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OFFERTORY "It Is Well With My Soul" Eleanor Whitsett

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Rev. Jana Light Creighton/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.**

\*HYMN # 515 "I Come with Joy"

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE TAKING OF THE VINE

CLOSING PRAYER Rev. Jana Light Creighton

\*HYMN # 837 "What a Fellowship"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE "Divertissement" Gordon Young

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE LOBBY FOR REFRESHMENTS AND TO CELEBRATE THE SCHOOL NEW YEAR!



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STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPRECIATION AND HONORING OF DR. LLOYD R. PILKINGTON

PRELUDE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Matt Kimbaugh

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Janna Simon

One: Come, all you who are thirsty!  
**All: Come, all you who are hungry!**  
One: Come to the waters.  
**All: Come to the hillside.**  
One: Buy wine and milk, without money and without cost.  
**All: Take these fish and these loaves—take as much as you want.**  
One: We know the rain comes down from heaven, making the earth bud and flourish.  
**All: We have heard that all ate and were filled—5,000 men, plus women and children.**  
One: Come, all of you who fear there is not enough.  
**All: Come and know the abundance of our God!**

\*HYMN # 401 "Gather Us In"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Elder Janna Simon

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Lord of mercy and hope, we come before you knowing that we fall short of being the kind of disciples that you have called us to be. We have turned our backs on people in need. And so we hesitate to come before you because we believe that you are disappointed in us. Remind us again that you are merciful and your love transforms and changes our lives. Forgive us our weakness. Strengthen us and give us courage; help us to be bearers of your good news of peace. This we pray in Your name, Amen**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Elder Janna Simon  
Our God is a God of abundance! Where we have been wounded, God holds and heals us as a loving parent. Where we have sinned, God grants forgiveness through Christ Jesus. Where we are called to give more than we think we have, God empowers and sustains us through the Holy Spirit. May the abundant healing, grace, and power of God be alive in you, now and forevermore. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS All youth and children are invited to come down front with their backpacks.

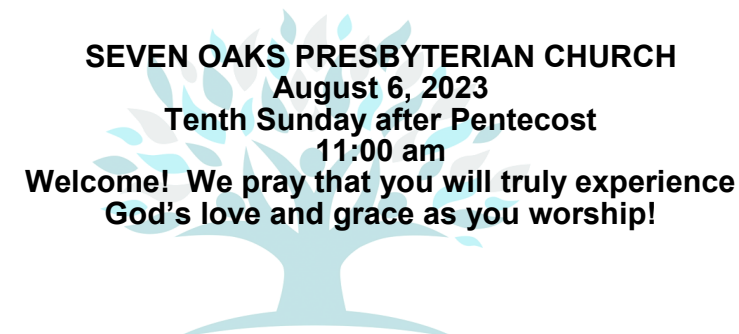
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Janice Holbrook  
We invite children ages 4k - 4th grade to sit in the "Children's Corner" after the "Children's Message." An adult will be sitting with the children, and age appropriate activities will be provided for children that go along with worship. Parents, please pick up your children after the service.

ANTHEM "You Are Almighty!" Paul Tate  
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 55:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

MESSAGE The God of Plenty



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
August 6, 2023  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 am

Welcome! We pray that you will truly experience  
God's love and grace as you worship!

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### Sunday, August 6

Counters: Judy Barnes, Julie Bussells  
 Usher: Shelagh Wirth  
 Greeters: Carol Griffith, Jeanne LeBoeuf  
 Acolyte: None - Communion Sunday  
 Children's Message: Janice Holbrook  
 Children's Corner: Julie Bussells  
 Communion Setup: Elizabeth and Jim Taylor  
 Communion Servers: Guy San Fratello, Fred Holbrook

### Sunday, August 13

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

## STAFF

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

### This week at SOPC: Sunday, August 6

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

### Monday, August 7

8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 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, August 8

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

### Wednesday, August 9

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

### Thursday, August 10 Happy Birthday, Pastor Jana!!

8 am - 4 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

### Friday, August 11

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 12

9 am - 3 pm - Suneetha Manga Family Gathering

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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:** "Gather Us In" is meant to be a corporate prayer asking for God's transforming work to empower us as witnesses and workers in God's kingdom. The postlude is in the style of a joyful dance to help send us out into the world celebrating God's grace and love.

**Communion Directions:** As you approach the Communion Elements at the front of the church, 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 Myrna Gause

Sue Kesterson Ira Leon

Jim Mullins Janice Reiser

Barry Shatzer 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** - The ReShape Adapting Group met last Monday to continue their tracking of action items and to discuss our innovative ideas for the future. We realized that some of the ministries that are impacted by our ideas might not be fully informed in a timely manner. We have changed our protocol so that they are engaged earlier in the process. As always, we look for better ways to keep our members informed. Right now, the ways to stay informed are through these bulletin articles, the newsletter and the Bulletin Board and of course through the Ministry Guide that you have a copy of.

**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 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 would like to thank Mision Cristiana  
 Elim Int'l for worshipping with us today!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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 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 info to come

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

**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

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\* indicates chair

**Clerk of Session:** Polly Robinson

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Hal Bowman - Administration

John Carter - Buildings & Grounds\*

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Fred Holbrook - Administration\*

Ed Keelen - Reshape Adapting Group\*

Sharon Staton - Missions\*

Sharon Watkins - Worship\*

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Kathy Keane - Christian Ed\*

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Mary Johnson

**August  
 Word of the Month:**

