

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9: 1-4
Matthew 4: 12-23

MESSAGE

New Year, New You
Remembering to Remember

*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

O Worship the King

arr. Forrest/Wagner

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 # 735

I Need Thee

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain: I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee! O bless me now, my Savior I come to thee.

I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby; temptations lose their power when thou are nigh. Refrain.

I need thee every hour; teach me thy will, and thy rich promises in me fulfil. Refrain

I need thee every hour. Most Holy One, O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. Refrain

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE

Triumphant Voluntary

James Mansfield



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 22, 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

Immortal, Invisible

Gerald Peterson

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Janna Simon

One: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

All: Why should we be afraid?

One: The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

All: What have we to fear?

One: Let us shout with joy to God!

All: Let us sing and make music before our God.

*HYMN: # 138

Who Would Think

Who would think that what was needed to transform and save the earth might not be a plan or army, proud in purpose, proved in worth? Who would think, despite derision, that a child should lead the way

Refrain: God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.

**Shepherds watch and wise men wonder; monarchs scorn and angels sing; such a place as none would reckon hosts a holy helpless thing. Stable beast and bypassed strangers watch a baby laid in hay:
Refrain**

Centuries of skill and science span the past from which we move, yet experience questions whether, with such progress, we improve. While the human lot we ponder, lest our hopes and humor fray, Refrain

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light, we live in the darkness; worried about our lives, concerned for our health, fearful that we are lost from you. The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us: our unwillingness to forgive, our fears of one another, our reluctance to share what we have, our divisions and quarrels. We long to turn from the dark and live in the light. Shine the light of your love upon us and transform us with your love, that your promised realm may draw near. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The light of God's love shines into the dark places of our world, healing its brokenness, and bringing hope to places of despair. The light of God's love makes us a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

*THE PASSING THE PEACE

(You are invited to turn towards your neighbor and make a heart sign to those around you saying, The light of Christ in me, sees the light of Christ in you.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Mary Dempster

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.

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.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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Sunday, January 22

Counters: Ron Kesterson, Mary Johnson
Usher: Fred Holbrook
Greeters: Robert Miller, Stephanie Sampson
Acolyte: Eli Bundrick
Children's Message: Mary Dempster
Children's Corner: Julie Bussells

Next Sunday, January 29

Counters: Banks Robinson, Polly Robinson
Usher: Shelagh Wirth
Greeters: Janice Reiser, Jeanne LeBoeuf
Acolyte: Mia Freeman
Children's Message: Judy Barnes
Children's Corner: Mary Dempster

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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 22, 2023
9:45 am - Adult SS Classes
9:45 - Children/Youth SS Classes
3:00 pm - Training - Clothes Closet
3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution
5:30 pm Youth - Westminster

Monday, January 23, 2023
6:30 pm - Session Meeting
7:30 pm - NANA

Tuesday, January 24, 2023
9:30 am - Staff meeting
7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, January 25, 2023
5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion
7:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, January 26, 2023
5:00 pm - Tracey Wilkes, Youth Room

Friday, January 27, 2023
6:45 am - Lanterns

Saturday, January 28, 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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4 WAYS TO GIVE!

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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. As Covid numbers are on the rise, we encourage you to wear a mask during worship.

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 prelude, offertory and postlude for today's worship give praise to the God, who as the psalmist declares, is our light, is our salvation, and is the strength of our lives (Ps. 27:1).

Annual Congregation Meeting is Sunday, January 29, immediately following the worship service. Join us after the meeting for a fried chicken lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Visitors are welcome to attend both the meeting and the lunch.

In our continued prayers...

Dave Allen	Rich 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 McGregor @ 5:30 pm. Digging in the dirt, dinner, fellowship and fun. Youth are collecting magazines & newspapers, if you can help, please bring them to the narthex or church office.

ReShape - The repurposed Chairs Team met last Monday to initiate their new agenda. We start the meeting with ReShape recommendations and discuss which ones should be taken to the Session. At this meeting, we discussed a new format for reporting our actions that includes due dates., and finalized the Sesion realignment

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!!!

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!

Clothes Closet - There will be a training event today, 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.

The Backpack Program needs plastic bags!!! Please bring them to the Fellowship Hall or put in the black baskets in the narthex. Thank you!!!

Small Groups will start up again in February. Watch your email for more information and sign up dates.

MORE Justice Network meeting @ Lady of Our Hills, Monday, February 6 @ 6:30 pm. We need all of you there!!!