

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

MESSAGE

God is...Present

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

OFFERING Offerings may be placed in the large wooden boxes with crosses at the main exit of the lobby.

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<https://onrealm.org/SevenOaksPresby/-/give/now>

OFFERTORY

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets
Chancel Choir

Richard Proulx

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 # 250

In the Bulb

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE

Epilogue on: "Lobe den Herren"

Lani Smith

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SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 23, 2023

11:00 am

3rd Sunday of Easter

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

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Janna Simon

One: The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

People: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen.

One: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen.

One: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

People: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen.

One: Lord, open our lips.

People: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen.

*HYMN # 246

Christ Is Alive!

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Christ, The world despised and rejected you. You responded with grace, humility, and welcome, Hallelujah! The proud questioned your power, devised your death You responded with peace, forgiveness, and new life.

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

Forgive us, Merciful One. Our arrogance. Our selfishness. Our scheming. Our violence. We are like them. Make us like you.

Risen Christ, We claim your grace, your mercy, your forgiveness. We claim your resurrection power:

Dying, you destroy our death. Rising, you restore our life.

Hallelujah. Christ is Risen! Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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." 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 # 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

verse 1

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. Refrain.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Sunday, April 23

Counters: Mark Dillard, Carol Griffith
Usher: Guy San Fratello
Greeters: Shelagh Wirth, Karan Bundrick
Acolyte: Hadessah Wright
Children's Message: Melanie Mixon
Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson

Next Sunday, April 30

Counters: Ron Kesterson, Mary Johnson
Usher: Shelagh Wirth
Greeters: Betty and Tom Shuler
Acolyte: Naomi Finnegan
Children's Message: Mark Johnson
Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson

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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*
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 23, 2023
9:45 am - Adult SS Classes
9:45 - Children/Youth SS Classes
11:00 am - Worship
2:00 pm - Elder Training - Fellowship Hall
3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution
5:30 pm Youth - SOPC

Monday, April 24, 2023
2:00 pm - Care Givers Meeting—Fellowship Class
6:30 pm - Worship Ministry
7:00 pm - NANA

Tuesday, April 25, 2023
9:00 am - SC HIV Planning - Fellowship Hall
9:30 am - Staff meeting
6:30 pm - Missions Ministry
7:00 pm - Yoga - Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm - NANA

Wednesday, April 26, 2023
5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion
6:30 - Choir Practice
7:00 pm - NANA

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Friday, April 28, 2023
6:45 am - Lanterns

Saturday, April 29, 2023
12:00 pm - Chin Community - Fellowship Hall
Mary Kay Training - Youth Room
Cuban Feminine Project - Fellowship Classroom

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. Please call the church office if you are interested in putting fresh flowers in the sanctuary for worship.

Music Notes: The prelude is based on a hymn using 12th century text by Bernard of Clairvaux. The lyrics echo the joy of this Eastertide season: "O Jesus, King most wonderful, O majesty renowned, O Conqueror invincible, in whom all joys are found. O Jesus, light of all below, O fount of life and fire, surpassing all the joys we know, all that we can desire. May every heart confess your name, forever you adore, enkindled with the Spirit's flame to love you more and more."



April
Word of the Month
Triune God

In our continued prayers...

John Anderson Al Charles
Joe Gause Nealy Jordan
Ira Leon Jim Mullins
Ron Kesterson Monroe Swearingen
Rev. Barry Shatzer 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: SOPC hosts today, April 23, please bring a dish today from 3:30 - 5:00 pm to serve our neighbors in Christ. We need you!!!

Youth will meet tonight, Sunday, April 23 at 5:30 pm. We will meet at SOPC to celebrate Earth Day and enjoy a salad bar dinner.

ReShape - Grant writing is an important new initiative for our church. We have already received over \$7000 in grants to help beautify our campus and help out Seven Oaks Elementary School. Elizabeth Taylor and Sharon Watkins have agreed to be active participants in grant writing while we are forming the complete team.

Care Givers Group will meet in the Fellowship Classroom starting tomorrow, Monday, April 24 @ 2:00 pm. The meetings will be the fourth Monday of each month going forward. All are welcome to attend. Mark your calendars for the May 22 luncheon @ 1:00 pm. provided by Jenny Fogle with the meeting following.

Cuban Women's Project join us on Saturday, April 29, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall, to work on this project. Questions contact Kitsie Miller, 803-463-6958.

SOPC Women will join with Westminster & McGregor women to celebrate the Birthday Offering for Presbyterian Women on Tuesday, May 9 @ 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

Lifeline Screening will be at SOPC on Friday, June 2, 2023, to do health screenings for anyone in the community, who are 50+. Register on the website, lsa.social/hc, or call 1 800 640 6307.

VBS will be Monday, June 19 through Thursday, June 22. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact either Mary Dempster or Marion Wishart. Registration forms will be available soon.

All volunteers at SOPC, we appreciate YOU!!! To show how much we appreciate you, you are invited to an Ice Cream Sundae Social after worship (12 pm) on May 21st in the Fellowship Hall! If you volunteer or help IN ANY WAY at SOPC, please mark your calendars and join us!

Meet and Greet!! May 21st during worship and fellowship, we will meet and greet with Certified Ruling Elder, Andrea Paschal who will be serving as head of staff during Jana's time away overseas in June and July!

Blessing Box: If you would like to help with the Blessing Box for the community, we are in need of Ramen Noodles, and pop top items, i.e. soup, pasta. Thank you for helping the SOPC community area.