



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bruce Hurley

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25: 14-30

MESSAGE

Paying the Rent

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 # 643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Come Ye Thankful People Come"

Elvey/Larson



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November 19, 2023
25th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 am

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



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

Advent Adventure

Mary Dempster

PRELUDE

"We Gather Together"

Arr. Labenske

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: maker of heaven and earth.

One: Like an eagle teaching her young to fly,

All: the Lord keeps us from falling.

One: Praise the Lord!

All: The Lord's name be praised!

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*HYMN # 41

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most generous God, you have bestowed upon us all we could ever want or need. You have given us the life of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ that we might have life eternal. Yet we do not share. We hoard your good gifts. We are afraid of doing the wrong thing, so we live paralyzed in fear. Forgive us, O God. By your, Spirit transform our fear into acts of kindness, love, compassion, and hope. We pray in the name of the One who gave his life for us. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

Elder Melanie Mixon

HYMN # 743

"O God, You Are My God"

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*Please stand in body or in spirit.





Sunday, November 19

Counters: John Carter, Hal Bowman
 Usher: Guy San Fratello
 Greeter: Melanie Mixon
 Acolyte: Abby Dempster
 Children's Message: Melanie Mixon
 Children's Corner: Mary Dempster

Sunday, November 26

Counters: Liz Harris, Mary Johnson
 Usher: Fred Holbrook
 Greeters: Sue Kesterson, Brenda Turner
 Acolyte: Ellis Robinson
 Children's Message: Sue Kesterson
 Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson

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Class of 2024:

Hal Bowman - Administration
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Class of 2025:

Fred Holbrook - Administration*
 Ed Keelen - Reshape Adapting Group*
 Sharon Staton - Missions*
 Sharon Watkins - Worship*

Class of 2026

Liz Harris - Fellowship
 Kathy Keane - Christian Ed*
 Banks Robinson - Fellowship*

Trustees: Sue Kesterson, Frank Sheppard,
 Carol Griffith

Treasurer: Hal Bowman

Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW):
 Mary Johnson

**OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday - Thursday - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

THIS WEEK AT SOPC

Sunday, November 19

9:00 am - The Well Church - Building B Upstairs
 9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages
 11 am - Worship
 1:30 - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l - Sanctuary,
 Nursery, & Room of Acts
 3:30 - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution - Pavilion
 5:30 pm - Youth @ Westminster Presbyterian-Blessing Bags

Monday, November 20

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 6:30 pm - Session Meeting
 7 pm - Troop 91 - Scout Hut
 7:30 pm - NANA
 8 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l -Bldg. B Crossroads
 Classroom

Tuesday, November 21

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 7 pm - Yoga
 7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, November 22

8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 7:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, November 23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING - OFFICE CLOSED
 8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature
 School - Closed

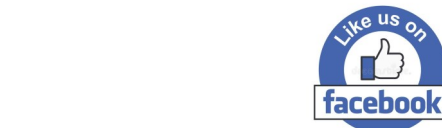
Friday, November 24

6:45 am - Lanterns Men's Prayer Group
 8 am - Lighting in Sanctuary
 8 am - 1 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 7:30 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l - Sanctuary, Nursery, &
 Room of Acts

Saturday, November 25

10 am - American Federation of Human Rights - Bldg B
 Upstairs

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 and/or texts from SOPC, please text the letters
 SOPC to the number 84576.**



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WELCOME

Nursery: A nursery is available in Building A during worship and Sunday School for ages 0 - 4. If you have any questions, please see an usher for help.

Worship Bags: Parents can pick up worship bags in the Children's Corner before the worship service, for ages 4 years old- 5th grade. *(Sanctuary near the restrooms)*

Guests are invited to stop by the guest table in the narthex/lobby. Please take a goody bag with you as a reminder of God's love. Also, please leave your information for us on the yellow card. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Masked and Socially Distanced Seating: To help decrease the spread of Covid at Seven Oaks, please consider wearing a mask during worship. Also, 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 the narthex/lobby.

Church Flowers: If you would like to order fresh flowers for the sanctuary, please call the Church Office.



In our continued prayers...

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| Al Charles | Barbara Fowler |
| Joe Gause | Myrna Gause |
| Janet Jordan | Ira Leon |
| Annie Moffatt | Donna Moore |
| Jim Mullins | Barry Shatzer |
| Nancy Taber | Family of Wendy Wells |
| Tara and John Whitfield | Kirk Wirth |
| Our Ukraine Family | |
| Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries) | |
| Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz | |
| Long Term Care - Dave, Rich & Sam Allen, Edith Blanchett, Kathie Cashion, Bobby Sellars (Father of John Paul Sellars), and Patricia Williams. | |



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for Love Revolution in the Pavilion today from **3:30 pm to 5:00 pm**. We could always use more food and more servers! Please help us with this mission!

YOUTH TONIGHT will be at Westminster Presbyterian Church @ 5:30-7. We will be packing bags of gratitude. Please join us and bring a friend!

Hey kids, plan to join us for our Advent Adventure - And The Angels Said...on Saturday, December 2nd from 12-3 pm. Lunch will be provided. Ages 4 years old - 5th grade. You can register with the QR code or online at www.sopc.net. Deadline is **November 27.**



Fellowship Sunday School Class Christmas Party will be at **Carol Griffith's home at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 7.**

MORE JUSTICE next meeting will be held on **December 4th** at our church in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars NOW to be a part of our next steps to justice in our community!

THORNWELL OFFERING: We are collecting an offering for Thornwell Children's Home today. Thornwell serves to prevent child abuse and neglect, to build up and reunite families, and to support healthy communities in the name of Jesus Christ. Plain envelopes are available in the Narthex, or you can mark your check 'Thornwell'. Please give generously and thank you!

Stewardship 2024 - Please send in your Time & Talent Sheets and your Pledge Card for 2024 at your earliest convenience. You may leave them in the offering boxes or mail them to the Church Office. Thank you!

HANGING OF THE GREENS is Sunday, Dec 3 and following the service, please stay and join us for our First Sunday Fellowship Luncheon! More details on the menu coming soon! Bring a friend to worship and then a delicious meal!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS DINNER will be on Sunday, December 3 @ Julie and Ernie Bussells'. Confirmation will meet at **4:30 pm** and then we will all gather for dinner at **5:30 pm.**

Rachel Circle will be having their Christmas Luncheon at Miyo's on Tuesday, December 12, at 12:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 19 - 5:30 pm** - Westminster Presbyterian - Blessing Bags
- November 23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING - OFFICE CLOSED**
- December 2 - 12 - 3 pm** - Advent Adventure - And The Angels Said...
- December 3** - Hanging of the Greens Worship Service
- December 3** - After worship- First Sunday Fellowship Luncheon
- December 3 - 4:30 pm** - Confirmation
- December 3 - 5:30 pm** - Youth - SOPC
- December 4** - MORE Justice
- December 7** - Fellowship SS Class Christmas Party @ Carol Griffith's
- December 10 - 5:30 pm** - Youth - Mission Project
- December 12 - 12:30 pm** - Rachel Circle Christmas Luncheon @ Miyo's
- December 17 - 6:30 pm** - Prime Rib Dinner - Fellowship Hall