

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 16

MESSAGE

A God Who Is Working

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

OFFERING Offerings may be placed in the large wooden boxes with crosses at the main exit of the lobby.
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 # 610

"O, For a Thousand Tongues"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Luther/Tornquist



A special **Thank You** to our Veterans. Your love, service, and dedication to God and Country will never be forgotten. The flag is placed in the sanctuary today in your honor.



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
530 St. Andrews Road, Columbia, SC 29210
803-772-1761; Email: sopc@sopc.net

November 12, 2023
24th 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

Thornwell Offering

Elder Banks Robinson

PRELUDE

"America, The Beautiful"

Ward/Carter

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton and Bruce Hurley

One: Are you ready to worship?

All: We believe that we are.

One: Put away all those cares and worries that keep you from hearing God's word.

All: The cares and worries of the world have been put aside that we may be truly ready.

One: The Lord comes to you this day.

All: Thanks be to God for God's abiding presence and promise. AMEN.

*HYMN # 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Bruce Hurley

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace,

When you sent the stranger and the refugee, we closed our doors in fear and took refuge for ourselves. When you held out the beggar's hand, we clung to comfort and tightened our grip on money. When you told us to love our enemies, we forgot that all of mankind is created in your image.

[PAUSE FOR REFLECTION]

We confess that we are slow to accept responsibility.

Forgive us for giving into temptation and taking the easy way out. Open our eyes that we may participate in the work of your kingdom, To offer strength, hope, and hearth to those in need of it. In your name Jesus we pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mary Dempster

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.

HYMN # 647

"Give Thanks"

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*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Worship Assistants



Sunday, November 12

Counters: Hal Bowman, Sharon Staton
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeter: Melanie Mixon
 Acolyte: Abby Dempster
 Children's Message: Mary Dempster
 Children's Corner: Emalee Dillard

Sunday, November 19

Counters: John Carter, Hal Bowman
 Usher: Guy San Fratello
 Greeters: Elizabeth & Jim Taylor
 Acolyte:
 Children's Message: Janice Holbrook
 Children's Corner: Mary Dempster

THE STAFF OF SOPC

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

THIS WEEK AT SOPC

Sunday, November 12

9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages
 11 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
 5:30 pm - Youth - SOPC Bonfire

Monday, November 13

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 12 pm - Ladies Luncheon - Yummie Creations, 109 Old
 Chapin Rd., Lexington
 6:30 pm - Chairs Meeting
 7 pm - Troop 91 - Scout Hut
 7:30 pm - NANA
 8 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -Bldg. B Crossroads
 Classroom

Tuesday, November 14

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 10 am - Staff Meeting
 2 pm - Rachel Circle - Fellowship Classroom
 7 pm - Yoga
 7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, November 15

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 7:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, November 16

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

Friday, November 17

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, November 18

9 am - 5 pm - Mary Kay - Youth Room
 9:30 am - 11 am - Cuban Feminine Project - Fellowship Hall
 5 pm - 9 pm - Private Event - 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.**



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WELCOME

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.

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.

Church Flowers: If you would like to order fresh flowers for the sanctuary, please call the Church Office.



In our continued prayers...

Al Charles	Barbara Fowler
Joe Gause	Myrna Gause
Janet Jordan	Ira Leon
Annie Moffatt	Donna Moore
Jim Mullins	Barry Shatzer
Nancy Taber	Family of Wendy Wells
Tara and John Whitfield	Kirk Wirth
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 could always use more food and more servers! Please help us with this mission!



YOUTH TONIGHT will be here at SOPC!
 We will gather in the parking lot at the back of SOPC for a lesson on Gratitude. Please wear **CLOSED-TOED SHOES**, a coat, and any other warm weather gear.

Hotdogs, chips, drinks, and dessert are provided. This is going to be a fun night! Bring a friend!

The Ladies Luncheon will be tomorrow, **November 13th at noon at Yummie Creations, 109 Old Chapin Rd., Lexington.** If interested in attending please contact **Margaret Royals at 803-957-0430 or 803-608-1434, email: mroyals052@gmail.com.**

Hey kids, plan to join us for our Advent Adventure - And The Angels Said...on Saturday, December 2nd from 12-3 pm.

Lunch will be provided. Ages 4 years old - 5th grade. You can register with the QR code or online at www.sopc.net. Deadline is **November 27.**



DECORATE the Church The holidays will be upon us before you know it! We are looking for Sanctuary Angels who can come in to decorate the week of **November 27.** Please let **Pastor Jana** or the **Church Office** know if you can help out! Thank you!

Fellowship Sunday School Class Christmas Party will be at **Carol Griffith's home at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 7.**

Rachel Circle will be having their Christmas Luncheon at **Miyo's on Tuesday, December 12, at 12:30 pm.**

THORNWELL OFFERING: We will be collecting an offering next week for the Thornwell Children's Home. Thornwell serves to prevent child abuse and neglect, to build up and reunite families, and to support healthy communities in the name of Jesus Christ. Plain envelopes are available in the Narthex, or you can mark your check 'Thornwell'. Please give generously and thank you!

Stewardship 2024 - Please send in your Time & Talent Sheets and your Pledge Card for 2024 at your earliest convenience. You may leave them in the offering boxes or mail them to the Church Office. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 13, Noon - Ladies Luncheon - Yummie Creations
November 18 - Presbyterian College Experience - Middle/Senior High
November 19 - 5:30 pm - Westminster Presbyterian - Blessing Bags
November 23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING - OFFICE CLOSED
December 2 - 12 - 3 pm - Advent Adventure - And The Angels Said...
December 3- Hanging of the Greens Worship Service
December 3 - After worship- First Sunday Fellowship Luncheon
December 3 - 5:30 pm - Youth - SOPC
December 4 - MORE Justice
December 7 - Fellowship SS Class Christmas Party @ Carol Griffith's
December 10 - 5:30 pm - Youth - Mission Project
December 12 - Rachel Circle Christmas Luncheon @ Miyo's
December 17 - 6:30 pm - Prime Rib Dinner - Fellowship Hall

SESSION MEMBERS

* indicates chair

Clerk of Session: Polly Robinson

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Hal Bowman - Administration
 John Carter - Buildings & Grounds*

Class of 2025:

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

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