and hope.

**All: Lord, bring us to the well of salvation. AMEN.**

\*HYMN # 81

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

**Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God. God whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode. On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near. Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day, safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.**

**See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove. Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage? Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.**

\*HYMN # 627

*I Love You, Lord*

Repeat

**I love you Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you: O my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, seeking to be quenched by your redeeming love. Yet, when that love is offered to us, we again turn away, unable to believe you love us. Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in the living water. Help us be faithful servants. AMEN**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Jana Light Creighton

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Who At My Door Is Standing?*  
Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott

READERS THEATRE

Youth

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

### Sunday, March 12

Counters: Guy San Fratello, Carol Griffith  
Usher: Guy San Fratello  
Greeters: Elizabeth Taylor, Jim Taylor  
Acolyte: Kaelin Pilkington  
Children's Message: Pastor Jana  
Children's Corner: Karan Bundrick

### Next Sunday, March 19

Counters: Banks Robinson, Polly Robinson  
Usher: Guy San Fratello  
Greeters: Sue Kesterson, Brenda Turner  
Acolyte: Mia Freeman  
Children's Message: Sue Kesterson  
Children's Corner: Kathy Keane

### STAFF

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### SESSION MEMBERS

\* indicates chair

**Clerk of Session:** Polly Robinson

#### **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\*

**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, March 12, 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, March 13, 2023**

6:30 pm - Chairs Meeting - Zoom  
7:30 pm - NANA

##### **Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

9:30 am - Staff meeting  
2:00 pm - Rachel Circle - Fellowship Classroom  
7:00 pm - Yoga - Fellowship Hall  
7:30 pm - NANA

##### **Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

5:30 pm - Koinonia Dinner/Bible Study - FH  
5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion  
7:30 - Choir Practice  
7:30 pm - NANA

##### **Thursday, March 16, 2023**

**Friday, March 17, 2023**  
6:45 am - Lanterns

##### **Saturday, March 18, 2023**

12:00 pm - Cuban Feminine Project - FH  
12:00 pm - Mary Kay Training - Youth Room

**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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### 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 for help.

**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. If you would like to put live flowers in the sanctuary, please call the office for details, 772-1761.

**Music Notes:** The choir's anthem comes from an English folk song. The lyrics are in the form of a dialog between a sinner and Jesus. I Want Jesus to Walk With Me is attributed to the African American spiritual tradition.



**March**  
Word of the Month  
**Holy Spirit**

#### **In our continued prayers...**

John Anderson      Al Charles  
Joe Gause            Myrna Gause  
Jo Groce              Nealy Jordan  
Jim Mullins          Ron Kesterson  
Rev. Barry Shatzer    Charlotte Swearingen  
Kirk Wirth            Tara and John Whitfield  
Our Ukraine Family  
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (missionaries)  
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz

**Long Term Care -** Dave, Rich & Sam Allen, Edith Blanchett, Kathie Cashion, Patricia Williams.

**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.**



**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** will meet at SOPC tonight, Sunday, March 12 @ 5:30 pm. Bring a friend and enjoy dinner, games and a study on Living Waters.

**ReShape -** Do you know what the ReShape guiding verse is? (Hint--it is Hebrews 10:24 NIV version). Look it up or read it on the ReShape bulletin Board in the Narthex. We are here to "spur you on" to greater and greater things for Seven Oaks, in carrying out our discipleship to Jesus!

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

**Easter Lilies** are available to order, \$15.00. Fill out the form in the pews and put in the offering box. Last day to order is Sunday, March 19.

**Care Givers Group** will not meet in the Fellowship Classroom on Thursday, March 16. We will resume on Thursday, March 23 @ 2:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**Cuban Women's Project** continues in the Fellowship Hall, join us on Saturday, March 18 @ Noon, to work on this project. Questions contact Kitsie Miller, 803-463-6958.

**Family Promise of the Midlands** is hosting an in-person gala and online auction on March 31. You can support FPM by purchasing tickets to the gala, donating/bidding in the auction, and/or making a donation. Single tickets and tables for 10 available. To donate an auction item, service, timeshare, class, outing, luncheon, etc., contact Family Promise at [info@familypromisemidlands.org](mailto:info@familypromisemidlands.org) auction donations due March 19. For more information contact Tish Lowe or use the link: <https://us.givergy.com/NightofPromiseGala/?controller=home>



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. The program is going to run March 26th through August 3rd.