

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

Elder Julie Bussells

*CHILDREN'S HYMN # 626

"As the Deer"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:13-18
Psalm 63

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: David's Broken Hallelujah:
Worshipping in the Wilderness

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Second Helvetic Confession

5.029

We believe that all things in heaven and on earth, and in all creatures, are preserved and governed by the providence of this wise, eternal and almighty God. For David testifies and says: "The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down upon the heavens and the earth?" (Ps. 113:4). Again: "You search out . . . all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, Thou knows it altogether" (Ps. 139:3). Paul also testifies and declares: "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28), and "from him and through him and to him are all things" (Rom. 11:36). This we believe. Amen.

OFFERING Offerings may be placed in the large wooden boxes with crosses at the main exit of the lobby. To give online, text Sevenoaks to 73256 or use the SOPC website with this link:
<https://onrealm.org/SevenOaksPresby/-/give/now>

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 # 52

"When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

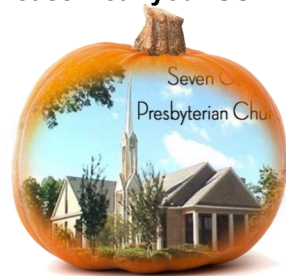
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POSTLUDE

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

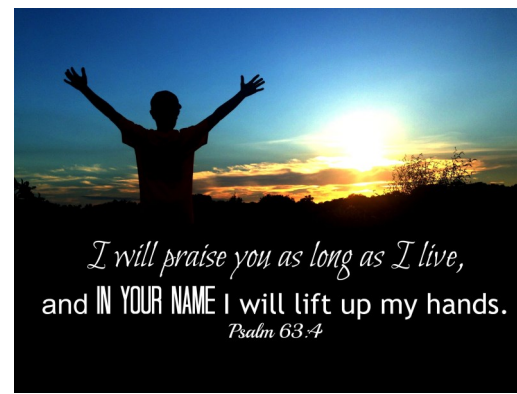
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FALL FESTIVAL IS NEXT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 10 am - 2 pm!! Please plan to attend this fun event! And tell family and friends! Please wear your SOPC t-shirt if you have one!



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October 15, 2023
20th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 am

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Fall Festival

Elder Julie Bussells

PRELUDE

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Bradbury/Labenske

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton and Rev. Bruce Hurley

One: This place for us is Holy Ground.

All: The place where we sing songs of praise to the Lord, and repeat the stories of faith that inspire us to respond to Christ's love.

One: God called us here, in whispering winds and in burning flames

All: And with God's presence disarms us of the barriers we have placed around us.

One: Instead God meets us in our vulnerability,

All: God meets us in our humanity and in love.

One: Let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN # 694

"Great God of Every Blessing"

*HYMN # 743

"O God, You Are My God"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Bruce Hurley

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places where we are confronted with our true selves.

The places where we are tempted to put worldly values before our desire for you,
Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to use the gifts you give us to benefit ourselves at the expense of serving others:
Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to use sensational means to increase people's faith, rather than being guided by the humility of Christ:
Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to use bribery to influence and control people:
Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to manipulate you, O God, to satisfy our own needs:
Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

A time of silence for personal confession

Merciful God,
save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
Forgive us our sins and fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation.
This we pray in Your name. Amen

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, October 15

Counters: Banks & Polly Robinson
Usher: Guy San Fratello
Greeter: Jeanne LeBoeuf
Acolyte: Abby Dempster
Children's Message: Julie Bussells
Children's Corner: Mary Johnson

Sunday, October 22

Counters: Judy Barnes, Guy San Fratello
Usher: Fred Holbrook
Greeters: Needed
Acolyte: Eli Bundrick
Children's Message: Janice Holbrook
Children's Corner: Julie Bussells

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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*

Trustees: Sue Kesterson, Frank Sheppard,
Carol Griffith

Treasurer: Hal Bowman

Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW):
Mary Johnson

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

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, October 15

9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages

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

Youth - Fall Break

Monday, October 16

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

12 - 1:00 pm - Ladies Luncheon - Backstreet Grills

6:30 pm - Session Meeting

7:00 pm - Troop 91 - Scout Hut

7:30 pm - NANA

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

Fellowship Classroom

Tuesday, October 17

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

10:00 am - Staff Meeting

7:00 pm - Yoga

7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, October 18

Kairos Prison Ministry - Sanctuary, Kitchen, Fellowship
Classroom, & Youth Room

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

5:45 pm - NAMI Meeting in Pavilion

7:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, October 19

Kairos Prison Ministry - Sanctuary, Kitchen & Fellowship
Classroom

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

Friday, October 20

Kairos Prison Ministry - Sanctuary, Kitchen, & Fellowship
Classroom

Fall Festival Setup

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, October 21

Kairos Prison Ministry - Sanctuary, Kitchen, & Fellowship
Classroom

10 am - 2 pm - Fall Festival

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

*Remember, information for the monthly newsletter or weekly bulletin must
be received by 10 am Wednesday the week of the publication unless an
urgent need. Please call the Church Office 717-772-1761 or
Email @ SOPC@SOPC.net.

4 WAYS TO GIVE!

IN PERSON	BY MAIL	ONLINE	BY TEXT
Offering baskets	530 St. Andrews Rd. Columbia, SC 29210	Sopc.net	Text 73256 to SEVENOAKS text rates may apply

WELCOME

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

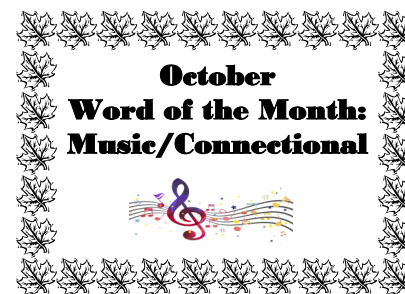
Nursery: A nursery is available in Building A during worship and Sunday School for ages 0 - 4. If you have any questions, please see an usher for help.

Worship Bags: Parents can pick up worship bags in the Children's Corner before the worship service, for ages 4 years old- 5th grade. (*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.

Interested in joining our church? Please see Pastor Jana to learn more about becoming a member.

Masked and Socially Distanced Seating: To help decrease the spread of Covid at Seven Oaks, please consider wearing a mask during worship. Also, 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.



In our continued prayers...

Al Charles

Joe Gause

Myrna Gause

Janet Jordan

Ira Leon

Annie Moffatt

Jim Mullins

Barry Shatzer

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for Love Revolution in the Pavilion today from **3:30 pm to 5:00 pm**. We can always use more servers! Please help us with this mission!

No Youth Tonight - Fall Break  we could use your help. We need parents and youth alike to help make signs for the Fall Festival in the youth room immediately after worship! Bring your creativity and enjoy some pizza and most of all have fun being a part of this exciting event here at SOPC!

Ladies Luncheon will be tomorrow October 16th at noon. We will be having lunch at Backstreet Grills. If attending, please notify **Margaret Royals, mroyals052@gmail.com, 803-608-1434, 803-957-0430.**

Bookclub for October is reading "Miss Benson's Beetle" by Rachel Joyce. We will meet on the last Thursday of the month (**10/26**) at **5:30**. Questions?? Contact Kitsie Miller. Meeting place TBA.

RESHAPE - We completed another five Action items this past month, for a total of 50 actions completed since ReShape's inception. See the ReShape bulletin board for details.

Cuban Feminine Project - Please join us from **9:30 am to 11 am** on Saturdays to help with this much-needed project. Please contact **Kitsie or Robert Miller** for more information @ **803-807-7380 (Robert)** or **803-463-6958 (Kitsie)**.

ARE YOU READY?? The Fall Festival is this **Saturday, October 21** from **10 am - 2 pm!!** This should be an active and energizing event for our church! Excitement is in the air and we hope to see you there! Remember to invite your family and friends!

Family Promise of the Midlands partners with congregations and others to provide shelter and solutions for families with children facing a housing crisis. Our week is coming up on **October 15**. Donations will be used to purchase gift cards for the families to buy food, supplies, and gas. You can give via the offering, church office, and online (onrealm.org). Please mark donations for "Family Promise."

Please note that we will have extra people on campus next week. They are with **Kairos Prison Ministry**. Through their ministry they have found that hearts are changed, prisons are less violent, recidivism rates are reduced, and communities are safer. Please visit their website at www.kairosministry.org.

Life Line Screening will be here on October 27, 2023. The screenings are regularly priced at \$149 to check for Carotid Artery Disease, Peripheral Arterial Disease, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, and Atrial Fibrillation. Please register and you will receive a special Community Circle price! Call toll free: **1-800-679-5191**, Online: LLSA.Social/HC or text the word **circle** to **216-279-1607**.

KEYS - Someone found a set of keys, about 10, out in the parking lot on the side of Building B. If they are yours, they are in the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sunday, October 22, 5:30 - 7 pm - Youth Group - "Deceased" Farms

Friday, October 27 - Lifeline Screening to register call **1-800-640-6307** or visit LLSA.Social/HC

Sunday, October 29 - Youth Group - Westminster Fall Festival

END OF OCTOBER - POINSETTIA SIGN UP SHEETS

November 5, 12 pm - First Sunday Fellowship Luncheon

November 5, 5:30 pm - Youth @ SOPC

November 12, 5:30 pm - Youth Nature Event at Julie and Ernie Bussells

November 18 - Presbyterian College Experience - Middle/Senior High

November 19 - 5:30 pm - Youth Thanksgiving Celebration

December 2, 2023 - Advent Adventure