

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:8-11
Esther 4:16
Matthew 5:1-12

Rev. Barry Shatzer

MESSAGE

New Year, New You
Habits of Disengagement

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

*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

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

arr. John Behnke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Barry Shatzer

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 # 835

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Refrain

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Refrain.

When my feeble life is over, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely over to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. Refrain.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please remain for the Annual Congregational Meeting and then join us for a free lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Visitors, while we love your presence in this place, feel free to leave after the benediction, and head to the Fellowship Hall for the meal, the congregation will meet you there.

Nominating Committee will meet in the Fellowship Classroom for the 1st brief meeting immediately following the Congregational Meeting.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in A minor

J. S. Bach

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

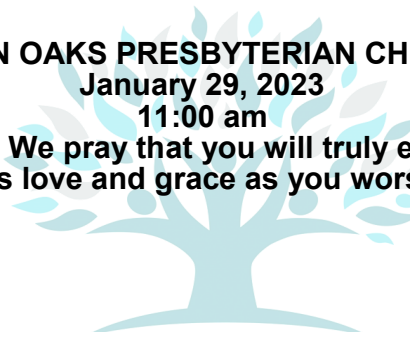


SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 29, 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

We're Marching to Zion

Gordon Young

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Rev. Barry Shatzer

Jana: Come and hear the good news.

Barry: No matter what is happening in your life

All: God's blessing and love are with us.

Jana: Come and hear what God wants you to do:

All: Live lives of justice and love and truth.

Barry: Come and get courage and strength to be fools for Christ, embracing Kingdom values rather than those of the world.

All: We're here, ready to listen, open to change, expecting to be blessed by our time together.

*HYMN: # 616

Our God Is An Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!

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*HYMN # 155

Raise a Song of Gladness

Congregation joins in on 2nd round

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth. Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart! Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Barry Shatzer

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Far too often we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world. We have not spoken truth with our hearts. We have said and done hurtful things to our friends. We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours. We have lost the path of true worship, focusing on form and words rather than deeds. We have forgotten what true discipleship is.

Forgive us and help us live into becoming the people you have created and called us to be: people of justice and love and truth and humility, and yes, even foolishness. May we be fools for Christ, embracing our true identity, even in the face of the world's scorn and derision. Lord in your mercy. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love embraces us even when we fall short of what God desires for our lives and actions. Know that the God of blessing loves and forgives us with a fierce tenderness. And in so knowing, may our lives and souls be transformed.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Judy Barnes

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.

Sunday, January 29

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

Next Sunday, February 5

Counters: Guy San Fratello, Judy Barnes
Usher: Mary Johnson, Marion W. Wishart, Dallene Smith
Greeters: Carol Griffith, Stephanie Sampson
Acolyte: Communion
Children's Message: Jenny Fogle
Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson

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Class of 2023:

Karan Bundrick - Worship
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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*
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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 29, 2023
9:45 am - Adult SS Classes
9:45 - Children/Youth SS Classes
12:15 pm - Annual Congregational Meeting/Lunch
3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution
5:30 pm Youth - SOPC

Monday, January 30, 2023
7:30 pm - NANA

Tuesday, January 31, 2023
9:30 am - Staff meeting
7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, February 1, 2023
5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion
7:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Friday, February 3, 2023
6:45 am - Lanterns

Saturday, February 4, 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 is based on a gospel hymn calling us to rejoice together, "Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known. Join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne. We're marching upward to Zion, the Beautiful city of God." The offertory is derived from a Caribbean melody and was developed as a song of worship and praise by the Iona Community.

Annual Congregation Meeting is today January 29, immediately following the worship service. Join us after the meeting for a fried chicken lunch (donations accepted) 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	Doris Cunningham
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 in the SOPC Fellowship Hall @ 5:30 pm. Mission Project, fellowship and fun. Youth are collecting magazines, if you can help, please bring them to the narthex or church office.

ReShape: The excitement was palpable at our second ReShape Adapting Group meeting as we finalized our Charter and Job Description, developed a new logo, found a guiding verse, reviewed the new format for ministries to report progress on their action items, firmed up our schedules and interfaces with the other ministries and discussed ways to improve our communications to the congregation. Look for bulletin boards, prominent use of our logo to show all things ReShape, and celebrations of ReShape accomplishments. If you're not sure where we're headed, dust off and read your Ministry Guide!!

Presbyterian Women are taking nominations for the 2023 Honorary Life Membership, if you want to nominate someone please send the 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!

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. Pre order your books - Bible Study for Women will be studying "Believing God" by Beth Moore \$5/each; men will be studying "Finishing Strong" by Steve Farrar, \$11/each.

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

Souper Bowl of Caring: Youth will be collecting cans of food for the Souper Bowl, starting Feb 1 through Feb 12, please bring your can goods to support them in this competition with McGregor & Westminster.