

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-10

MESSAGE

*God is... The Good Shepherd*

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

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

*In Christ Alone*  
Chancel Choir

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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 # 244

*This Joyful Eastertide*

**This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this mornow.**

**Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three day prison, our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.**

**My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. Refrain.**

**Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river. Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. Refrain.**

THE SENDING WORDS

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE

*Toccata on Hymn to Joy*

Douglas Wagner

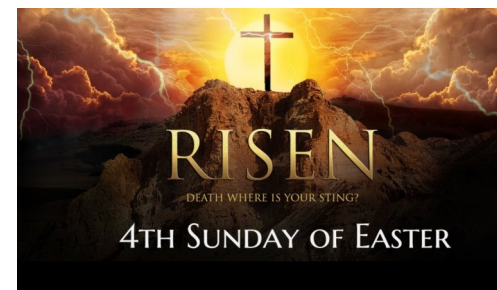
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SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 30, 2023

4th Sunday of Easter

11:00 am

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

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

*O When Shall I See Jesus*

Don Hustad

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Janna Simon

One: Come to the gate and find the Good Shepherd within.

**All: We need a shepherd – round us up and bring us through your Gate, O Lord.**

One: If you're hungry or thirsty, the Good Shepherd will provide for your needs.

**All: That is just what we need. Our souls thirst for God's word.**

One: Come, the Gate and the Shepherd await.

\*HYMN # 634

*To God Be the Glory*

**To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin. And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

**Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!**

**Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son, but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Refrain**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Patient God, you know how easy it is for us to stray. We wander off so easily. Forgive us, we pray. Heal our brokenness and our fears. Remind us again that you lead us in gentle paths and by quiet waters – when the paths are stony and the waves tumultuous, help us to remember your protection and your care. Help us to extend that same love and care to others, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Mark Johnson

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 3

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

**We have been crucified with Christ. Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain.**

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

### Sunday, April 30

Counters: Ron Kesterson, Mary Johnson  
Usher: Shelagh Wirth  
Greeters: Betty and Tom Shuler  
Acolyte: Abigail Dempster  
Children's Message: Mark Johnson  
Children's Corner: Dallene Smith

### Next Sunday, May 7

Counters: Banks and Polly Robinson  
Usher: Mary Johnson  
Greeters: Jim Wilhide, Richard Brinkley  
Acolyte: Communion  
Children's Message: Elder Janna Simon  
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\*  
**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 30, 2023**  
9:45 am - Adult SS Classes  
9:45 - Children/Youth SS Classes  
11:00 am - Worship  
2:00 pm - Elder Training - Session Room  
3:30 - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution  
6:00 - 8:00 pm Youth - Frankie's Fun Park

**Monday, May 1, 2023**  
5:30 pm - Admin Ministry  
6:30 pm - Fellowship Ministry  
7:30 pm - NANA

**Tuesday, May 2, 2023**  
9:30 am - Staff meeting  
4:30 pm - SOPW CT - Session Room  
7:00 pm - Yoga - Fellowship Hall  
7:30 pm - NANA

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023**  
5:30 pm - CMT Meeting  
5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion  
7:30 pm - NANA


**Thursday, May 4, 2023**  
5:00 pm Christian Ed Ministry  
6:30 - Choir Practice

**Friday, May 5, 2023**  
6:45 am - Lanterns

**Saturday, May 6, 2023**  
9:00 am - Scout Troop 91 - Fellowship Hall  
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!*

### **LIKE US ON...**



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### **4 WAYS TO GIVE!**

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| <br><b>IN PERSON</b><br>Offering baskets | <br><b>BY MAIL</b> | <br><b>ONLINE</b><br>Sopc.net | <br><b>BY TEXT</b><br>Text 73256 to SEVENOAKS<br>text rates may apply |
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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 choir's anthem comes from a modern worship song which opens with the words, "In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song. This cornerstone, this solid ground. Firm through the fiercest drought and storm."

**Cuban Women's Project** join us on Saturday, May 13, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall, to work on this project. Questions contact Kitsie Miller, 803-463-6958.



**April**  
Word of the Month  
**Triune God**

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

John Anderson Al Charles  
Finn Creighton Joe Gause  
Ira Leon Jim Mullins  
Alene Rogers 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:** 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 30 at Frankies Fun Park 6:00 - 8:00 pm for a free round of mini golf for all. Bring enough cash for other games as SOPC will stay and play until 8. If you would like to carpool, please let your Pastor Jana, Julie, Ernie or Nikki know!

**ReShape** - Several of our ReShape Action Items involve improving our technology and understanding what it means to be a greater part of the "online church". We made a significant step in that regard at our last Session meeting, when we approved the Administration Ministry's recommendation to hire a firm, "Online Computing" to upgrade our office computer systems, install fire wall protection, and use a "cloud based" database to share files and improve office interconnectivity. Now we will have a secure, more robust computer platform upon which to build our digital presence in the community.

**Care Givers Group** will meet in the Fellowship Classroom on the 4th Monday of each month. Next meeting is Monday, May 22. Lunch will be provided by Jenny Fogle and the meeting will follow. All are welcome to attend.

**SOPW Women** will join with Westminster & McGregor women to celebrate the Birthday Offering for Presbyterian Women on Tuesday, May 9 @ 6:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall. See the flyer in the narthex today. All are welcome. RSVP to Julie Bussells 803 622 9509 or email [jbussells8287@gmail.com](mailto:jbussells8287@gmail.com).

**Lifeline Screening** will be at SOPC on Friday, June 2, 2023 to do health screenings for anyone in the community, 50+. Register @ [lisa.social/hc](https://lisa.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.

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING CHURCH DATES!!!**

**Sunday, May 7**  
**Capital Campaign - luncheon & presentation on the status of all roofs on campus and plans to address.**  
**Pick up BBQ Butts - Fellowship Hall**  
**Sunday, May 14**  
**PW Honorary Life Membership Award - Cookies & Conversation - Front steps of sanctuary**  
**Sunday, May 21**  
**Introduce Elder Andrea Paschal to congregation - Ice Cream Social for all volunteers**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**Sunday, May 28**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
**Memorial Weekend**  
**Honoring Graduates**