

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 22:1-6; Ephesians 6:1-4, 10-18

MESSAGE

Coming Home: Meet the Parents

*LITANY READING

One: What has God promised?

All: To always be with us.

One: What are we called to do?

All: To shout and sing God's praises, God's faithful love for us.

Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

One: Life is tough these days.

All: But God is with us.

One: Storms and terrors threaten us at every turn. Who will protect us?

All: God will protect us, as God promised.

Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

One: Who gives us the courage to stand in the face of tribulation?

All: Jesus Christ has given the witness by the gift of his own life.

One: What bond is there for us?

All: It is the bond of Christ's own love, the gift of his own self for our lives.

Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

One: No matter what armor we need, God will provide.

All: Hallelujah! Amen.

One: We will rest in the Savior and place our hope in him alone!

All: Hallelujah! Amen.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

**OFFERING

Offerings may be placed in the large wooden boxes with crosses at the main exit of the narthex/lobby

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder 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.

*HYMN 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Turner/Copes

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call.

Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Creighton

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Ushers will bring you the annual report, please be patient as they are distributed.

Visitors, while we love your presence in this place, feel free to leave after the benediction, as we will have an annual meeting of the congregation directly following the worship service.

POSTLUDE

Divertissement

Gordon Young



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 30, 2022

11:00 am

4th Sunday after Epiphany

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

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

Dr. Lloyd Pilkington

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Creighton

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MORE Justice

Elder Polly Robinson

PRELUDE

Partita on "Blessed Name"

Mary McDonald

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Creighton and Elder Janna Simon

One: How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!

All: The refreshing springs of God's love clean and restore us.

One: There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away. Come to the Font.

All: The least and the lost; the homeless and hopeless are always welcome in God's house.

One: Praise to God who invites and shelters us all. We are all invited to come to the font this day.

All: Praise to God who heals and sends us forth to serve. Praise God! AMEN.

*HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robinson

(Please hum)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord, we are a culture that wants quick, easy answers to life's problems. We want to open the Bible, pick a scripture and have all difficulties eased. It's difficult to acknowledge that discipleship requires patience and perseverance. Jesus's own disciples struggled with his teachings and this understanding. We are no different. Help us to live into the commitment we make in discipleship, in leading one another to Christ and in teaching our children about God's love. Push us in ministry to do more than we ever thought possible, to shine your light and to go the extra mile to serve you in our relationships. In Your Holy Name, Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

BAPTISM OF HENRY LEVI GIVENS

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.

HYMN 401

Here in This Place

Haugen

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;

See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;

Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Sunday Worship, January 30, 2022

Counters: Richard Brinkley and Carol Griffith
Usher: Guy San Fratello
Greeters: Sue Kesterson and Marion Watson-Wishart
Acolyte: Abby Dempster
Children's Corner: Mary Dempster

Next Sunday, February 6, 2022

Counters: Ron Kesterson and Mary Johnson
Usher: Mary Johnson
Greeters: Hal Bowman and Kathy Keane
Children's Message: Mark Johnson
Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson

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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

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, January 30, 2022

9:30 am - Roads to 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
6:00 pm - Chin Church

Monday, January 31, 2022

12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

9:30 am - Staff meeting

Thursday, February 3, 2022

6:00 pm - Youth Bible Study

Friday, February 4, 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!

In our continued prayers...

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

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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: Blessed Name is the hymntune for a great hymn written by Ralph Hudson. This hymn combines lyrics from Wesley's O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing with the repeating refrain "Blessed be the Name of the Lord". The postlude is written in the form of a gigue, with a joyous, energizing rhythm.

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.
4. Worship Service length is being shortened and hymns will be played, but not sung.
5. We ask you to socially distance as we worship with those who are not your family.

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Announcements

- **Annual Congregational Meeting:** Today after the worship service there will be an annual congregational meeting to discuss the annual report and for the purpose of electing 3 members to be on the nominating committee for a new class of elders. We hope you will stay after the worship service this day to participate (in person or on zoom),
- **Youth:** Come and bring a friend on February 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm for Youth Bible Study at SOPC.
- **MORE Justice:** Visit the table in the Narthex and choose who you will invite to the Nehemiah Action. February 8th at 6:30 pm Network members will participate in a zoom meeting. Pray regarding your financial commitment to MORE Justice. Then on February 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm, MORE Justice leaders will meet via zoom for a Network meeting (zoom link coming soon).
- **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.
- **Family Promise:** SAVE THE DATE! February 20-26. SOPC will support 3 families experiencing homelessness by providing meals, rent assistance and donations of \$25 gift cards for supplies, gas and groceries. Please contact Tish Lowe to volunteer to provide meals; donate to the church for purchase of gift cards (designate gift for "Family Promise").



• **ReShape:** On January 5, 2022, a ReShape Discernment Event was attended by Small Group Leaders and the Coordination Team. In attendance were Fred Holbrook, Hal Bowman, Frank Shepherd, Banks Robinson, Elizabeth Taylor, Jana Creighton, Ed Keelen (Zoom), Tish Lowe (Zoom), Judy Barnes, Mark Dillard, Melanie Mixon, Ben Smith and Robin Sandbothe (Pinnacle Coach, Zoom). After sharing a meal together in the Fellowship Hall the group moved to the Session Room for a presentation of a report of the consolidated data harvested from eight weeks of small group input. The purpose of the meeting with the Small Group Leaders was to ensure that each Small Group Leader had an opportunity to review the data and give feedback that the information captured in the report accurately reflected the input from each small group. There was meaningful discussion regarding the ReShape experience and what the group sees as exciting, inspiring, insightful. Now, with God as our guide, the real discernment process has begun.

The Coordination Team is now meeting weekly to create a Ministry Guide from all the consolidated small group information to submit to the Session as a recommended path forward for SOPC. Team Members have been asked to set aside time for meditation, prayer and study of the data as each portion of the Guide is created. This week the group considered the "preamble" of the Guide. The work submitted from individual members of the Coordination Team was heartfelt, inspired and inspiring. Please continue to be in prayer for ReShape, the Coordination Team, the staff, the Session, membership of SOPC and our community as we walk this walk together.