

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We invite children ages 4k - 4th grade to sit in the "Children's Corner". 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.

Jenny Fogle

SPECIAL MUSIC

Adoro Te Devote (Thee We Adore, O Savior)
Covenant Ringers

setting by Anne Krentz Organ

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:14-30

MESSAGE

Life in Christ

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

Bought With a Price - Chancel Choir

Natalie Sleeth

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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: # 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me; and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess: the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE

In Death's Strong Grasp the Savior Lay

J.S. Bach

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STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

Dallene Smith

PRELUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

John Carter

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

When indicated please respond with:

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's love endures forever.

Youth

*HYMN # 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Congregation is invited to wave their palms

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud; the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we stand at the gate, hesitant and uncertain; we are reluctant to answer your invitation; we are slow to embark on the journey toward your reign. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us the help we need to be your people—the courage to join you in the procession; the selflessness to lay our cloaks before you; the freedom to lift our palms to your glory; and the knowledge that by your grace we are forgiven. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Gloria Kaiser

Ira Leon

The Sellars Family, John Paul, Beth, Rollin, Troupe

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

*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

*HYMN # 200

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

A cheering, chanting, dizzy crowd had stripped the green trees bare, and hailing Christ as king aloud, waved branches in the air.

They laid their garments in the road and spread his path with palms and vows of lasting love bestowed with royal hymns and psalms.

Instead of palms a winding sheet will have to be unrolled, a carpet much more fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

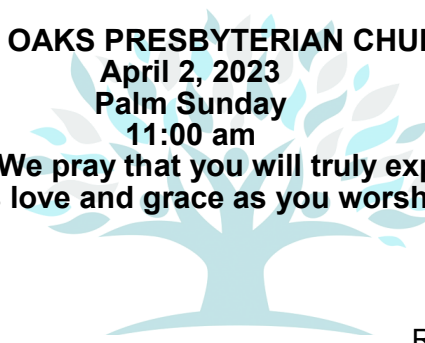
SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

11:00 am

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



Sunday, April 2

Counters: Frank Sheppard, Mark Wishart
 Usher: Mary Johnson
 Greeters: Janice Reiser, Jeanne LeBoeuf
 Acolyte: Communion
 Children's Message: Jenny Fogle
 Children's Corner: Kathy Keane
 Communion Servers: Hal Bowman, Shelagh Wirth

Next Sunday, April 9

Counters: Carol Griffith
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Carol Griffith, Stephanie Sampson
 Acolyte: Weston Pilkington
 Children's Message: Judy Barnes
 Children's Corner: Mary Dempster

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SESSION MEMBERS

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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*

Oncoming/Returning Elders: Banks Robinson, Liz Harris, Kathy Keane, John Carter

Trustees: Jim Wilhide, Sue Kesterson, Frank Sheppard, **On coming Trustee:** Carol Griffith

Treasurer: Hal Bowman

Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW):
 Mary Johnson

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

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, April 2, 2023

9:45 am - Adult SS Classes
 9:45 - Children/Youth SS Classes
 12:00 pm - Faithful Families
 3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution
 5:30 pm Youth - McGregor

Monday, April 3, 2023

7:30 pm - NANA

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

9:30 am - Staff meeting
 4:30 pm - PWC CT - Session Room
 7:00 pm - Yoga - Fellowship Hall
 7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

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

Thursday, April 6, 2023

7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, April 7, 2023

12:00 pm - Good Friday Service - Sanctuary
 6:45 am - Lanterns

Saturday, April 8, 2023

Holy Saturday
 Burmese Celebration - Fellowship Hall

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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 803-772-1761

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 handbell anthem is based on an ancient chant theme, which has been sung across the centuries as a hymn of adoration. *Bought With a Price* reminds us of the great sacrifice that was required to ensure our salvation and the gift of new life.

PLEASE NOTE: Office will be closed Monday, April 10, 2023.

Remember to pick up your Easter Lilies on Resurrection Sunday, April 9, after worship.

Prayers for the family of Jo Groce on her passing. A Witness to the Resurrection will be held at SOPC, Wednesday, April 12 @ 11 am, reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

In our continued prayers...

John Anderson Al Charles
 Joe Gause Nealy Jordan
 Jim Mullins Ron Kesterson
 Monroe 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

LOVE REVOLUTION: Ashland UMC is hosting today, Sunday, April 2. Join us as we serve and fellowship with those in need. 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm in pavilion.

YOUTH will meet at McGregor tonight, Sunday, April 2 @ 5:30 pm. Bring a friend and we will enjoy games and dinner, sloppy joes, tater tots, and our project is Earth Day preparation.

RESHAPE - So what is the ReShape Action Group excited about lately? Certainly about our continuing progress on the action items and the ownership that our members are taking. Also, that there are "first-of-a-kind" events that are occurring. The recent grants we have received to enhance our outreach to Seven Oaks Elementary and beautify our campus with additional trees, hosting Love Revolution, opening our kitchen to support a new Food Truck program, initiating a new "Faithful Families" program for our children, our Lenten small groups. There are more - check out the ReShape Bulletin Board in the Narthex

KOINONIA (Wednesday night dinners) This Wednesday will be the last dinner, join us in the Fellowship Hall, @ 5:30 pm for dinner, then the Bible Study @ 6:15 pm. \$6 for adults, children/youth no charge.

CARE GIVERS GROUP will start meeting again monthly, join us Monday, April 24, in the Fellowship Classroom at 2:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

SOPC HOSTS Family Promise guests starting on Easter Sunday, April 9. Donations to purchase gift cards for the families to buy food, supplies, and gas are being accepted through April 6 via the offering, church office, and online (onrealm.org). Please mark donations for "Family Promise".

LENTEN 2023

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service, April 6, 2023, 7:00 pm, with communion.

Good Friday Experiential Reflection and Prayer:

April 7, 12 pm-3pm, the hours when Jesus was on the cross.

- Brides Room: will be open for your creative offerings and prayers in preparation for your time in the sanctuary.
- Sanctuary: Experience the walk of Christ through images, words and items to touch, see, smell, hear and taste representing the crucifixion.
- Prayer: Will be available with Pastor Jana or an elder at the back of the sanctuary.

Easter Sunday: April 9, 2023: the flowering cross will be at the front of the sanctuary steps to decorate @ 10:30 am then join us for Worship at 11:00 am. Please bring flowers to help decorate the cross. We would also love to see your Easter photos at the decorated cross. You may email to sopc@sopc.net.



April
 Word of the Month
Triune God