

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-4a
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

MESSAGE

Life of Christ: Chosen for a Journey

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

Lead Me To Calvary

Victor Johnson

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Janna Simon

*You are invited to the Lord's table to receive your elements, either prepackaged,
on the left or gluten free bread and juice, on the right, and return to your seat to take communion.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE TAKING OF THE VINE

CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN # 442

Just as I am

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that though biddest me come to thee,

Refrain: O lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without,
Refrain

Just as I am, though wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve: because they promise I believe,
Refrain

Just as I am, thy love unknow has broken every barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
Refrain

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Paul Manz



STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Vacation Bible School

Mary Dempster

PRELUDE

He Leadeth Me

Terry Kirkland

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Janna Simon

One: Do we dare place our trust in God?

All: God has promised to be with us to guide us.

One: Are we willing to continue on the journey when we don't know the dangers and are not sure of the destination?

All: No matter what, God is with us. That's the promise and the hope.

One: Let us step forward boldly, listening for God's call in our lives.

All: Let us place our trust in God and worship the Lord.

*HYMN: # 618

O Love How Deep

Verses 1 - 4

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore; for us temptations sharp he knew, for us, the tempter overthrew.

For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent the Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

*HYMN # 422

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we are such stubborn people. We want to know all the answers. We find it hard to place our trust even in you, to believe in your promises of Old. When Jesus proclaims that we can have a new life, we want to know how this is possible. How can we get rid of the old burdens and difficulties and start over again? New life is possible. We can place our trust in God's healing care. Forgive us, and help us, gracious Lord, we pray. AMEN.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Janice Holbrook

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
Chancel Choir

Gordon Young

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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Sunday, March 5

Counters: Mark Dillard, Carol Griffith
 Usher: Mary Johnson, Marion W. Wishart, Dallene Smith
 Greeters: Jim Wilhide, Richard Brinkley
 Acolyte: Communion
 Children's Message: Janice Holbrook
 Children's Corner: Emalee Dillard
 Communion Servers: Fred Holbrook, Hal Bowman

Next Sunday, March 12

Counters: Ron Kesterson, Carol Griffith
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Elizabeth Taylor, Jim Taylor
 Acolyte: Kaelin Pilkington
 Children's Message: Pastor Jana
 Children's Corner: Karan Bundrick

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 Mary Johnson

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

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, March 5, 2023

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

Monday, March 6, 2023

5:30 pm - Admin Ministry
 6:30 pm - Fellowship Ministry
 7:30 pm - NANA

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

4:30 pm - PW CT - Session Room
 5:30 pm - ReShape Adapting Ministry
 7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

8:00 am - SC Manufactured Housing School - FH
 5:30 pm - Koinonia, Bible Study
 5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion
 7:30 - Choir Practice
 NANA

Thursday, March 9, 2023

2:00 pm - Care Givers Group—Fellowship Class
 6:30 - Hannah Circle - Youth Room

Friday, March 10, 2023

6:45 am - Lanterns

Saturday, March 11, 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!

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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.

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 an usher.

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. Please call the church office if you are interested in putting fresh flowers in the sanctuary for worship.

Music Notes: Lead Me to Calvary is a 20th century hymn whose opening verse is, "King of my life I crown Thee now, Thine shall the glory be. Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow, lead me to Calvary." The music during communion is a setting of the hymn My Jesus, I Love Thee. The lyrics were written by Ralph Featherston at age 16. The opening verse is, "My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou are mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now!"

In our continued prayers...

John Anderson Al Charles
 Dru Delano Joe Gause
 Myrna Gause Jo Groce
 Nealy Jordan Jim Mullins
 Ron Kesterson Rev. Barry Shatzer
 Charlotte Swearingen
 Kirk Wirth Tara and John Whitfield
 Our Ukraine Family
 Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (missionaries)
 Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz

Long Term Care - Dave, Rich & Sam Allen, Edith Blanchett, Kathie Cashion, Patricia Williams.

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.



ReShape Banks Robinson is currently assembling a group of members of all ages to help us define intergenerational programs. (Action item 2). Since our membership covers the spectrum of ages, weighted towards older members, it is a perfect opportunity for us to interact more intentionally with each other. Please give Banks your full support if he calls you.

Love Revolution: Ashland UMC will host today, Sunday, March 5. You are invited to come from 3:30 - 5:30 pm. for fellowship.

Youth meet tonight, Sunday, March 5, @ SOPC at 5:30 pm, dinner will be baked potatoes, outdoor games, share devotion and Stuff Easter Eggs (If you can, bring some candy please). Please RSVP so we have a head count.

Clothes Closet is in need of Wire Hangars, pant hangars and children's small plastic hangars (with indentions to hold tank tops).

Community Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, March 26 following worship. Please come for refreshments, story time and the hunt.

The next Ladies Luncheon is March 20 @ noon. To be held at Kairos Restaurant, 125 Columbiana Circle, Harbison., If attending, please notify Margaret Royals, 803-957-0430, 803-608-1434 or mroyals052@gmail.com

The office apologizes for the errors on the dates and names for our Recognition of the Saints.

Corrections:

Marjanne (Nan) G. Foster
 August 18, 1921 - May 7, 2022

Charlene Carter's initial should have been just a B. Thank you for your understanding.

We are still collecting candy for our Easter Egg Hunt, please bring your donations to the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall before 5:30 pm Sunday, March 5. Thank you!!

Time to register for summer camps. SOPC is going to Camp Fellowship June 25 - 30, 2023. More details in the newsletter this week. SOPC discount code: sopc23

Easter Lilies are available to order, \$15.00. Fill out the form in the pews and put in the offering box. Last day to order is Sunday, March 19.

Spring Forward
 Clocks go forward on Saturday, March 11



March
 Word of the Month
Holy Spirit