

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 11:1-26  
2 Samuel 12:1-25

Rev. Bruce Hurley  
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MESSAGE

Grave Sin, Great Grace

\*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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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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 # 418

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

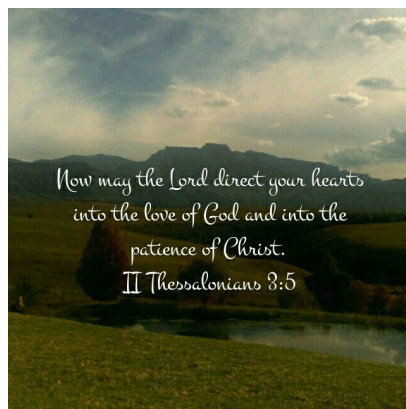
\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

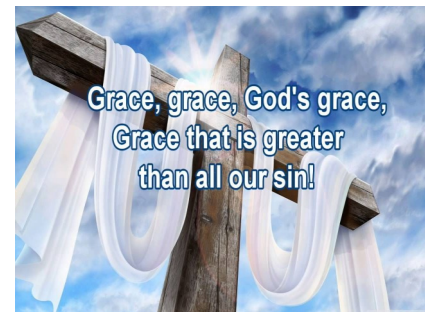
Moore/Bober



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**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**  
11:00 am  
16th Sunday after Pentecost

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



Rev. Jana Light Creighton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Fall Festival

Elder Kathy Keane

PRELUDE

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Holden/Bober

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Bruce Hurley

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

One: Sing and rejoice! The Lord reaches out to you with healing love!

**All: The Lord is our strength and our power!**

One: Dance before the Lord, a dance of joy and hope!

**All: The Lord brings us joy and lifts us up in hope.**

One: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

**All: Let us celebrate the good news God brings to us each day. AMEN.**

\*HYMN # 664

"Morning Has Broken"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Bruce Hurley

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, we confess that we don't always turn to you in our troubles. Sometimes we are paralyzed by fear and anxiety. We cannot see "the light at the end of the tunnel". Clear our sight, O Lord. Bind up our wounded spirits!**

**Fill us with your mercy and love. Forgive us when we stray; when we fear; when we falter. Pick us up and place us on pathways of peace and hope, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Melanie Mixon

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.

\*CHILDREN'S HYMN # 422

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### Sunday, September 17

Counters: Hal Bowman, Jim Wilhide  
Usher: Guy San Fratello  
Greeters: Elizabeth & Jim Taylor  
Acolyte: Abby Dempster  
Children's Message: Melanie Mixon  
Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson

### Sunday, September 24

Counters: John Carter, Carol Griffith  
Usher: Fred Holbrook  
Greeters: Sue Kesterson, Brenda Turner  
Acolyte: Eli Bundrick  
Children's Message: Judy Barnes  
Children's Corner: Tracey Wilkes

## STAFF

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Jana Light Creighton

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**Nursery Coordinator:** Mrs. Amy Schwartz

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

**This week at SOPC:**

**Sunday, September 17**

9:30 am - Confirmation Class  
9:45 am - Children and Adult Sunday School  
10:00 am - Youth Sunday School  
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  
5:00 pm - Youth PCSC Yard Work

**Monday, September 18**

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
11:00 am - Music Ministry Search Committee  
12:00 pm - Ladies Luncheon - Miyo's  
6:30 pm - Session Meeting - In person  
7:00 pm - Boy Scout Parent Mtg - Fellowship Hall  
7:30 pm - NANA  
8:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -  
Crossroads Classroom

**Tuesday, September 19**

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
10:00 am - Staff Meeting  
7:30 pm - NANA

**Wednesday, September 20**

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
5:45 pm - NAMI Meeting in Pavilion  
7:30 pm - NANA

**Thursday, September 21**

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

**Friday, September 22**

6:45 am - Lanterns Men's Prayer Group  
8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
7:30 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -  
Sanctuary, Nursery, & Room of Acts

**Saturday, September 23**

10 am - Cuban Feminine Project - Fellowship Hall  
10 am - American Federation of Human Rights - Bldg  
B Upstairs  
1 pm - Youth Boat Trip - Irmo side of dam  
6 pm - Private Event - Fellowship Hall

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## WELCOME

**Thank you so much to Sharon Watkins** for playing the piano this morning and blessing our worship with her musical talent.

**Hearing impaired equipment** is available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Nursery:** A nursery is available in Building A during worship and Sunday School 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.



**Do you have a musical talent** that you would like to share with the church? Please sign up on the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ao9x5dstP1emW7YrhyVkpaiFH7hbrFD25-vNNwMjXiU/edit>. For more information or help, you can contact **Sharon Watkins @ 803-622-0743** or call **Denise in the Church Office 803-772-1761**.

**We need your voice** during the coming months in the choir! Join us at **10:45 am** in the Choir Room each **Sunday!**

**If you would like to place fresh flowers** in the sanctuary, please call the Church Office for details.

**Interested in joining our church?** Talk with Pastor Jana as new members hope to join in October.

**SEPTEMBER:  
Word of the Month:  
Music/Hymns**



**In our continued prayers...**

Al Charles Joe Gause  
Myrna Gause Mark Johnson  
Janet Jordan Ira Leon  
Annie Moffatt Donna Moore  
Jim Mullins Guy San Fratello  
Barry Shatzer Bryan Simon  
Nancy Taber 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 for Love Revolution** in the Pavilion today from **3:30pm to 5:00pm**. We can always use more servers and food donations! Please help us with this mission!

**YOUTH Mission Day!** Today at 5 pm at Presbyterian Communities 700 Davega Dr, Bring gloves, spade, water and clippers. Let's help our elders love on their gardens!

**The September 18th Ladies Luncheon** will be held tomorrow at **Miyo's, 1220 Bower Parkway at 12 pm**. If attending, please notify **Margaret Royals, mroyals052@gmail.com, 803-957-0430** or **803-608-1434**.

**BOOKCLUB Meeting:** Book for the month of September is: *Lucy by the Sea*, by Elizabeth Stout. We will meet **September 28 at 5:30**. Come join us for fellowship, food, and book discussion. Meeting place TBA.

**The Ladies of SOPC**, whether you are a member or a visitor, are invited to come to the Fall Ladies' Drop-In on **Sunday, October 8, 2 pm - 4 pm**. Hostess - **Julie Bussells, 19 Sunrise Point, Irmo 29063**.

**MORE Justice** will have one big House Meeting at the church in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30 pm**. We look forward to a great meeting and seeing all of you!

**Fall Festival is on October 21, 10 am - 2 pm**. There will be a bazaar with vendors, a rummage sale, food, and fun activities for the kids! Please contact the following people for more information: Vendors - **Tracey Wilkes @ traceywilkesmarykay@gmail.com**. Children's events - **Kathy Keane @ (803)467-4224**, & Rummage Sale **Loretta Demko @ (803)509-3322**.

**ATTENTION ALL MEN:** There is an event just for you on **Saturday evening September 30** at our church. We expect to see 100 men of all denominations gathered together starting at **6:30** for a food truck style dinner, followed by an inspirational movie called, "A Story Worth Living". Please bring your own camp chairs or blankets to sit on our church lawn. For more information and to sign up, click on the QR code, or see **Ed Keelen**.



**Annie Moffatt is recovering from her broken leg** but plans to begin ukulele practices again as soon as she is able. Stay tuned and if you haven't already, go purchase a ukulele!

**SOPC INTEREST GROUPS:** Please look over the groups being offered for the fall and sign up if interested. A quick survey is on the table to get feedback to better serve your interests. More information will be coming soon. Stay Tuned!!

**Join us for First Sunday Luncheon on October 1** immediately after worship!

**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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, September 24, 11 am** - Hymn Sing

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

**Thursday, September 28, 5:30 PM** - Bookclub Meeting

**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.-  
Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, October 8, 2:00 - 4:00 pm** - SOPC Fall Ladies Drop-In

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

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

**Friday, October 27** - Lifeline Screening to register call **1-800-640-6307** or visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HC](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HC)

## 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\*

**Class of 2026**

Liz Harris - Fellowship  
Kathy Keane - Christian Ed\*  
Banks Robinson - Fellowship\*

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Carol Griffith

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