

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 25:1-7
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

MESSAGE

Empowering the Generations: Middle Age

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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OFFERTORY

Shine, Jesus Shine

Graham Kendrick

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Bruce Hurley

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 # 69

Here I Am, Lord

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Eleanor Whitsett



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SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
July 9, 2023
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
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

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Matt Kimbaugh

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Elder Janna Simon

One: Welcome this day to a time of rest.

All: We come, bearing burdens and cares.

One: Place your lives in the loving hands of God

All: May God heal our spirits and strengthen us.

One: Trust in God who is always with you.

All: Let us Worship the Lord as One Body of Christ!

*HYMN # 175

Seek Ye First

*HYMN # 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

Faith, the author of Hebrews tells us, "is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (11:1). It is by faith that we are able to confess our sins before God and each other. It is by faith that we trust in God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Let us pray.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wise and loving God, We come to you honoring our stages of life. When we are babies, you nurse and give us milk of love. When we are children, you train us up in the way we should go. When we are teenagers, you protect and guard us. When we are young adults, you steer us and give us elders to learn and grow. When we are middle age, you stand with us as life changes and those who we love change too, giving us courage and strength. When we are older adults, you surround us with a church family to love, to walk with us, to be our support and to see you clearly in our lives. Thank you God. Forgive us when we choose not to see and instead remind us that you are always present in our lives. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mary Dempster

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.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, July 9

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

Next Sunday, July 16

Counters: Fred Holbrook, Sharon Watkins
 Usher: Guy San Fratello
 Greeters: Elizabeth and Jim Taylor
 Acolyte: Kaelin Pilkington
 Children's Message: Judy Barnes
 Children's Corner: Melanie Logan

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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*
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 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 9, 2023

9:45 am - Adult SS Classes
 11:00 am - Worship
 1:30 - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -
 Sanctuary, Nursery, & Room of Acts
 3:30 - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution

Monday, July 10, 2023

6:30 pm - Chairs Meeting
 7:00 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -
 Crossroads Classroom

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Migrant Ministry Meal
 7:00 pm - NANA

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

6:00 pm - VBS Appreciation Dinner - Fellowship Hall
 5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion
 7:00 pm - NANA

Thursday, July 13, 2023

6:00 - 8:00 pm - PW Joint Dinner - Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 14, 2023

6:45 am - Lanterns Men's Bible Study
 7:30 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -
 Sanctuary, Nursery, & Room of Acts

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. 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*)

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

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!

Music Notes: *Seek Ye First* is based on Matthew 6:33, 7:7 and 4:4, and is intended as a sung prayer. The refrain of *Here I Am, Lord* is based on Isaiah 6:8 and gives voice to our response to God's call.



**July
Word of the
Month:
Church**

In our continued prayers...

John Anderson Richard Brinkley
 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: SOPC hosts today, July 9, please bring a dish today from 3:30 - 5:00 pm to serve our neighbors in Christ. Please join us in this much needed mission.

ReShape - The Adapting Committee met on July 6 and continue their process of reviewing Action Items and thinking strategically. Our "summer break" means that there has not been a lot of activity on the Action Items. On the strategic front, we continue our process of benchmarking different worship services to learn from the best what practices we should incorporate.

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.

Clothing Closet: We are in need of disposable razors, combs, brushes, deodorant, mini toiletries bags, and all other hygiene products.

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.

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."

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.

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 morning, 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.

SOPC 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, some comedy videos for laughs, and some fun. All women are invited!



Blood Drive!

Monday, July 17

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

You can register online,

www.redcrossblood.org, or

by calling 1-800-733-2767.