

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Bundrick

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Bruce Hurley  
Rev. Jana Light Bundrick

MESSAGE

“Is So, Is Not, Is So, Is Not”

\*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

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 # 87 “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

\*ADVENT CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Bundrick

\*POSTLUDE

Master's in This Hall

Arr. Richard Oliver



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December 17, 2023  
Third Sunday in Advent  
11:00 am

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

PRELUDE

Set me as a Seal

Arr. Dr. Stephen Simmons

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Light Bundrick

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Joy Offering

Elder Hal Bowman

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

ONE: Love has come down to us this Advent Season.

**ALL: Divine love which heals and transforms our lives.**

ONE: With great joy, we receive that love and share it with others.

**ALL: We open our hearts to all God's children, the last, the least, and the lost, as well as those who feel privileged.**

ONE: The Lord has done and continues to do great things for us.

**ALL: Praise be to God who loves us so much and who challenges us to be people of joy in this darkened world. AMEN.**

\*HYMN # 104

“O Lord How Shall I Meet You”

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Bruce Hurley

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Patient and forgiving God, you know how we want to be people of peace and justice, but when opportunities come to participate in groups working for this peace and justice, we turn our backs. We hide our gifts and choose not to show up for Your work. Forgive us, O God, and give us courage to help those in need. Banish our fears and move us in ways of peace and justice, bringing your love and hope to all God's children. We ask these things in God's name. AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Elder Melanie Mixon and Tara Whitfield  
This week is the Joy candle, the color rose represents joy and life in Christ.

\*HYMN # 88

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

V 1, 2, 3

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

Bruce Hurley





**Sunday, December 17**

Counters: Banks & Polly Robinson  
 Usher: Ron Kesterson  
 Greeters: Carol Griffith & Stephanie Sampson  
 Acolyte: Ellis Robinson  
 Children's Message: Bruce Hurley  
 Children's Corner: Kathy Keane

**Sunday, December 24**

Counters: Melanie Mixon, Sharon Staton  
 Usher: Fred Holbrook  
 Greeters: Ben Smith, Dallene Smith  
 Acolyte: Ellis Robinson  
 Children's Message: Melanie Mixon  
 Children's Corner: Kathy Keane

**THE STAFF OF SOPC**

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Jana Light Bundrick  
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**Nursery Coordinator:** Mrs. Amy Schwartz

**SESSION MEMBERS**

\* indicates chair  
**Clerk of Session:** Polly Robinson  
**Class of 2024:**  
 Hal Bowman - Administration  
 John Carter - Buildings & Grounds\*  
**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, December 17**

9:00 am - Well Church- Bldg B Upstairs  
 9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages  
 11:00 am - 3:00 pm - Liberty Church - Fellowship Hall  
 11:00 am - Worship  
 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l  
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution - Pavilion  
 6:00 pm - Prime Rib Dinner

**Monday, December 18**

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 12:00 pm-1:00 pm - Ladies Luncheon at Lulu's Latin Cuisine  
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Session Meeting  
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Troop 91 Holiday Party - Fellowship Hall  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA  
 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm - Mision Cristiana Elm Int'l - Building B

**Tuesday, December 19**

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

**Wednesday, December 20**

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion  
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Choir  
 7:30 am - 8:30 pm - NANA

**Thursday, December 21**

**First Day of Winter**  
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 7:00 pm - Liberty Church - Fellowship Hall





**Friday, December 22**

OFFICE CLOSED  
 6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group  
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l

**Saturday, December 23**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm - American Federation of Human Rights  
 Bldg B Upstairs Classroom



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**WELCOME**

The beautiful, fresh flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God, by Jim and Patty Mullins, and in honor of all caregivers and healthcare providers.

**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. Masks are available in the narthex/lobby.



**In our continued prayers...**

Al Charles	Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz
Barbara Fowler	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)
Barry Shatzer	
Donna Moore	
Ed Keelen	
Fran and Jeffrey Brannon	
Ira Leon	<b>Long Term Care -</b> Dave, Rich & Sam Allen, Edith Blanchett, Kathie Cashion, Bobby Sellars (Father of Paul Sellars, and Patricia Williams.
Joe Gause	
Jim Mullins	
Kirk Wirth	
Myrna Gause	
Nancy Taber	
Our Ukraine Family	
Tara and John Whitfield	



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please join us for Love Revolution in the Pavilion today from **3:30 pm to 5:00 pm**. Please help us serve food to our neighbors in need!



**Christmas Giving: Today is the last day to give to Providence Home.** If interested come by the table in the narthex. Thanks to everyone who has already given. You make a difference in the lives of these men by letting them know someone cares.

**NO YOUTH TONIGHT.** Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We will meet again on January 7 at SOPC and dinner will be provided. Study of Epiphany.

**Ladies luncheon to be held December 18th, noon at Lulu's Latin Cuisine,** (at the Shoppes at Flight Deck), 109 Old Chapin Rd., Suite K. If attending, please notify **Margaret Royals, mroyals052@gmail.com, or 803-608-1434, or 803-957-0430.**

**The Fellowship Sunday School Class** is studying "Jesus, The God Who Knows Your Name." Join us in the **Fellowship Classroom**, with fellowship starting at **9:30 am** and the lesson beginning at **10:00 am**. Our class will not meet on **December 24th**.

**NOTE: The Roads to Faith Sunday School Class will not meet on Christmas Eve, December 24.**



Please let us know if you will need a ride for our **Christmas Eve Service** at **5:30 pm**. Thank you!

**Childcare will be available during the morning and evening Christmas Eve services.**

**Keeping the Narthex Door Closed:** Please be advised that if you are using the Narthex door – the one closest to the office building– it is important to ensure that it is completely closed. Sometimes the doors don't fully catch, so please double-check. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Ladies, the PW are seeking nominations** to honor a member of the congregation in 2024. The honor can be given to a woman or man as long as they are a member of the PC USA church. Nominations should be submitted to **Shelagh Wirth** at [swirth1949@gmail.com](mailto:swirth1949@gmail.com) by **January 31, 2024**, along with a nominee bio.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**December 21** - First Day of Winter  
**December 24 - 5:30 pm** - Christmas Eve Communion Night Service  
**December 25** - Christmas Day  
**December 31** - New Year's Eve  
**January 1** - Happy New Year's Office Closed