

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 6:24-26
Acts 20:24
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Ecclesiastes 3:9-15
Psalm 121
2 Corinthians 13:11-12

Eli Bundrick
Rachel Barr
Elder Judy Barnes
Rev. Jana Light Creighton
Sawyer Creighton
Elder Melanie Mixon

MESSAGE

Saying Goodbye

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

PRESENTATION OF THANKSGIVING FOR DR. LLOYD R. PILKINGTON

*HYMN # 366

“Love Divine“

*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

“Lift High the Cross”
Piano & Organ Duet

Nicholson / setting by 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 # 307

“God of Grace”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Dona Nobis Pacem” (Grant Us Peace)
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

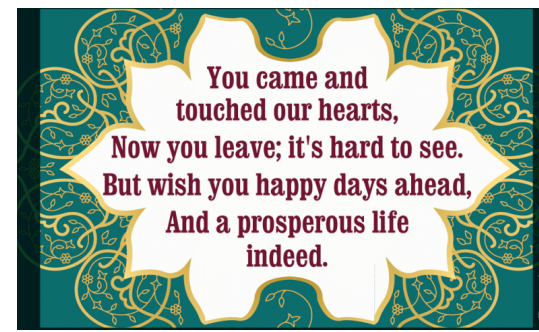
“Toccata” from Symphony no. 5

Charles Marie Widor



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AUGUST 27, 2023
Dr. Lloyd R. Pilkington Retirement Sunday
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

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

PRELUDE

Fanfare on "Old Hundredth"

Fred Bock

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Bruce Hurley

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Psalms 95:1-7a

Pastor Jana Light Creighton and Rev. Bruce Hurley

Pastor Jana

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God with thanksgiving and extol with music and song.

All: We come to worship God.

Rev. Bruce Hurley

For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

In God's hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to our God.

The sea and dry land is created and Formed by the hands of God!

All: We come to worship God.

Pastor Jana

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

Rev. Bruce Hurley

for we are the people of God's pasture, the flock under God's care.

All: God, our creator and sustainer. We are yours and we worship you.

*HYMN # 345

“Sing Praise to God”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Bruce Hurley

Lord God, give us hearts of great expectation as we wait for the glorious return of our Savior, Jesus, the Son of God. We confess far too many daily moments of apathy, indifference, and distraction. Forgive us, Lord, for these patterns of passionless discipleship. Instead, plant in us a sense of adventure, a growing excitement over Christ's coming. May we be full of joy even now as we anticipate the day of His arrival. And may we be found faithful in that moment (moment of silent confession). Amen

Written by Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Julie Bussells

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

“On Christ I Stand”
Chancel Choir

arr. L. Pilkington

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

Sunday, September 3

Counters: Melanie Mixon, Sharon Staton
Usher: Mary Johnson
Greeters: Betty & Tom Shuler
Acolyte: No Acolyte-Communion
Children's Message: Jenny Fogle
Children's Corner: Mary Dempster
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Communion Servers: Jim Taylor, Mark Dillard

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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday - Thursday - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, August 27

9:45 am - Adult SS Classes
11:00 am - Worship
12 pm - Dr. Lloyd R. Pilkington's Retirement Reception - Fellowship Hall
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 28

8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
1:00 pm - Care Giver's Group - Fellowship Classroom
6:30 pm - Worship Ministry Meeting
7:30 pm - NANA
8:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l - Crossroads Classroom

Tuesday, August 29

8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
9:00 am - SC HIV Training - Fellowship Hall
10:00 am - Staff Meeting
6:30 pm - Missions Ministry
7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, August 30

8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
5:45 pm - NAMI Meeting in Pavilion
7:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, August 31

8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

Friday, September 1

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, September 2

10 am - 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.

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.

The beautiful fresh flower arrangements, in the sanctuary today, are given to the Glory of God by the Congregation of SOPC and in honor of Lloyd and Tina Pilkington and the many gifts they have shared with the congregation over the past years.

The one rose on the communion table is in honor of the birth of Myles Dean Fuller, son of Kaiti and Zack Fuller and grandson of Kathy and Patrick Keane. Myles was born on August 17, 2023.

The other rose on the communion table is in honor of the birth of James Roy Wilkes, son of Doug and Brittany Wilkes and grandson of Tracey Wilkes. James was born on August 15, 2023.

Music Notes: The prelude is based on the Doxology: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow. The choir's anthem brings together two great hymns of faith, My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less and Eternal Father, Strong to Save.

New Sermon Series Starting in September - A Broken Hallelujah: The Life and Testimony of King David. Through this sermon series we will learn from, apply and grow from the life and experiences of King David. Far from perfect, yet faithful follower, King David sets the stage through his mishaps and successes to help show us the way to a life with God. Join us through November on a journey of a Broken Hallelujah!

In our continued prayers...

John Anderson	Al Charles
Joe Gause	Myrna Gause
Janet Jordan	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

Please join us to continue the celebration with Lloyd Pilkington on his retirement immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall for a reception in his honor.

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 **Tuesday, 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 - Plans are well underway for Rally Day (**Sept. 10**) and Fall Festival (**Oct 21**). Please make sure they are on your calendars. Rally Day will include breakfast and a fun intergenerational "mixer" that you won't want to miss!

We will be having a Hymn Sing on **Sunday, September 24**. Please submit your favorite hymns at 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 am each Sunday**.

We have started to prepare for our Fall Festival! This year it will be on **October 21, 10 am - 2 pm**. There will be a bazaar with vendors, rummage sale, food, and fun activities for the kids! If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Tracey Wilkes @ traceywilkesmarykay@gmail.com for more information.

Men's Prayer Event - Men don't forget our prayer event coming up! Becoming Kings: Feast and Film on **Saturday, September 30, 6:30-9:30 pm**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 10 - Rally Day

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

Sunday, September 24 - Hymn Sing

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

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

Sunday, October 1, 12:00 pm - First Sunday Fellowship Luncheon

Tuesday, October 3, 6:30-7:30 pm - MORE Justice House Mtg.

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

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

**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.*

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* indicates chair

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Class of 2025:

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

Class of 2026

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