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OFFERTORY *Dream On, Dream On* Sun Kyung Lee
Chancel Choir

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE CRE Andrea Paschal/Elder Janna Simon
*You are invited to the Lord's table to receive your elements.
Please see Communion Directions in the Welcome section of the bulletin.

One: Lift up your hearts!
All: We lift them up to the Lord!
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!
One: Let us pray to the Lord.

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

CLOSING PRAYER CRE Andrea Paschal

*HYMN # 450 *Be Thou My Vision*

*HYMN # 422 *Create in Me a Clean Heart* Sing twice

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION CRE Andrea Paschal

POSTLUDE *America, the Beautiful* Eleanor Whitsett



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SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
July 2, 2023
Happy Independence Day
11:00 am
Welcome! We pray that you will truly experience
God's love and grace as you worship!

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CRE Andrea Paschal

MINUTE FOR MISSION Family Promise Dallene Smith

PRELUDE *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* arr. Lani Smith

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS CRE Andrea Paschal/Elder Janna Simon

One: Freedom is coming!
All: We can hear it in the voices of the oppressed.
One: Hope is coming!
All: We can see it in the eyes of all those who despair.
One: God is here!
All: We count on God's presence with us, to guide, heal and uplift our spirits. Amen.

Written by Nancy C. Townley

*HYMN # 337 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* Verses 1, 4

*HYMN # 340 *This is My Song* Verses 1, 3

*CALL TO CONFESSION Elder Janna Simon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Based on Isaiah 2:4-5
Eternal God, before you nations rise and fall. Help us to repent our country's wrong, and to choose your way of reunion and renewal. Great God, renew this nation. Give us a glimpse of the Kingdom you are bringing to earth, where death and violence and hunger will be no more, and where all nations gather in the light of your presence. Great God, renew this nation. Teach us peace, learn to talk across old boundaries as brothers and sisters in your love. Great God, renew this nation. Talk sense to us, so that we may wisely end all prejudices, and may put a stop to injustice and cruelty. Great God, renew this nation. Draw us together as one people who do your will, so that we may be a light to our nation, leading the way to your promised kingdom, which is even now coming among us. Great God, renew this nation, show us there is no law or liberty apart from you; and let us serve you whole-heartedly, through Christ our Lord.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Elder Janna Simon

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Bruce Hurley
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 # 306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION CRE Andrea Paschal

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 119:1-3, 9-12 and 1 Peter 2:1-5

MESSAGE *Generation Gap ?* CRE Andrea Paschal

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Pastor Jana will be on vacation until July 4.
Please contact CRE Andrea Paschal
for your pastoral needs.
803 543 6745 Cell or 803 772 1338 Work
Email: andrea@westminsterpres.org

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, July 2

Communion Setup: Dallene Smith
 Communion Servers: Hal Bowman, Fred Holbrook
 Counters: Fred Holbrook, Julie Bussells
 Usher: Mary Johnson
 Greeters: Betty and Tom Shuler
 Children's Message: Bruce Hurley
 Children's Corner: Dallene Smith

Sunday, July 9

Counters: Carol Griffith, Mary Johnson
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Jim Wilhide, Richard Brinkley
 Acolyte: Eli Bundrick
 Children's Message: Mary Dempster
 Children's Corner: Mary Dempster

STAFF

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Mrs. Sharon Staton sharon@sopc.net

Nursery Coordinator: Mrs. Amy Schwartz

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 - 3:00 pm

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, July 2, 2023

9:45 am - Adult SS Classes

11:00 am - Worship-Communion

1:30-4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -

Sanctuary, Nursery, & Room of Acts

3:30 - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution

Monday, July 3, 2023

OFFICE CLOSED

5:30 pm - Admin Ministry

6:30 pm - Fellowship Ministry

7:30 pm - NANA

8:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -

Crossroads Classroom

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

OFFICE CLOSED

7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

12 pm - Presbyterian Communities Luncheon

5:30 pm - Children's Ministry Team

5:45 pm - NAMI Meeting in Pavilion

7:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, July 6, 2023

5:00 pm - Christian Ed Ministry

6:30 pm - Reshape Adapting Ministry

Friday, July 7, 2023

OFFICE OPEN 10 am - 3 pm

6:45 am - Lanterns Men's Bible Study

7:30 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -

Sanctuary, Nursery, & Room of Acts

Saturday, July 8, 2023

12 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 is available in the narthex/lobby. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery: A nursery is available in Building A during 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 take a goody bag with you as a reminder of God's love. Also, please leave your information for us on the yellow card. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Flowers: The beautiful silk flower arrangements in the sanctuary today were donated for use when the church does not have fresh flowers. Thank you Patty Mullins. If you would like to place fresh flowers in the sanctuary, please call the church office for details.

Music Notes: The choir's anthem draws from Isaiah 11:6-9, Ephesians 2:14-16 and Colossians 1:20 and Isaiah 40:29-31. It is a call to all Christ's followers to dream on, hope on and mount up.

Communion Directions: As you approach the Communion Elements at the front of the sanctuary, pre-packaged wafer/juice (gluten-free) will be on your left. Regular bread and juice cups will be on your right. If you want to use hand sanitizer, please help yourself from the containers on the front pews. **An important note:** Our new pre-packaged cups have the wafer and the juice at opposite ends. Please be sure to open the wafer end first.

In our continued prayers...

John Anderson

Al Charles

Joe Gause

Sue Kesterson

Ira Leon

Jim Mullins

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,

Bobby Sellars (Father of John Paul

Sellars), 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, July 2, join us to fellowship and feed our community, from 3:30 - 5:00 pm.

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

PW Ladies Dinner: We will meet for a salad dinner on Thursday, July 13 @ 6:00 pm. Bring a salad to share or just come and join us for fellowship, a comedic video for laughs, and some fun.

Elders and Trustee Installation: Please join us after worship in the pavilion for lunch and fellowship on July 16, to celebrate our new elders and trustee. The menu will be hamburgers, hot dogs, slaw, baked beans, potato salad, and dessert.

The July Ladies Luncheon will be held at Longhorn's, Harbison Blvd, July 17th, noon. If attending please notify Margaret Royals, mroyals052@gmail.com, or 803-608-1434, 803-957-0430.

Family Promise of the Midlands partners with congregations and others to provide shelter and solutions for families with children facing a housing crisis. Our host week for Family Promise guests begins July 23. Donations will be used to purchase gift cards for the families to buy food, supplies, and gas. You can give via the offering, church office, and online (onrealm.org). Please mark donations for "Family Promise."

Cuban Feminine Project: We are making progress slowly but surely with our pads and storage bags. We would love to have more folks involved. If you can sew a straight line, you could make an easy pleasure storage bag. If you need some instruction on making these reusable pads or just need more supplies, Kitsie will be in the Fellowship Hall between 9 am and 11:30 am on Saturday mornings, July 8 and July 22. If another day suits you better, please call Kitsie at 803-463-6958. We love sharing the good vibes we feel when working on this incredible project. Thank you.

Dear VBS Volunteers: Jenny Fogle has invited you to a dinner on July 12 @ 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is in honor of all of you who volunteered and worked at our VBS. We are so grateful for each and every one of you for your amazing dedication and hard work. Please call the church office or Janice Holbrook 248-396-9917 to RSVP by July 9.



You can register online, www.redcrossblood.org, or by calling 1-800-733-2767.



July Word of the Month: Church