

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Creighton

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Your are invited to turn to the person next to you or on the screen, put both hands together on your heart than extend your open hands to them. While you do this, you look them in the eye and say "Peace be with you" to the person you are speaking to (silent peace is acceptable as well)! As the person echoes that gesture back to you, you then bring your hands back to your heart again and sightly bow your head, essentially receiving the gift with gratitude.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:1-6

MESSAGE

Do you hear what I hear?

OFFERING

Text Sevenoaks to 73256 or use the SOPC website with this link: <https://onrealm.org/SevenOaksPresby/-/give/now>
Special PW Thank Offering

SPECIAL MUSIC

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence John Innes
Piano and Organ Duet

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER CP Janna Simon

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 AND THE TAKING OF THE VINE

*Individually wrapped Gluten Free wafers are available in the baskets where you receive your elements. Please raise your hand for an elder to assist you.

CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 144 *In the Bleak Midwinter* Rossetti/Holst

**In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan;
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.**

**Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.**

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Creighton

POSTLUDE

Zion Hears the Watchman's Voices David Cherwien



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 5, 2021
11:00 am
2nd Sunday of Advent

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

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

Providence Men's Home Elder Tara Whitfield

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS (Isaiah 40)

Rev. Jana Creighton and CP Janna Simon

One: A voice cries out in the wilderness:
All: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"
One: Make God's paths straight.
All: Every valley will be filled, and every mountain will be leveled.
One: The crooked will be made straight.
All: The rough and rocky ways will be smoothed.
One: All will see the salvation of God.
All: See the light from on high.
One: The dawn is breaking.
All: The Lord is coming! The Lord is coming!

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Malachi 3:1-4 Mark and Emalee Dillard and grandchildren

HYMN 314

Christ Be Our Light Farrell

Choir:
Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

**All:
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

*CALL TO CONFESSION

CP Janna Simon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: O Lord, darkness surrounds us like a cold stone tomb,
All: until your light bursts into our lives like a clear, bright dawn.
One: We cover our eyes, we're so unprepared for your coming.
All: Your light blazes forth like a white-hot fire, consuming all that it touches.
One: How can we stand before you, Lord?
All: The road that we thought was straight and wide is now exposed as a twisted, crooked path, blocked by a mountain of sin.
One: Where can we turn?
All: Who will guide us back to the way of peace—the way that leads to you? Lead us Lord, this Advent Season, Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Elder Melanie Mixon

We invite children ages 4k - 4th grade to sit in the "Children's Corner" after the "Time with the Children." Adults will be sitting with children, and age appropriate activities will be provided for children that go along with worship. Parents will pick up their children after the service.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Sunday Worship, December 5, 2021

Counters: Mark Dillard and Carol Griffith
Usher: Mary Johnson
Greeters: Sue Kesterson and Marion Watson-Wishart
Acolyte: No Acolyte
Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson

Next Sunday, December 12, 2021

Counters: Richard Brinkley and Ron Kesterson
Usher: Ron Kesterson
Greeters: Tara Whitfield and John Whitfield
Acolyte: Eli Bundrick
Children's Message: Judy Barnes
Children's Corner: Marion Watson-Wishart

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Class of 2022:

Carol Griffith- Fellowship
Ed Keelen- Worship*
Mark Pilkington - Christian Education
Sharon Staton - Christian Education*
Jim Taylor - Missions*

Class of 2023:

Karan Bundrick - Worship
Mark Dillard - Congregational Care*
Banks Robinson - Fellowship*
Mark Wishart - Fellowship

Class of 2024:

Hal Bowman - Administration*
Richard Brinkley - Administration
Guy San Fratello - Buildings & Grounds*

Trustees: Frank Sheppard, Jim Wilhide, Sue Kesterson

Treasurer: Hal Bowman

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, December 5, 2021

9:30 am - Brewing Faith SS Class in-person or zoom
9:30 am - Youth Confirmation Class
9:45 am - Fellowship SS Class-in-person
10:00 am - Children and Youth Sunday School Classes
11:00 am - Worship Service
11:20 am - Liberty Worship Service - Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm - Emmanuel Baptist Fellowship - Fellowship Hall
3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution
6:00 pm - Chin Church

Monday, December 6, 2021

12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga
6:30 pm - Chairs Meeting

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

9:30 am - Staff meeting

Thursday, December 9, 2021

6:30 pm - Hannah Circle

Friday, December 10, 2021

6:45 am: Lanterns (in person)

Saturday, December 11, 2021

10:30 am - 1:00 pm: Advent Adventure for kids

Office Hours:

Monday- Wednesday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

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

If you have information to be included in the weekly bulletin or newsletter, please have your information to the church office (sopc@sopc.net) no later than 10:00 am Tuesday the week of publication. Thank you!

Announcements

Hearing impaired equipment available: Please ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery: A nursery is available in Building A during Sunday School and Worship for ages 0 - 4. If you have any questions please see any of our volunteers with a name badge in the Narthex.

Worship bags: Parents can pick up worship bags in the Children's Corner before the worship service, for ages 2- 5th grades. (sanctuary near the restrooms).

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.

Flowers: The beautiful silk flower arrangements in the sanctuary today were donated for use when the church does not have fresh flowers.

* Notify the church office or signup in the Narthex to honor or remember someone either with a flower purchase or donation. For details, please call the church office.

Music Notes: Our prelude is based on Charles Wesley's hymn reminding us Jesus came to set us free from our fears and sins, and we can find our rest in Him. Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence is one of the oldest carols that is still in use today. It was thought to have originated in the Church at Jerusalem, perhaps by James, the brother of Jesus. This great hymn draws on Isaiah 6 and Revelation 4. It calls on us to consider the mystery of the Incarnation. The postlude is based on Wachet Auf, an Advent hymn calling us to be prepared and to keep watch for our Savior's arrival.

COVID PROTOCOLS

1. We will remain in person for worship and events IF you are wearing a mask. If you decide not to wear a mask, please do not attend.
2. If you feel uncomfortable attending in person, please join us on Zoom or YouTube.
3. Please wear your mask securely around your mouth and nose, particularly when singing.
4. We encourage you to socially distance as we worship with those who are not your family.

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Announcements

- **Thanks Offering:** Today we are receiving a special offering hosted by Presbyterian Women. See the insert for more information about how the funds for this offering are used.
- **Providence Men's Home:** SOPC will provide Christmas gifts for the men of Providence Home again this holiday season. Let's bring a little joy to these men by letting them know we care. Please stop by the Providence Home table in the narthex during Advent to see how you can help. Thank you!
- **Children's Advent Adventure: DATE CHANGE:** December 11, 2021, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm join in the Journey to Bethlehem! SOPC Children, grandchildren and their friends ages 4 years - 5th grade are invited to this year's Advent Adventure. Children age 3 may attend if accompanied by an adult. Light lunch provided. Please RSVP before December 8th to Kathy Keane at 803-467-4224 or kathygkeane@gmail.com
- **Youth:** December 9, 2021, 6:00 -7:00 pm Adults, Youth and children (and parents) are invited to meet at Wal-Mart on Harbison, inside the building for our annual Christmas shopping trip for William S. Hall. We are purchasing for 20 children under psychiatric care. We have a good start on purchases but will have a list for each group to divide and obtain. Donations of \$20 are welcome as you are able. Dinner afterwards at Blaze Pizza across the street. We hope you can come and spread the cheer!
- **Advent Devotional Books:** Advent devotional books are available for pickup in the Narthex.
- **Ladies Luncheon:** The next luncheon will be on December 13, 2021 at 12:00 pm at Travinia Italian Kitchen, 5074 Sunset Blvd, Lexington. If you are going, please notify Margaret Royals at 803-957-0430 or mroyals052@gmail.com
- **Clothes Closet:** Wire hangers are needed for the warm clothes closet. If you have any, please place them in the black baskets in the Narthex or bring by the church office during office hours.
- **Love Revolution:** Join us on Sundays as we provide love and hope to our community, by providing food, clothing and fellowship to anyone who would like to come. You can help in this mission with your presence and/or by bringing food to help our neighbors, our homeless, our elderly, our lonely and our friends!

In our continued prayers...

Edith Blanchett Nan Foster Joe Gause
Al Charles Linda Floyd Morganelli family
Jo Groce Ed Keelen Donna Moore
Alene Rogers Tara Whitfield Patricia Williams
Charlene Carter Pat Robosky Tom Lowe
Marilyn O'Mellan
The Burma Community
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (missionaries)
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz

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