

\*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.

Janice Holbrook

\*CHILDREN'S HYMN

"I Surrender All"

Verses 1 & 3

All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him  
In his presence daily live.

I surrender all, I surrender all;  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,  
Truly know that Thou art mine. [Refrain]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 24

MESSAGE

**Sermon Series: David's Broken Hallelujah:**  
David Spares Saul

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's 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**

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>

ANTHEM

"God of All Creation"  
Choir

Mark Stevens, Paul Iannuzzelli

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 # 69

"Here I Am, Lord"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

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**October 22, 2023**  
**21st Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11:00 am**

**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

Love Revolution

Elder Liz Harris

PRELUDE

"Precious Lord Take My Hand"

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton and Rev. Bruce Hurley

One: Let us trust in God and do good,

**All: So we can live in our communities in safety.**

One: Let us delight in our God,

**All: And gratefully receive the desires of our hearts.**

One: Let us commit our ways to God,

**All: Because when we trust, God acts.**

One: Let us be still before God,

**All: And wait patiently.**

One: Let us not envy those who do evil.

**All: Let us not act out of anger.**

One: Let us set aside revenge.

**All: Let us not fret.**

One: God illuminates the path of justice,

**All: So that we might follow in faith.**

One: God is our refuge in the time of trouble;

**All: Our helper, our rescuer, our savior. Let us Worship our Lord.**

\*HYMN # 839

"Blessed Assurance"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Bruce Hurley

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We are so easily pulled by those who would promise instant healing for all the world's woes. We want to be whole and happy, and we don't know what to do, so we pay attention to those voices that cry the loudest, whether they are voices of blame or promise. In our fearfulness, we love to place blame for all our woes on the shoulders of a few people. In our anguish, we seek instant answers from sources that are very unreliable. Lord, help us. Help us know that you are our Lord and you have provided much for us. You have given us abilities, and understanding, and ways in which we can be those who would bring peace and justice. Heal and restore our spirits, Lord. This we pray, Amen.**

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### Sunday, October 22

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

### Sunday, October 29

Counters: Melanie Mixon, Hal Bowman  
Usher: Guy San Fratello  
Greeters: Melanie Mixon  
Acolyte: Usher  
Children's Message: Mark Johnson  
Children's Corner: Marion W. Wishart

## STAFF

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

**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 22

9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages  
11:00 am - Worship  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Fall Festival Rain Date for Kids  
1:30 - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -  
Sanctuary, Nursery, & Room of Acts  
3:30 - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution - Pavilion  
7:30 pm - Youth - Cease Farms

#### Monday, October 23

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
1:00 pm - CANCELLED Care Givers Group  
7:00 pm - Troop 91 - Scout Hut  
7:30 pm - NANA  
8:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -  
Bldg. B Crossroads Classroom

#### Tuesday, October 24

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

#### Wednesday, October 25

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

#### Thursday, October 26

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
5:30 pm - Bookclub Meeting - Location TBA

#### Friday, October 27

6:45 am - Lanterns Men's Prayer Group  
8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
8:30 am - 5:30 pm - Lifeline Screening - Fellowship Hall  
7:30 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -  
Sanctuary, Nursery, & Room of Acts

#### Saturday, October 28

9 am - 4 pm - Troop 91 - Bldg B, Bldg A, Youth Room  
9:30 am - 11 am - Cuban Feminine Project - Fellowship  
Hall  
10 am - 1 pm - American Federation of Human Rights -  
Bldg B Upstairs

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

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## WELCOME

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

Please welcome Stephen Simmons whose is leading our choir for the next two Sundays. If you are interested in joining the choir, please come to practice on Wednesday, 6:30 to 8 pm.

**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!

**YOUTH TONIGHT will be going to Cease Farms!** Please meet us here at SOPC at 7:30 pm. Whoever just likes fall fun without being scared will go to the Cease Farm section and the older youth/adults who like to be scared will go to the Deceased Farms activities. Plan to come with us to this fun fall night!

**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 pm. Questions?? Contact Kitsie Miller. Meeting place TBA.

**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).

**Life Line Screening will be here on Friday, 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! I have 4 coupons in the office for anyone interested. Call toll free: 1-800-679-5191, Online: [LLSA.Social/HC](https://www.llsa.org) or text the word circle to 216-279-1607.

**A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Fall Festival this year!** From planning, to organizing, and being here to help! We are so amazed by all who worked tirelessly to benefit missions in our community! Now onto Advent Adventure on December 2!

**Confirmands will be going to Camp Fellowship** the weekend of November 10 - 11 for a confirmand retreat. Sign up now on the Camp Fellowship website. SOPC will pay half your fee! Julie and Ernie Bussells will be the chaperones. Winter Camp Fellowship will be December 1 - 2. Register now for this event.

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER INFO. MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 @ 10 am.**  
Thank you!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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 TBD

November 18 - Presbyterian College Experience - Middle/Senior High

November 19 - 5:30 pm - Youth Thanksgiving Celebration

December 2, 2023 - Advent Adventure