

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Bundrick

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6
Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Bruce Hurley

MESSAGE
OFFERING

“Following The Star”

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COMMUNION

Rev. Jana Light Bundrick/Bruce Hurley

One: “The Lord be with you”

All: “And also with you”

One: “Lift up your hearts”

All: “We lift them up to the Lord”

One: “Let us pray responsively together: We have come asking for the child —”

All: “Wondering where that love might be born,”

One: “Seeking that joy that might satisfy our thirst,”

All: “Wandering through the darkness of so many mistakes.”

One: “We have come to this place where”

All: “Wise people and shepherds and young women met.”

One: “We have come to this place called Bethlehem.”

All: “To this place where our hearts rise like yeast.”

One: “To this place where we meet our newborn hope.”

All: “To this place where we taste our deepest joy.”

One: “In Bethlehem, where we assumed the worst,”

All: “Imagining that no good can come,”

One: “We somehow missed its name.”

All: “Bethlehem.”

One: “Lehem meaning bread.”

All: “Bethel meaning house.”

One: “There is something here that will satisfy our hunger.”

All: “No matter how long we have wandered,”

One: “Here our hearts arise. Our light has come.”

All: “In this bread and in this cup,”

One: “We celebrate something we can’t quite understand.”

All: “Because God has made a house at this table.”

One: “Because God satisfies our hunger in the most unlikely places.”

All: “Because God comes to be with us.”

One: “Now and always. It is with this expectation that we come to the table to taste and see that God is here.”

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE TAKING OF THE VINE

Please come forward to the table as you bring your offerings and receive the gift of hope in the shape of a star for the coming year.

*HYMN # 151

“We Three Kings”

*CHARGE & EPIPHANY BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“A Parting Blessing”

arr. J. Jerome Williams

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Charge and epiphany blessing - written by Jan L. Richardson, and posted on The Painted Prayerbook.



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January 7, 2024
Epiphany

WELCOME!

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

PRELUDE

“Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Light Bundrick

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

ONE: “The New Dawn will arise upon you.”

ALL: “You shall see and be radiant.”

ONE: “The New Dawn will arise upon you.”

ALL: “The Holy One will bless the people with peace.”

ONE: “The New Dawn will arise upon you.”

ALL: “The joy of the Lord is my strength.”

ONE: “The New Dawn will arise upon you.”

ALL: “God is here among us. Let us rejoice and be glad in God’s presence.”

*HYMN # 147

“The First Noel”

*CALL TO CONFESSSION

Bruce Hurley

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hear the good news of the psalmist’s proclamation: If I say, “Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, and the light around me will be night,” Even the darkness is not dark to God, and the night is as bright as the day. The God who promised never to leave us or forsake us HAS come to us in Jesus Christ who binds up the brokenhearted. heals all our infirmities, and relieves our burden of sin. So arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Thanks be to God!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Light has come to you. Your light has come and it has erased the darkness. Now we can walk and work in the light. You are loved by God and called to God’s service. AMEN.

SCOUTS’ INTERNATIONAL PEACE LIGHT SERVICE

PEACE LIGHT PRAYER

Troop 91

One: “May the kindly spirit of Christmas spread its radiance far and wide, So all the world may feel the glow, of this Holy Christmastide. So may this light of peace today that has travelled many miles, Bring joy and hope to many, and fill each face with smiles. So may every heart and home continue through the year, To feel the warmth and wonder of this season of good cheer. And may it bring us closer to God and to each other, With every stranger known as friend, whether Sister or a Brother.”

All: “We gladly receive the light as a sign of our willingness to be channels of peace, by our words and actions.”

*HYMN # 143

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

*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.

*Please stand in body or in spirit

Elder Sue Kesterson





Sunday, January 7

Counters: Elizabeth, Jim Taylor
 Usher: Mary Johnson
 Greeters: Jeanne LeBoeuf, Melanie Mixon
 Acolyte: Usher
 Children's Message: Sue Kesterson
 Children's Corner: Melanie Mixon
 Communion Set Up: Mary Johnson
 Communion Servers: Fred Holbrook, John Carter, Polly Robinson

Sunday, January 14

Counters: John Carter, Carol Griffith
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Carol Griffith, Brenda Turner
 Acolyte: Abby Dempster
 Children's Message: Mark Johnson
 Children's Corner: Mary Johnson

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 Hal Bowman - Administration
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 Sharon Watkins - Worship*
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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 7

9:00 am - 11:00 am - Well Church- Bldg B Upstairs
 9:45 am - 11:00 am - Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 am - 3:00 pm - Liberty Church - Fellowship Hall
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Worship
 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution - Pavilion
 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Youth @ SOPC

Monday, January 8

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Admin Ministry Meeting
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm - Mision Cristiana Elm Int'l - Building B

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Rachel Circle
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, January 10

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, January 11

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Hannah Circle
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church - Fellowship Hall





Friday, January 12

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, January 13

11:00 am - 3:30 pm - Family Promise Basketball
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l



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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. *(In the 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.

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



In our continued prayers...

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



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!

Discover guidance for the new year with Star Words today! Connected to the celebration of Epiphany, when a star in the sky guided the magi to baby Jesus.



Youth join us at SOPC as we delve into the study of Epiphany. We have exciting games and activities planned this evening! Dinner will be served.

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.

Get ready for our Ladies Luncheon on January 15th at noon. It'll be at Carrabba's in Columbia. If you plan to attend, please notify **Margaret Royals** at (803) 608-1434, (803) 957-0430 or mroyals052@gmail.com

We are going retro in 2024! Fellowship is starting off the year with a throwback to yesteryear featuring a "covered dish" dinner on **January 21st at 6:00 pm**. Bring your, your mother's, or your grandmother's favorite dinner dish. All dishes are welcome. This will be a 'pot luck' style, so no need to sign up for a dish. After the meal we will hear from our recent Cuban contingency about news and happenings with our sister church. Please join us - we can't wait to see you there!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 8 - Admin Ministry Meeting
 January 13 - Family Promise Basketball
 January 14 - Youth Bowling
 January 15 - Ladies Luncheon @ Carrabba's
 January 21 - Retro Dinner



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