

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven, in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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 *Dona Nobis Pacem* Hal Hopson
Chancel Choir

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Janna Simon
*You are invited to the Lord's table to receive your elements, either prepackaged, on the left, sour dough on the right, or gluten free bread and juice from Pastor Jana, and return to your seat to take communion.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE TAKING OF THE VINE

*HYMN # 248 *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*
Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion, Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE *Prelude in B flat Major* J.S. Bach

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SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
May 7, 2023
11:00 am
5th Sunday of Easter
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

Mother's Day Offering

Elder Jim Wilhide

PRELUDE

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Molly Ijames

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Youth

*HYMN # 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: Refrain.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain.

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given; for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: Refrain.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient and forgiving God, we come to you this day. Remind us that your blessings are poured out in many ways, through many people. Give us the confident faith that reaches beyond our own lives to help others. Forgive us when we chose to fall away from you. Bring us back to you, to the awareness of your eternal love. In Your name, we pray. AMEN.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Janna Simon

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 4

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

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. Refrain.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14

MESSAGE

God is...Plentiful

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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
 Communion Servers: Karan Bundrick, Polly Robinson

Next 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

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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, May 7, 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 - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution
 5:30 pm Youth - SOPC

Monday, May 8, 2023

6:00 pm - MORE Justice Celebration at
 St Martin's in the Field
 7:00 pm - NANA

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

9:30 am - Staff meeting
 5:00 pm - Chair's Meeting
 6:00 pm - PW Birthday Celebration Dinner - FH
 7:00 pm - NANA

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

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

Thursday, May 11, 2023

3:00 pm - PCSC Tea - Hannah Circle
 6:30 - Choir Practice

Friday, May 12, 2023

6:45 am - Lanterns

Saturday, May 13, 2023

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/lobby. 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/lobby. Please leave your information, when you take a goody bag, as a reminder of God's love.

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God by Molly Jackson, and in loving memory of her mother, Nan Foster.

Congratulations to Julie & Ernie Bussells on the birth of their new grandbaby, Bodhi Kumar (Bo) Bussells.. Parents are Aditi & Louis Bussells.

Music Notes: Dona Nobis Pacem is Latin for grant us peace. That phrase has been used as a prayer since early Christian worship.

Mothers Day Celebration! You are invited to attend this special event! We will honor mothers present and past Sunday, May 14, in worship. A few ideas to make this a special day for you and your guests:
 1. Bring someone with you!
 2. Bring a memory of your mother (or mother figure). This could be a framed photograph or something tangible that reminds you of her.
 3. Come to the cookies and conversation following worship on the front lawn and share a story.
 4. Take a picture with your guests in our 'photo' booth OR take a picture with the memory you have brought!
 5. Women will Receive a special flower, handed out by our youth and children who are present on this day.

In our continued prayers...

John Anderson Al Charles
 Joe Gause Nealy Jordan
 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

Love Revolution: Ashland UMC hosts today, May 7, from 3:30 - 5:00 pm to serve our neighbors in Christ. Come visit and fellowship. We need you!!!

MORE Justice Celebration is tomorrow, night May 8, at 6:00 pm. Join us at St. Martin's in the Field, 5220 Clemson Ave to celebrate the year.


Youth will meet tonight, Sunday, May 7, at 5:30 pm, at SOPC. We will enjoy BBQ nachos & have some fun, games and a lesson.

ReShape - This is the time of the month where the ministries update their ReShape Action Item sheets and provide them to the Adapting Group. We are just settling in to having a process and reporting format that each ministry can use to update their status and stay on track. You will see the results of these updates in forthcoming bulletin inserts and on our Bulletin Board, in the narthex/lobby.

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.

SOPC Women will join with Westminster & McGregor women to celebrate the Birthday Offering for Presbyterian Women on Tuesday, May 9 @ 6:00 pm in SOPC's Fellowship Hall. 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, [lisa.social/hc](https://www.lisa.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!!! 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 or granola/snack bars. Thank you for helping the SOPC community area.

Pentecost is Sunday, May 28, wear your orange, yellow or red for worship.

May
 Word of the Month
Pentecost

