

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28, Matthew 14:22-33

MESSAGE

Fear Overcoming Call

*HYMN # 701

"Lord Prepare Me" (Sanctuary)

*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

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OFFERTORY

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Four-Hand Piano

arr. Joel Raney

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 # 853

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE

"Go Out With Joy"

Mary McDonald



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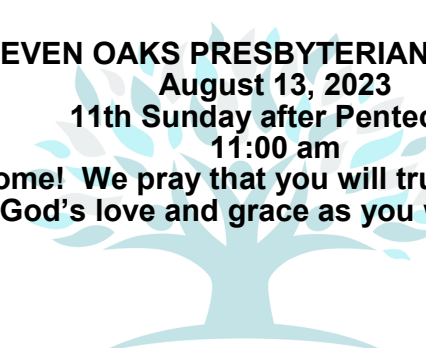
SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 13, 2023

11th 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

APPRECIATION AND HONORING OF DR. LLOYD R. PILKINGTON

Janice Holbrook

PRELUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Diane Bish

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Bruce Hurley

One: Which commandment in the law is greatest?

All: Love your God.

One: And the second?

All: Love your neighbor as yourself.

One: Love

All: with all your heart.

One: Love

All: with all your soul.

One: Love

All: with all your mind.

One: Love

All: with all your strength.

One: On these commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: Blessed are those whose delight is in the law of our God. Let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN # 722

"Lord, Speak to Me"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Bruce Hurley

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

--Book of Common Worship

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

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.

ANTHEM

"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"
Chancel Choir

Joe Cox

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, August 13

Counters: Fred Holbrook, Polly Robinson
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Shelagh Wirth, Stephanie Sampson
 Acolyte:
 Children's Message: Pastor Jana Creighton
 Children's Corner: Marion Wishart

Sunday August 20

Counters: Sharon Staton, Sharon Watkins
 Usher: Guy San Fratello
 Greeters: Ben & Dallene Smith
 Acolyte: Hadessa Wright
 Children's Message: Sue Kesterson
 Children's Corner: Kathy Keane

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OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday - Thursday - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

This week at SOPC: Sunday, August 13

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 - Pavilion

Monday, August 14

8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 6:30 pm - Chairs Meeting
 7:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -
 Crossroads Classroom

Tuesday, August 15

8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 10:00 am - Staff Meeting
 7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, August 16

8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 12 pm - Staff Luncheon with Lloyd and Tina
 Pilkington
 5:45 pm - NAMI Meeting in Pavilion
 7:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, August 17

8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

Friday, August 18

6:45 am - Lanterns Men's Prayer Group
 8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 7:30 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -
 Sanctuary, Nursery, & Room of Acts

Saturday, August 19

Cuban Feminine Project

Stay connected! If you would like to receive emails and/or texts from SOPC, please text the letters SOPC to the number 84576.

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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 the 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: Our middle hymn is based on 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, which reminds us that we are God's temple and God's Spirit is in us.



Become Part of Our Church Family
Interested in joining our church soon! Let us know by filling at a yellow card located on the guest table.

August Word of the Month:
COURAGE



In our continued prayers...

John Anderson Al Charles
 Joe Gause Myrna Gause
 Janet Jordan Sue Kesterson
 Ira Leon Jim Mullins
 Janice Reiser Guy San Fratello
 Barry Shatzer Bryan Simon
 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

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.

Reshape - Seven Oaks is blossoming out to the community by having others worship with us and spreading the Word in their own way. First, the Mision Cristiana Elim Internacional is worshipping in our sanctuary. With their own traditions and understanding of how Jesus is working in their lives. Then, we are pleased to be able to host the Peaceful Gatherings Nature School, who use many of our classrooms that otherwise would lay dormant. Jana's theme of being a vibrant church rings true with these initiatives, and they also dovetail with ReShape Action Items I.c and IV.c. (Look them up in your Ministry Guide.)

Cuba - Ever wanted to go to Cuba? Want to learn the culture and meet our sister church, Nueva Paz (New Peace)? Want to be blessed by the generosity that exists in this beautiful place? There is a trip being planned for **December 8-December 15!** We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall after worship this **Sunday, August 13.** We need to begin Cuban passport work within the month. If you are interested please contact **Ben Smith, Robert Miller** or **Pastor Jana** as soon as possible!

We will be having a Hymn Sing on **Sunday, September 24.** Submit your hymns at sopc@sopc.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 21, Noon - Ladies Luncheon - Poogan's Southern Kitchen, Margaret Royals
 803-957-0430 or 803-608-1434, email mroyals052@gmail.com

August 27 - Lloyd Pilkington Retirement Reception immediately after Worship

August 28, 1 pm - Care Givers Group w/lunch provided by Jenny Fogle

September 10 - Rally Day - More information to come

September 23, 1 - 5 pm - Youth Boat Trip - Irmo Side of Dam

September 24 - Hymn Sing

September 24, 5:30 pm - Youth Night Joint Kick Off

September 30, 6:30-9:30 pm - Men's Prayer Event

October 21, 1 - 4 pm - Fall Festival

**Remember, information for the newsletter or weekly bulletin must be received by 10 am Tuesday the week of publication. Please call the Church Office or Email @ SOPC@SOPC.net. Thank you!*

Please make sure all doors are closed and locked behind you when you leave. We have been finding some that are not shut. Thank you!

SESSION MEMBERS

* indicates chair

Clerk of Session: Polly Robinson

Class of 2024:

Hal Bowman - Administration
 John Carter - Buildings & Grounds*

Class of 2025:

Fred Holbrook - Administration*
 Ed Keelen - Reshape Adapting Group*
 Sharon Staton - Missions*
 Sharon Watkins - Worship*

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 Mary Johnson