

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 133, Genesis 45:1-15

MESSAGE

The Power of Family

\*HYMN # 306

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

VS.1, 3, 4

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear. And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

\*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

“Father, We Adore You”  
Chancel Choir

Terrye Coelho

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 # 305

“Come Sing, O Church In Joy”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE

“Toccata Pontificale”

Gordon Young

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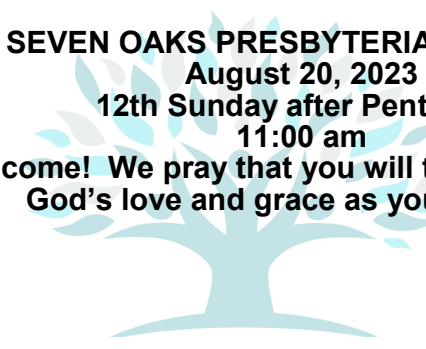
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SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
August 20, 2023  
12th Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 am  
Welcome! We pray that you will truly experience  
God's love and grace as you worship!



STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

APPRECIATION AND HONORING OF DR. LLOYD R. PILKINGTON

Elder Mark Johnson

PRELUDE

“Caricature of a Sunday School Song”

Dale Wood

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Bruce Hurley

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

One: What joy we feel when we are called together to celebrate God's love.

**All: God's love flows through our lives!**

One: This is what it means to be the body of Christ!

**All: This is what it means to be faithful witnesses to God.**

One: Let us rejoice on this day!

**All: Lord, we thank you for the blessings you pour on us. AMEN.**

\*HYMN # 15

“All Creatures of our God and King”

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Bruce Hurley

**God of infinite mercy and love, we come before you this day, knowing that we have not always been faithful to what you would have us do. We have too often turned our backs on those in need, choosing not to hear their cries. Forgive us, O Lord. We know that you do not want us to behave in this way. Your love and mercy, so generously showered over us, should be a beacon to guide our own actions. We make no excuses, for none would suffice. We ask your forgiveness and blessing, turning us again around and placing us on the path of compassion and peace. This prayer we offer in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Goodness of God”  
Ernie & Julie Bussells

Ed Cash, Ben Fielding, Jason Ingram, Brian & Jenn Johnson



\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### Sunday August 20

Counters: Sharon Staton, Sharon Watkins  
Usher: Guy San Fratello  
Greeters: Ben & Dallene Smith  
Acolyte:  
Children's Message: Rev. Bruce Hurley  
Children's Corner: Kathy Keane

### Sunday August 27

Counters: Judy Barnes, Guy San Fratello  
Usher: Guy San Fratello  
Greeters: Carol Griffith, Melanie Mixon  
Acolyte: Eli Bundrick  
Children's Message: Julie Bussells  
Children's Corner: Emalee Dillard

## STAFF

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

**This week at SOPC:**

**Sunday, August 20**

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 21**

8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

12:00 pm - Ladies Luncheon

6:30 pm - Session Meeting - Zoom

7:30 pm - NANA

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

Crossroads Classroom

**Tuesday, August 22**

8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

10:00 am - Staff Meeting

7:30 pm - NANA

**Wednesday, August 23**

8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

5:45 pm - NAMI Meeting in Pavilion

7:30 pm - NANA

**Thursday, August 24**

8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

**Friday, August 25**

6:45 am - Lanterns Men's Prayer Group

8 am - 12 pm - Church Cleanup

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8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

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

Sanctuary, Nursery, & Room of Acts

**Saturday, August 26**

9:00 am - Mary Kay - Youth Room

10:00 am - American Federation of Human Rights -

Bldg B Upstairs Classroom

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## WELCOME

**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*)

**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:** The Prelude is a setting of "Jesus Loves Me." The choir's anthem is a song of praise and adoration to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



**Interested in joining our church?** Let us know by filling out yellow card located on the guest table.

**Notes:** The Lord's table is decorated to capture our transition into fall. Our students and teachers have returned to school, soon our climate will begin to shift for cooler temperatures, everything is still green surrounding us and the land that God provides, fertile with life. Together we gather, siblings in Christ and we celebrate the life our God has given us. It is abundant with love and temperance, grace and mercy. The rocks you will find pooled in the green garments are different colors and shapes. These rocks are reminders that though we are all different, our substance as children of God remains the same. Feel free to take a stone as a reminder that you are a beloved child of God with your kindred spirits at Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church.

**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), and Patricia Williams.

**If you would like someone to be added to the prayer list, please contact the Church Office.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MORE Justice is beginning the Listening Process.**

This focuses on stories shared in House Meetings. SOPC is taking a different approach this year. We will have one big House Meeting at the church on **October 3rd at 6:30 pm**. If you are a committed member, please mark your calendars and invite your friends, neighbors and fellow church members to join you. Looking forward to a great meeting and seeing all of you together!

**Reshape** - The Adapting Group met with the Chairs Team on Monday, August 14. We completed an additional seven action items this month, and have completed 43 action items since the inception of the program. As always, the details of what was completed, along with a list of actions currently being worked on is posted on the ReShape Bulletin board in the narthex and the entrance to Fellowship Hall.

**Cuba Trip** - There is a trip being planned for **December 8 -December 15!** 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](mailto:sopc@sopc.net).

**During the months of September and October**, even though our worship service music will be a little different, we still need a strong choir to lead the congregation in hymns and responses. Anyone who wants to share their voice in joyful song should come to the Choir Room at 10:45 each Sunday morning.



**August 21, Noon** - Ladies Luncheon - Poogan's Southern Kitchen, Margaret Royals 803-957-0430 or 803-608-1434, email [mroyals052@gmail.com](mailto:mroyals052@gmail.com)

**August 25 & 26, 8 am-12 pm** - Church Cleanup

**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 3, 6:30-7:30 pm** - MORE Justice House Mtg

**October 21, 10-2 pm** - Fall Festival

**October 22, 1-4 pm** - Fall Festival Rain Date for Kids Activities

**August Word of the Month:**

**COURAGE**

