

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
John 1: 29-42
2 Chronicles 7: 13-15

Elder Fred Holbrook

MESSAGE

New Year, New You
Add, Mix, Bake, and Share

*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

OFFERING Offerings may be placed in the large wooden boxes with crosses at the main exit of the lobby.
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OFFERTORY

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

arr. Lani Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder Fred Holbrook

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 # 136

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and every where. go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While Shepherds kept their watching over silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

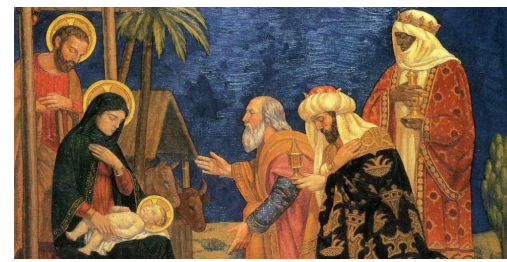
POSTLUDE

Fanfare: From Heaven Above

Fenton Groden

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SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 15, 2023

11:00 am

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

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

PRELUDE

Praising the Almighty

Edward Broughton

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Fred Holbrook

One: Listen up, people of God!

All: God has given us work to do, prayers to pray, love to share!

One: God has called each of us before we were even born.

All: It was God who named us. It is God who claims us.

One: The light of God's love shines in us.

All: Let's shine God's love into all the world!

*HYMN: # 111

From Heaven Above

From heaven above to earth I come to bring good news to everyone! Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all the world, and gladly sing:

To you this night is born a child of Mary, chosen virgin mild: this newborn child of lowly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.

This is the Christ, God's Son most high, who hears your sad and bitter cry; he will himself your Savior be and from all sin will set you free.

My heart for very joy now leaps, my voice no longer silence keeps; I too must sing with joyful tongue the sweetest ancient cradle song.

Glory to God in highest heaven, who unto us the Christ has given. With angels sing the Savior's birth, a glad new year to all the earth.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Fred Holbrook

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, you call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner; you call us to be your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work; you put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words; you show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away. Put your song on our lips and in our hearts, and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in you. Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is faithful and ever-present, knows us before our birth, loves us still and strengthens us. Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy. Enter into the light!

HYMN # 137

He Came Down

He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Julie Bussells

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

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Sunday, January 15

Counters: Mark Dillard, Carol Griffith
Usher: Guy San Fratello
Greeters: Sue Kesterson, Hal Bowman
Acolyte: Kaelin Pilkington
Children's Message: Julie Bussells
Children's Corner: Melanie Mixon

Next Sunday, January 22

Counters: Ron Kesterson, Mary Johnson
Usher: Fred Holbrook
Greeters: Robert Miller, Kitsie Miller
Acolyte: Eli Bundrick
Children's Message: Jenny Fogle
Children's Corner: Julie Bussells

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Class of 2023:

Karan Bundrick - Worship

Mark Dillard - Congregational Care*

Banks Robinson - Fellowship*

Mark Wishart - Fellowship

Class of 2024:

Hal Bowman - Administration

Richard Brinkley - Buildings & Grounds

Guy San Fratello - Buildings & Grounds*

Class of 2025:

Fred Holbrook - Administration*

Ed Keelen - Christian Education*

Sharon Staton - Missions*

Sharon Watkins - Worship*

Trustees: Jim Wilhide, Sue Kesterson, Frank Sheppard

Treasurer: Hal Bowman

Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW) -

Mary Johnson

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, January 15, 2023

9:45 am - Adult SS Classes
9:45 - Children/Youth SS Classes
3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution
5:30 pm Youth - Westminster

Monday, January 16, 2023

10:00 am - Care Givers Informational Meeting
6:30 pm - Chairs Meeting
7:30 pm - NANA

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

9:30 am - Staff meeting
7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

8:00 am - SC Manufacturing Housing - FH
5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion
7:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, January 19, 2023

2 pm - Care Givers Informational Meeting

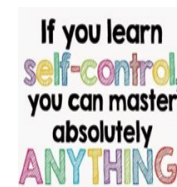
Friday, January 20, 2023

6:45 am - Lanterns

Saturday, January 21, 2023

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 it to the church office (sopc@sopc.net) no later than 10:00 am Tuesday the week of publication. Thank you!



January
Word of the Month
Self Control

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Welcome!

Masked and Socially distanced seating: There are two pews marked as reserved in the sanctuary to the far right front close to the side exit for those preferring masking and social distancing. If you need assistance please ask an usher. Masks are available in narthex/lobby.

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.

Hearing impaired equipment available in the narthex. 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).

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

Music Notes: The special music combines the hymntune most often sung to Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee, with Isaac Watt's text inviting God's love to fill our hearts. The opening verse of Watt's hymn is, Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove, with all Thy quickening powers. Kindle a flame of sacred love in these still hearts of ours.

Annual Congregation Meeting is Sunday, January 29, immediately following the worship service. Join us after worship for a fried chicken lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

In our continued prayers...

Dave Allen Sam Allen
John Anderson Edith Blanchett
Al Charles Joe Gause
Myrna Gause Jo Groce
Nealy Jordan Ed Keelen
Jim Mullins Rebecca Taylor
Patricia Williams Kirk Wirth
Tara and John Whitfield
Our Ukraine Family
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (missionaries)
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz

If you would like someone to be added to the prayer list please contact the church office.

Announcements

Please let us know you are here today by scanning the QR code using your phones camera and include your name and those who attended with you in the link.



Love Revolution: SOPC hosts today..

You are invited to bring a dish and come from 3:30 - 5:30 pm for fellowship & to serve our neighbors in Christ. We need you!!!

Youth: Will gather at Westminster @ 5:30 pm. Dinner, fellowship and cards for shut ins. Youth are collecting magazines & newspapers, if you can help, please bring them to the narthex or church office.

ReShape - Ed Keelen announced last Sunday that he is infected!! Fortunately, not with COVID, but instead with excitement over Reshape! He prays that his excitement will "rub off" on all of our members, and encouraged us to read p. 8 of our Ministry Guide to see where we can "plug in." Copies of the Ministry Guide may be obtained by calling the church office.

Sharing God's Love: Please bring any of the following items: Grocery Bags, Grits, Oatmeal, Pancake Syrup, Jelly, Ravioli, SpaghettiOs (Lunch Can), Elbow Pasta, and Pasta sauce. Please leave them in the Missions' closet or in the black baskets in the Narthex! THANK YOU!!!

Ladies Luncheon tomorrow, January 16th will be at the Bonefish Grill, 1260 Bower Parkway. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals, mroyals952@gmail.com, or 803-957-0430

Presbyterian Women are taking nominations for the 2023 Honorary Life Membership, if you want to nominate someone please send their name and bio to the church office no later than January 31.

New Year, New You: Our January sermon series is for all who wish to begin the New Year with a renewed focus on walking with God. No matter where we are in our faith life, our intentional new year's resolutions will provide a footing for growing and learning to run the 'good race'. No matter if you are new to the faith, struggling in faith, questioning God or feeling alone during this season of life, this sermon series is for you. Come be a part of a faith body studying to walk faithfully with God in the year 2023!

Star Words If you didn't get your star word last week and would like one, they are in the narthex today.

Care Givers - Do you want to talk? Do you need spiritual support? Come to the meeting on either Monday, January 16 or Thursday, January 19 to receive information on a possible Care Givers Support Group. Meet in Fellowship Classroom either day.

Clothes Closet - There will be a training event Sunday, January 22 for anyone who wishes to help out in the Clothes Closet on Sundays during Love Revolution. Please meet in the Clothes Closet @ 3 pm, Bldg B, 1st room on your right from the courtyard.