

Volunteers - Sunday, January 6

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Ushers: Shelagh Wirth, Bev Elbert, Daniel Perriero, Betty and Tom Shuler,

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Time With The Children: Michaela Craven

Children's Church: Sue Kesterson

Sound: Ken Watkins

Nursery: Amy Schwartz

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Counters: Tish Lowe, Melanie Mixon

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THIS WEEK AT SOPC

January 6 - Sunday

9:45am Sunday School*
11:00am Worship and Communion*

January 7 - Monday

10:30am Bible Study
4:00pm Congregational Care
5:15pm B&G, Missions

January 8 - Tuesday

11:00am Mary Martha Circle
11:00am Presbyterian Communities
2:30pm Rachel Circle
4:30pm PW CT
5:30pm Worship
6:30pm Ministry Chairs
7:15pm Fellowship

January 9 - Wednesday

10:00am Good News
12:15pm Chair YOGA
7:30pm Chancel Choir

January 10 - Thursday

10:30am Ruth Circle
6:30pm Hannah Circle

January 11 - Friday

6:45am Lanterns

January 13 - Sunday

9:45am Sunday School*
11:00am Worship Service*
12:00pm Cookies and Conversation
12:15pm Covenant Ringers
5:30pm Bootcamp and BBQ dinner



Sunday Worship Service January 6, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church.

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here In This Place

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Creighton

(Please sign the Friendship Register)

PRELUDE:

What Star Is This

Leatherman

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE LIGHT

Jerry Hillbush

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS:

Elder Melanie Mixon

One: Arise! Shine!

All: God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

One: Arise! Shine!

All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

One: Arise! Shine!

All: God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

One: Arise! Shine!

All: Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.

One: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us. Let us Worship the Lord!

*HYMN #150:

As With Gladness Men Of Old

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Isaiah 60:1-3*

One: Arise, shine: for your light has come.

All: O God, we live as if the light had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us.

One: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

All: We confess that we ignore the Christ you sent to be among us, to be in us.

One: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

All: We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his birth each moment in our waiting hearts.

One: And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

All: Lord, you came to us in the fullness of time. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to your coming. It's time that we prepare for your coming. Let the earth ring with song. Let the light break forth. Let us all rejoice in the miracle of love. Let Christ come into the fullness of our time. (A time for Silent Confession) In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Michaela Craven

ANTHEM:

See That Star
Chancel Choir

Judy Hunnicutt

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 60:1-6

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE:

"Unexpected Gifts"

Rev. Jana Creighton

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF THE STAR GIFTS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

OFFERTORY: *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

Children and Youth

Elder Melanie Mixon

arr. John Innes

*CONGREGATION RESPONSE #606:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SEALING OF THE WORD: The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us pray responsively together:

We have come asking for the child —

Wondering where that love might be born,

Seeking that joy that might satisfy our thirst,

Wandering through the darkness of so many mistakes.

We have come to this place where

Wise people and shepherds and young women met.

We have come to this place called Bethlehem.

To this place where our hearts rise like yeast.

To this place where we meet our newborn hope.

To this place where we taste our deepest joy.

In Bethlehem, where we assumed the worst,

Imagining that no good can come,

We somehow missed its name.

Bethlehem.

Lehem meaning bread.

Bethel meaning house.

There is something here that will satisfy our hunger.

No matter how long we have wandered,

Here our hearts arise. Our light has come.

In this bread and in this cup,

We celebrate something we can't quite understand.

Because God has made a house at this table.

Because God satisfies our hunger in the most unlikely places.

Because God comes to be with us.

Now and always. It is with this expectation that we come to the table to taste and see that God is here.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD **gluten free wafers are wrapped individually and labeled in the communion tray*

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #151:

We Three Kings of Orient Are

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:

Threefold Amen

*POSTLUDE:

Fugue

Jean Dandrieu

** Please stand in body or in spirit*

During the Welcome and Announcements

please pass the Friendship Books to record your presence here today. You are invited to greet each other with the love of Christ after worship.

Nursery: A nursery is available in building A for ages 0 - 3. If you have any questions please see anyone of our volunteers with an "ASK ME" badge.

Children's Worship: Every Sunday following "A Time with the Children", ages 4-4th grade can either choose to continue to worship with their families, or go to Children's Church. Please pick up children from Building "A". Worship Bags for wiggly children "or adults" ages 4-12 are hanging on the coat rack in the Narthex.

A Guest Reception Table is located in the Narthex. If you have any questions please see a volunteer with an "ASK ME" badge.

Hearing devices & large print hymnals are available. Please see an usher for assistance.

Worship CD's of services. Contact the office, ask a Sound System Volunteer in the balcony, or listen/download to podcast at www.sopc.net/sermons.

Music Notes: The prelude is a carol whose verse highlights the light of the star that leads the wise-men, and symbolizes Christ, the light of the world. The anthem calls us all to follow the light of the star to Jesus. *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* is built around the refrain, "O come to my heart Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee."

Epiphany Sunday: It is no accident that there are still Christmas decorations adorning our Sanctuary. After all, we still celebrate the 12 days of Christmas but more importantly we recognize the gift of Light that God gave us. Just as God gave the star to the Wise Men who were in search of Jesus, let us too receive and give the light of Jesus to others.

2019 Flowers: If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary please contact the church office at 772-1761. The cost is \$75. Jan. 27, Feb 3, 17, 24, March 24, 31 are some of the dates that are still available.

Bootcamp Kick Off: Please sign the attendance pad if you will be joining us for the Bar-B-Que next Sunday. Everyone is invited.

Missions Collections: Full sized toiletries. Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant etc. for Sharing God's Love, pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House & Box Tops for Education for SOES.

The Worship Committee is looking for men to join our Time With the Children team. A script is provided for you and your turn on the rotation should happen every three (3) months or so. Training is provided. This is a simple and easy way to share God's love with the children of our church. Please contact Janice Holbrook if interested.

Giving Envelopes: Please pick up your 2019 giving envelopes in the Narthex! Please contact Sharon Staton at sharon@sopc.net if you have any questions.



The tradition of Scouting and the Peace Light began in Austria in the late 1980's. Each year, a Scout from Upper Austria fetches the light - a live Eternal Flame - from the Grotto of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. The light is then transported to Vienna, Austria under the auspices of the International Scouting Movement.

During the weeks before Christmas, Scouts distribute the light to more than 30 European countries. On Nov. 28, 12-year old Scout Niklas Lehner from the "Silent Night" town in Austria was escorted to the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem by a Greek Orthodox priest where they lit the Light of Peace. Scouts and Guides then take the light on to other churches, hospitals, old people homes, prisons and places of public, cultural and political importance - to anybody that appreciates the significance of the gift. This light has traveled from Bethlehem to Austria, to New York, to Boston, then to Philadelphia, to Chattanooga, to Atlanta, to Greenville, SC and here to Columbia, SC.