

MUSICAL SELECTION

In the Bleak Midwinter

Holst / Labenske

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Bruce C Hurley

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

Elder Jeanne LeBoeuf
Elder Bruce C Hurley

One: The Word of the Lord!
All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

House Rules

RESPONDING IN FAITH

OFFERING

Elder Bruce C Hurley

Tithes & offerings may be placed in the boxes with crosses at the main exit of the Narthex or given via www.sopc.net.

One: May these gifts, given in gratitude and love...
All: **Change us and the world to serve your purpose.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

*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.

*CLOSING HYMN #145

What Child Is This

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Elder Bruce C Hurley

*POSTLUDE

How Great Our Joy!

Jack Schrader



The Magi have seen the star and set out on their journey.
We hope that you will join us in worship next week as we celebrate Epiphany!

The lovely, fresh flowers adorning our sanctuary for worship this morning were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jay Shatzer by his father, Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer.

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Welcome!

**SEVEN OAKS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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December 29, 2024
1st Sunday of Christmas

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

John Carter

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Elder Jeanne LeBoeuf

One: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

All: **So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.**

One: But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

All: **Teach us, O Lord, how to lead lives of holiness and godliness while, in accordance with your promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*OPENING HYMN #140

Once In Royal David's City

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Jeanne LeBoeuf

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we neglect to seek your wisdom for our lives. Instead, we think more highly of ourselves and our own knowledge, choosing to go our own ways in this world. Lord, have mercy. We let the cares and concerns of this world crowd out the promise of your Word, that you are with us always. We confess we face the future with uncertainty and misgivings. Help us put our trust in you so that we may live faithful and obedient lives, as we depend on the wisdom of your Holy Spirit and the love of Christ to shape our lives and actions. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Bruce C Hurley

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

*Please stand in body or in spirit. **When items are in bold, you are invited to join aloud.**



A special thanks to Sharon Watkins for providing music in today's worship!



Worship Assistants

Sunday, December 29th:

Liturgist: Jeanne LeBoeuf
 Counters: John Carter, Kitsie Miller
 Usher: Banks Robinson
 Greeters: Jim Wilhide, John Carter
 Acolyte: Ellis Robinson
 Children's Message: Bruce Hurley
 Children's Corner: Mary Dempster

Sunday, January 5th:

Liturgist: Bruce Hurley
 Counters: Sharon Watkins, Jim Wilhide
 Usher: Mary Johnson
 Greeters: Janice Reiser, Mary Dempster
 Acolyte: N/A Communion
 Children's Message: Bruce Hurley
 Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson
 Communion Preparation: Mary Johnson
 Communion Servers: Pastor Jim Rowell, Bruce Hurley, Liz Harris, Elizabeth Taylor, Banks Robinson

Church Staff

Interim Minister: Pastor Jim Rowell; jim@sopc.net
Director of Music Ministry: Dr. Lloyd Pilkington
Office Administrator: Mrs. Annah G. Hiers; sopc@sopc.net
Accompanist: Elder Sharon Watkins
Building Superintendent: Mr. Karl Thompson
Volunteer Financial Administrator: Elder Sharon Staton; sharon@sopc.net
Nursery Coordinator: Mrs. Amy Schwartz



OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday 10 am - 2 pm



Sunday, December 29: 1st Sunday of Christmas

9:00 am - 11:00 am - The Well Church
 9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages
 11:00 am - Worship
 11:00 am - 3:00 pm - Liberty Church
 11:00 am - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution

Monday, December 30:

Peaceful Gatherings Nature School Winter Break
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Worship Ministry Meeting
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Troop 91
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Tuesday, December 31: New Year's Eve; Office Closed

Peaceful Gatherings Nature School Winter Break
 6:00 pm - Midnight - Mision Cristiana New Year's Eve Worship
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Yoga
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 9:00 pm - Midnight - Liberty Church New Year's Eve Worship

Wednesday, January 1: Happy New Year! Office Closed

Peaceful Gatherings Nature School Winter Break
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, January 2:

Peaceful Gatherings Nature School Winter Break
 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church

Friday, January 3: Office Closed

Peaceful Gatherings Nature School Winter Break
 6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 5: Epiphany Sunday
January 19: Churchwide Fellowship "Breakfast for Supper"
January 26: Congregational Meeting w/ Annual Report
February 7: Lifeline Screenings at SOPC

A **nursery** is available in Building A during Sunday school & worship for children ages 0 - 4. If you have any questions, please see an usher for help.



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

SESSION (*indicates chair)

Clerk of Session: Polly Robinson

Class of 2025:

John Carter - Buildings & Grounds*
 Ed Keelen - Good News*
 Sharon Staton - Missions*
 Sharon Watkins - Worship*

Class of 2026:

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

Class of 2027:

Bruce Hurley - Disciple Care*
 Jeanne LeBoeuf - Missions
 Kitsie Miller - Fellowship
 Elizabeth Taylor - Administration*

Trustees:

Frank Sheppard - Administration*, Carol Griffith - Fellowship

Treasurer: Kathy Locklair

Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW):

Julie Bussells*

In Our Prayers:

Nancy Taber	Kynslee Davis
	SOPC's Homebound Members
Jimmy Revell	Our Christian Friends in Ukraine
Myrna Gause	Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz, Cuba
Polly Robinson	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)
Ed Keelen	Those Less Fortunate
Donna Moore	Long Term Care:
Aletha Robinson	Dave, Rich & Sam Allen
Sandra Johnson & Family	Edith Blanchett
John Carter	Kathie Cashion
Alene Rogers	Barbara Fowler
Janet Jordan & Daughter & Sister	Bobby Sellars (Father of John Paul Sellars)
Jane Blackwell	Patricia Williams
Al & Margaret Charles	
Fran & Jeffrey Brannon	
Ira Leon	
Barry Shatzer	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

We have assigned **Prayer Buddies** for our children and youth! Thank you for this important service. If you volunteered to do this and haven't received a call, please let Julie Bussells know, 803-622-9509. There's always room for more prayer buddies!!

What makes SOPC special?! If you are willing to share a few sentences about what makes SOPC special to you, personally, for our church website, please contact Mark Dillard. Personal stories make all the difference when inviting new friends to journey with us!

If you would like to **volunteer in the sanctuary's sound booth** occasionally, please contact the church office. Training provided!

If you happen to be going by the store & would like to contribute any **items to the shelves we use for the Blessing Box and to give to those who come to our door**, please bring them by the church office or leave them in the large baskets on either side of the main doors to the sanctuary. There is a list of suggested items available from the church office. Did you know that 10-20 individuals come to our door looking for help each week?

Thank you to all who continue to bring in used crayons for www.thecrayoneinitiative.org! So far, we have collected **100 POUNDS** of used crayons that will be sorted, melted down, and made into new, ergonomic, free crayons for pediatric hospital patients.

