

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bruce Hurley

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 4:4-7

MESSAGE

"Slave - Child - Heir"

*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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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

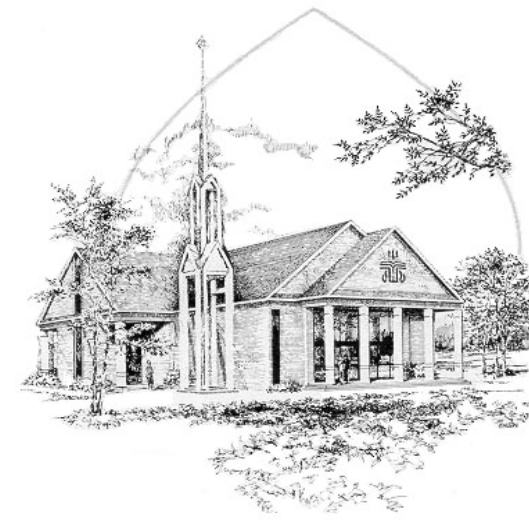
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN # 747

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



Welcome to
SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 St. Andrews Road
Columbia, SC 29210
803-772-1761; Email: sopc@sopc.net

December 31, 2023
11:00 am

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bruce Hurley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bruce Hurley / Elder Banks Robinson

ONE: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

ALL: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

ONE: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

ALL: Praise him, you highest heavens, his glory is above earth and heaven.

ONE: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

ALL: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN # 15

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Banks Robinson

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We could proclaim your name, God of this holy season, but we spend too much time talking about celebrities. We could tell others about all your gracious deeds, but are comparing notes about the exploits of our favorite athletes. We could let your Word guide our lives, but instead we do what the politicians think is best. Why? Because we forget who we are called to be. But you remember, Faithful God. You remember that we put our trust in others, not you; you remember how we chase after idols, not follow you; you remember to save us in our distress, which is why you sent Jesus to us, our Lord, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN # 119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Janice Holbrook

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.

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*Please stand in body or in spirit.





Sunday, December 31

Counters: Elizabeth & Jim Taylor
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Robert & Kitisie Miller
 Acolyte: Ellis Robinson
 Children's Message: Janice Holbrook
 Children's Corner: Melanie Logan

Sunday, January 7

Counters: Hal Bowman & Jim Wilhide
 Usher: Mary Johnson
 Greeters: Jeanne LeBoeuf, Brenda Turner
 Children's Message: Sue Kesterson
 Children's Corner: Melanie Mixon
 Communion Servers: Fred Holbrook, John Carter, & Polly Robinson
 Communion Set Up: Mary Johnson

THE STAFF OF SOPC

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SESSION MEMBERS

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Clerk of Session: Polly Robinson

Class of 2024:

Hal Bowman - Administration
 John Carter - Buildings & Grounds*

Class of 2025:

Fred Holbrook - Administration*
 Ed Keelen - Reshape Coordinator*
 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 - 2:00 pm

THIS WEEK AT SOPC

Sunday, December 31

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
 10:00 pm - 12:00 am - Liberty Church

Monday, January 1

OFFICE CLOSED
NEW YEAR'S DAY
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm - Mision Cristiana Elm Int'l - Building B

Tuesday, January 2

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, January 3

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Children's Ministry Meeting
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion
 7:30 am - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, January 4

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Christian Ed Ministry Meeting
 7:00 pm - Liberty Church - Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 5





6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l

Saturday, January 6

EPIPHANY

Stay connected! If you would like to receive emails and/or texts from SOPC, please text the letters SOPC to the number 84576.



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WELCOME

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Barry Shatzer, to the glory of God, and in loving memory of his son Jay Shatzer.

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.

December Word of the Month:



In our continued prayers...


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

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!

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

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**.

The Christmas Joy Offering extends a helping hand to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need. Additionally, it fosters the growth of future leaders at Presbyterian related schools and colleges, empowering communities of color. Your gift helps ensure that Ministry of all ages can meet their needs to continue serving God. Please give **today** during worship and online.

Happy New Year! May this coming year be filled with joy, growth, and countless blessing for each one of you. Wishing our community a joyful and prosperous 2024.



Discover guidance for the new year with Star Words next **Sunday!** Connected to the celebration of Epiphany, when a star in the sky guided the magi to baby Jesus. Join us January 7th to receive your star word.

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. Nominations should be submitted to **Shelagh Wirth** at swirth1949@gmail.com by **January 31, 2024**, along with a nominee bio.



Welcome our new Office Administrator! Annah (Gulledge) Hiers joined the SOPC family on 12/27/23. She grew up in Irmo and went to Furman University in Greenville. She and her husband Michael have been married 14 years, and they have a precious doggy-daughter, Jade. Please stop by the church office to introduce yourself anytime Monday-Thursday from 10 am until 2 pm!

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1 - Happy New Year!- Office Closed
 January 3 - Children's Ministry Meeting
 January 6 - Epiphany
 January 8 - Admin Ministry Meeting