

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF THE STAR WORDS

HYMN OF CELEBRATION

We Three Kings of Orient Are
(congregation joins on the refrain)

HYMN 151

**O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

As With Gladness, Men of Old

Wilbur Held

*CONGREGATION RESPONSE

**O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek your face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of your light to use.**

HYMN 152

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light of God
(the choir will first sing the Zulu text and congregation will join in singing the English text)

HYMN 853

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

O Hail This Brightest Day of Days

J. S. Bach

**Please stand in body or in spirit*



Epiphany: *noun*

1. A Christian festival, observed on January 6, commemorating the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles in the persons of the Magi; Twelfth-day.
2. An appearance or manifestation, especially of a deity.
3. A sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience.
4. A literary work or section of a work presenting, usually symbolically, such a moment of revelation and insight.

For the Christian Church, Epiphany is celebrated either the Sunday before or after January 6. Epiphany is a revelation of exactly what God desires to do for us, coming in the face in the manger, beginning His ministry in the world, in the Baptism and claiming of Jesus as God's Son and in the work now in our lives. Today we hear about ways God has broken through in history to draw us closer and as you receive your star word this morning, may it be a sign of the ways God desires to move in your life in 2020, with clarity and vision!



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Epiphany - January 12, 2020

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



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please pass and sign the Friendship Register)

Rev. Jana Creighton

PRELUDE

The Rocking Carol

Anna Laura Page

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

All: The light has shined on the nations who live in the shadow of death.

One: The true light that enlightens every person has come into the world. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

All: The Lord is our light and our salvation. We shall not be afraid. Let us worship the Lord.

Elder John Whitfield

*GATHERING HYMN

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

Hymn 152

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION (from Psalm 139)

Rev. Jana Creighton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, We confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus our light has come, Yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins And remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives. Illumine us by your Word So we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory (a time of silent confession). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Elder Judy Barnes

ANTHEM

The Jesus Gift
Chancel Choir

Gilbert Martin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 8:12

NT 94

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

OT 649

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

The Gift of Light

Rev. Jana Creighton

*HYMN OF REFLECTION

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

HYMN 662

*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.

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

Sunday Worship, January 12, 2020

Greeters: Hal Bowman, Suzy Bowman, Carol Griffith, Heather Noë

Ushers: Ron Kesterson, Frank Sheppard, Mark Wishart, Marion Watson-Wishart, Melanie Mixon, Ben Smith

Attendance: Anne Crook, Willie Hale, Martha Hallbick

Counters: Melanie Mixon, Sharon Staton, Mark Wishart

Time with the Children: Judy Barnes

Children's Church: Janice Reiser

Nursery: Amy Schwartz

Sound: Greg Mixon **Acolyte:** Finn Bundrick

Opening Church: John Whitfield

Liturgist: John Whitfield

Sunday Worship, January 19, 2020

Greeters: Jean Mandeville, Richard Brinkley, Sandra Johnson, Jim Wilhide

Ushers: Guy San Fratello, Judy Barnes, OB Drayton, Finn Creighton, Sandra Johnson, Pete Spearman, David Waugh

Attendance: Robert Miller, Sarah Drayton, Brenda Turner

Counters: Jack Noë, Monroe Swearingen

Time with the Children: Judy Barnes

Children's Church: Carol Griffith

Nursery: Amy Schwartz

Sound: Marty Hilyer **Acolyte:** Sydney Edwards

Opening Church: Richard Brinkley

Liturgist: Judy Barnes

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Frank Sheppard

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THIS WEEK AT SOPC

January 12, Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School*

11:00 am Worship Service*

12:15 pm Covenant Ringers

3:00-5:00 pm Reception for Pastor Alice

6:00 pm Chin Church Worship

January 13, Monday

7:00 pm NANA

January 14, Tuesday

9:00 am-2 pm Dept. of HE Meeting

10:00 am Mary Martha Circle

11:00 am Presbyterian Communities Circle

2:00 pm Rachel Circle

7:00 pm YOGA & NANA

January 15, Wednesday

5:00 Session Docket deadline

5:30 pm Koinonia

7:00 pm NANA

7:30 pm Choir Practice

January 16, Thursday

11:00 am Church Women's United Meeting

12:15 pm Chair Yoga

January 17, Friday

6:45 am Lanterns

January 18, Saturday

10:00 am Overeaters Anonymous

6:00 pm Chin Bible Study

January 19, Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School*

11:00 am Worship Service*

12:00 Youth Group

12:15 pm Covenant Ringers

6:00 pm Chin Church Worship

7:30 pm Chin Church Event

*Nursery is provided

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During the Welcome and Announcements, please pass and sign the Friendship Pads 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 any of our volunteers with an "ASK ME" badge.

Children's Worship: Every Sunday following "A Time with the Children", ages 3-3rd 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 ages 4-12 are hanging on the coat rack in the Narthex.

Guests are invited to stop by the Guest Table in the narthex. Please leave your information, when you take a goody bag, as a reminder of God's love. If you have questions please ask a volunteer with an "ASK ME" badge.

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.

Flowers: The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Barbara Fowler to the Glory of God and in remembrance of her marriage of 50 years this month and thanksgiving for her membership at Seven Oaks for 50 years.

Music Notes: Today's anthem reminds us that as the three wisemen brought gifts to the Christ Child, so we too can give the gift of our hearts to Jesus.

Missions Collections and Ministries: January's collection items are: full-size toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, and bars of soap. Please put in the black baskets in the Narthex or in the Missions closet by the first Sunday of the month. **Every day collections:** Pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Box Tops for Education for SOES.

The January **ladies luncheon** will be at The Peanut Man, 3905 Fernandina Rd., Columbia, at twelve noon on Monday, January 20. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals, 803-957-0430 or mroyals052@gmail.com.



In December, we fed 30 men at **Providence Men's Home**. On January 20, using a donation from the Rachel Circle, we will fix hamburger steaks, scalloped potatoes, a vegetable, dump cakes and ice cream. Cooking begins at 2 pm and serving at 5 pm. Anyone wishing to help, please contact Robert Miller.

Everyone will receive their new **Star Words** for the new year today during worship.



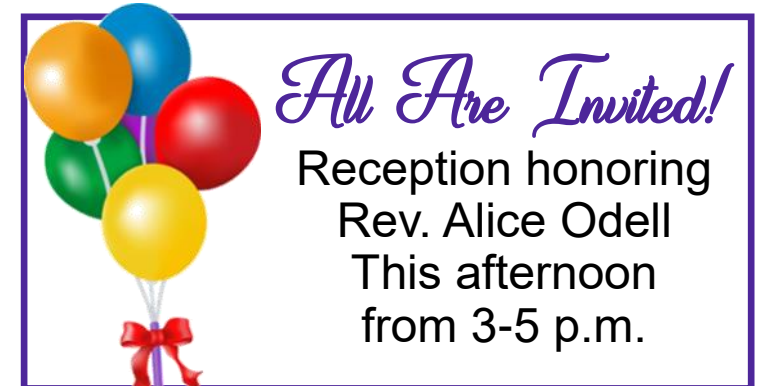
Koinonia, Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Volunteers: Banks Robinson's team, Polly Robinson, Julie Bussells, Jean Mandeville, Brenda Turner, Marsha and Kent Phillips, Ben Smith, Polly Robinson, Sharon Staton, Carol Griffith

Menu: Chicken, vegetable, salad, and dessert.

Please sign up on the pew pads or call the church office by Monday for your reservation so that we may plan efficiently and not waste food. Hope to see you there!

The Fellowship Ministry invites you to sign up for **Supper Club Meals** to be held February, March and April. One month you will select a date and place and coordinate with the participants on your month's rotation. The goal is to have each meal with different members. For questions and to sign up, visit the table in the narthex today or next Sunday, or call/email Molly Jackson at (803) 798-3750 or mollyjackson803@gmail.com. Please do so by Monday, January 20, 2020.



We hate to see Pastor Alice retire from Seven Oaks and want to honor her as she begins the next chapter of her life. Her Monday Morning Bible Study is sponsoring this reception and hopes that everyone will come and thank Alice for all her love given to us at Seven Oaks. She will truly be missed and we treasure all the good memories.



The **2020 Flower Calendar** is now in the narthex. Please sign up for flowers by **BOTH** signing beside the date you want **AND** taking an envelope.

Complete the information on the envelope and either put it in the offering plate or take it to the church office. Thank you for your willingness to place flowers in the sanctuary in 2020!



Shepherding News

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dave Allen, Tom Falls, Linda Floyd, Rafe Glymph, Ed Keelen, John McCulloch, Christal McTier, Dick and Barbara Schneider