

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14; John 1:1-14

MESSAGE

Dancing in the Light

OFFERING

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SPECIAL MUSIC

This Great Day (March of the Kings)

arr. Hugh Livingston

SEALING OF THE WORD: The Eucharist

COMMUNION

Rev. Jana Creighton and Elder Janna Simon

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 pray responsively together: We have come asking for the child —

All: Wondering where that love might be born,

One: Seeking that joy that might satisfy our thirst,

All: Wandering through the darkness of so many mistakes.

One: We have come to this place where

All: Wise people and shepherds and young women met.

One: We have come to this place called Bethlehem.

All: To this place where our hearts rise like yeast.

One: To this place where we meet our newborn hope.

All: To this place where we taste our deepest joy.

One: In Bethlehem, where we assumed the worst,

All: Imagining that no good can come,

One: We somehow missed its name.

All: Bethlehem.

One: Lehem meaning bread.

All: Bethel meaning house.

One: There is something here that will satisfy our hunger.

All: No matter how long we have wandered,

One: Here our hearts arise. Our light has come.

All: In this bread and in this cup,

One: We celebrate something we can't quite understand.

All: Because God has made a house at this table.

One: Because God satisfies our hunger in the most unlikely places.

All: Because God comes to be with us.

One: 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.

HYMN 150

As with Gladness Men of Old

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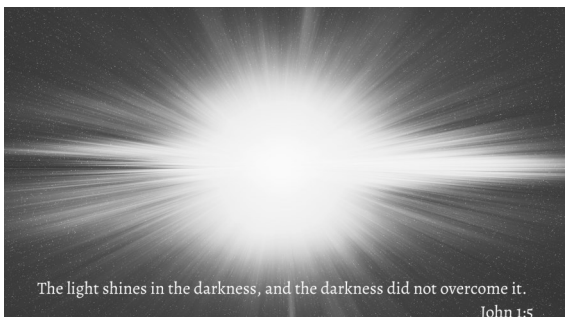
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Creighton

POSTLUDE

O Thou of God the Father

J.S. Bach



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**January 2, 2022
11:00 am
2nd Sunday of Christmas**

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

PRELUDE

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

James Southbridge

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Creighton

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

SOPC Youth

*HYMN 152

What Star is This, with Beams So Bright

Coffin

(Lyrics are located on the insert in your bulletin)

*CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Elder Sue Kesterson

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.

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE LIGHT

Scout Troop 91

One: Worldwide community and international friendship are of special concern to Scouts and believers alike.

The Peace we seek will only become a reality, as soon as each individual has their own peace, shares it with their community, then nation, and then world.

All: The chain of lights is not only a symbol for actively lived charity but also frankness, warmth and family. By passing on the Peace Light from Bethlehem we want to help to overcome the darkness caused by hate, materialism and selfishness.

One: The light is given from one person to another as a symbolic gift with reference to the meaning of Christmas and the wish for peace and forgiveness among all human beings.

All: This light from Bethlehem has traveled far reminding us of the light which came to a dark and fearful world when He who is the Light of the World was born. It is our prayer that this light and all those lit from it will be a sign of hope and joy in our land, in cities, towns and villages. Receive this light, now as a sign of your willingness to be channels of peace, by our words and actions.

One: The peace light is a living flame and a gift for you to use with hope for peace on Earth. It is...

All: A light for Peace, A light for Fellowship, A light for those who help others, A light for the Needy. Amen.

HYMN 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Spiritual

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Sunday Worship, January 2, 2022

Counters: Melanie Mixon and Elizabeth Taylor
Usher: Mary Johnson
Greeters: Elizabeth Taylor and Jim Taylor
Children's Message: Sue Kesterson
Children's Corner: Emalee Dillard

Next Sunday, January 9, 2021

Counters: Jim Taylor and Mark Wishart
Usher: Ron Kesterson
Greeters: Janice Reiser and Dallene Smith
Children's Message: Julie Bussells
Children's Corner: Dallene Smith

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Carol Griffith- Fellowship
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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

Happy New Year!!!

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, January 2, 2022

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
3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution Christmas meal
6:00 pm - Chin Church

Monday, January 3, 2022

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

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

9:30 am - Staff meeting

Thursday, January 6, 2022 Epiphany

6:00 pm - Youth Bible Study

Friday, January 7, 2022

6:45 am: Lanterns (in person)

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!

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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 3 - 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: The prelude is based on a 19th century carol that celebrates the coming of the Lord, the living word that set God's people free. The carol's refrain is, "O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee." This Great Day is derived from a 13th century French carol about the Three Kings of the Christmas story.

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.



Announcements

- **Youth:** Come and bring a friend on January 6, 2022 at 6:00 pm for Youth Bible Study at SOPC. This will also be a planning meeting for the youth, parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- **Star Word:** "Bearing Gifts, we traverse afar..." As we remember the arrival of the wisemen on Epiphany (January 6, 2022), we chose a star word to remind us that while the wisemen took gifts to the baby Jesus, they also received the gift of Jesus, of God's Love and His Redeeming Sacrifice. Our hope is that you will pause and reflect on the gifts of God in your own life and that this word will guide and encourage you throughout 2022. You may pick up a star in the sanctuary today, in the office during office hours, or go online to pick a star word at: <https://revgalblogpals.files.wordpress.com/2017/12/star-words-for-epiphany.pdf>
- **Blessing box:** Our blessing box is blessing our community, but we can't do it without your help! Please bring non-perishable food items to continue the blessings! You may place items in the black baskets in the Narthex or you may drop off items in the church office.
- **Ladies Luncheon:** The Ladies Luncheon will be January 17, 2022 at Noon at the Olive Garden, 274 Harbison Blvd., Columbia. Looking forward to seeing all of you. Please contact Margaret Royals at 803-957-0430 or mroyals052@gmail.com if attending.
- **JAMA and Youth Families:** January 23, 2022, 2:00 - 5:00 pm, excursion to Riverbanks Zoo. More information coming soon. Families will meet near the parking lot stairs in front of admissions on the animal side of the zoo.
- **Clothes Closet:** Donations needed of warm Socks, gently used large men's shoes, men and women's underwear, thick gloves, adult toothbrushes and handwarmers. Please drop off in the baskets on Sunday mornings or in the office during regular office hours.
- **Love Revolution:** Every Sunday from 3:30 - 5:30 pm The Love Revolution provides food, love and hope to our community along with fellowship to anyone who would like to come. Bring a dish or a smile to share God's love.

In our continued prayers...

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| Edith Blanchett | Nan Foster | Joe Gause |
| Al Charles | Linda Floyd | Tom Lowe |
| Jo Groce | Ed Keelen | Tara Whitfield |
| Patricia Williams | Charlene Carter | Pat Robosky |
| Sue Kesterson | | |

Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (missionaries)
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz

If you would like someone to be added to the prayer list please call or email the church office.