

SCRIPTURE	Proverbs 1: 8-9	Elder Shelagh Wirth
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Land of Rest</i> Covenant Ringers	Anne Krentz Organ
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Rev. Jana Light Creighton
SCRIPTURE READING	John 14: 15-21	
MESSAGE	<i>Showing Our Love</i>	Rev. Jana Light Creighton
SCRIPTURE	Proverbs 31:25-26	Elder Judy Barnes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.90 & 91

One: What is the rising to life of the new self?

All: Wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a love and delight to live according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work.

One: What are good works?

All: Only those which are done out of true faith, conform to God's law, and are done for God's glory and not those based on our own opinion or human tradition.

OFFERING Offerings may be placed in the large wooden boxes with crosses at the main exit of the lobby.
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OFFERTORY	<i>Ubi Caritas</i> <i>Chancel Choir</i>	Becki Slagle Mayo
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SCRIPTURE	Proverbs 31: 31	Elder Elizabeth Taylor
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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.

SCRIPTURE	Deuteronomy 4: 9	Elder Jim Wilhide
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*HYMN # 324 *For All the Faithful Women*

For all the faithful women who served in days of old, to you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told. They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave. To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.

We praise your name for Miriam, who sang triumphantly while Pharaoh's vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea; for Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith, who pledged to serve and worship Naomi's God till death.

We sing of busy Martha, who toiled with pot and pan while Mary sat in silence to hear the word again. We praise the other Mary, who hastened to the tomb and found her Lord arisen, dispelling doubt and gloom. Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door. O God, for saints and servants our fervent prayer we raise, that, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

SCRIPTURE	1 Peter 3: 4	Youth
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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE	<i>Psalm XIX</i>	Benedetto Marcello
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STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Gift of Love

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139:13-14

Elder Fred Holbrook

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Janna Simon

One: Come children

All: God is calling us

One: Gathering us

All: Covering us with hope-filled wings

One: Come children

All: Rest against our Beloved's breast

One: Nurtured and nourished

All: On the milk of love and kindness

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*HYMN # 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ephesians 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this is right. Honor your father and mother - this is the first commandment with a promise, so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRESENTATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HONORARY LIFE AWARD PW Moderator Mary Johnson

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Elder Mark Johnson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Janice Holbrook

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.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:51

Elder Ed Keelen

*HYMN # 7

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world. Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Sunday, May 14

Counters: Guy San Fratello and Judy Barnes
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Elizabeth and Jim Taylor
 Acolyte: Mia Freeman
 Children's Message: Janice Holbrook
 Children's Corner: Emalee Dillard

Next Sunday, May 21

Counters: Frank Sheppard, Mark Wishart
 Usher: Guy San Fratello
 Greeters: Sue Kesterson, Brenda Turner
 Acolyte: Kaelin Pilkington
 Children's Message: Andrea Paschal
 Children's Corner: Karan Bundrick

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Karan Bundrick - Worship
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 Mark Wishart - Fellowship

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Hal Bowman - Administration
 Richard Brinkley - Buildings & Grounds
 Guy San Fratello - Buildings & Grounds*

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Treasurer: Hal Bowman

Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW):
 Mary Johnson

Office Hours:

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

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, May 14, 2023

9:45 am - Adult SS Classes
 9:45 - Children/Youth SS Classes
 11:00 am - Worship
 12:00 pm - Cookies/Conversation/photo ops
 Front Lawn
 3:30 - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution
 5:30 pm Youth - No Meeting Tonight

Monday, May 15, 2023

6:30 pm - Session Meeting - in person
 7:00 pm - NANA

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

9:30 am - Staff meeting
 7:00 pm - NANA

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion
 7:00 pm - NANA

Thursday, May 18, 2023

6:30 - Choir Practice

Friday, May 19, 2023

6:45 am - Lanterns

Saturday, May 20, 2023

10:00 am - American Federation of Human Rights
 12:00 pm - Cuban Feminine Project
 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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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 flowers placed in the sanctuary today are given to the glory to God by Fred and Janice Holbrook in celebration of mothers everywhere.

Congratulations to Stephanie & Allan Sampson on the birth of their granddaughter, May 4, Catherine Anne Weaver.

Music Notes: The Gift of Love is a setting of I Corinthians 13. The choir's anthem is based on the spoken response: Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est, which means where there is charity and love, God is there.

The ladies luncheon on Monday, May 15, will be held at the Blue Marlin, 1200 Lincoln St., Columbia. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals, 803-957-0430, or text 803-608-1434., email mroyals052@gmail.com.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who read scriptures today. We appreciate your work in the church.



May
 Word of the Month
Pentecost

In our continued prayers...

John Anderson Al Charles
 Joe Gause Ira Leon
 Jim Mullins 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

Happy Mother's Day: Gather together after worship on the front lawn for a photo op, cookies and for fellowship, to celebrate the PW Honorary Life Membership Award.

Love Revolution: SOPC hosts today, May 14, please bring a dish today from 3:30 - 5:00 pm to serve our neighbors in Christ. We need you!!!

Youth will not meet tonight, Sunday, May 14. Celebrate Mother's Day!!!! We will meet at McGregor next week for a final event & party.

ReShape - This week, we celebrate the one year anniversary of the issuance of the ReShape Ministry Guide. (May 9). We have completed 31 action items and have several more "in the hopper" as we continue our journey toward serving our Lord in the way he intends. The latest action item status can be found on the ReShape Bulletin Board. Please keep praying for the success of this program.

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, [ilsa.social/hc](https://www.ilsa.social/hc), or call 1 800 640 6307



VBS will be Monday, June 19 through Thursday, June 22. Use the QR Code or register online @ <https://forms.gle/NDw3atws682gzLP59>. Questions, contact either Mary Dempster or Marion Wishart.

All volunteers at SOPC, 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!

Come by the church office during the week to say hello and welcome our new Office Administrator, Denise Wolfe, who feels a calling to work in a church office.

Graduates, Jacob Schwartz, Dannah Lane, Finn Creighton, will be acknowledged on Sunday, May 28.

American Red Cross will be on campus July 17 with their Mobile Blood Bus. Information will be available soon on how to register.

Cuban Women's Project join us on Saturday, May 20, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall, to work on this project. Questions contact Kitsie Miller, 803-463-6958.

On Sunday, May 7, a capital campaign to replace all the roofs on the SOPC Campus and replenish the building reserve fund was launched. It is with thanksgiving and praise that we announce that as of Tuesday, May 9, The Raise the Roofs Campaign has received seventeen (17) gifts/pledges for a total of \$82,000. That's 55% of the goal. Thanks be to God. More details in newsletter this week.