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December 9, 2020

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## A Story of Glory in Nature

This past Sunday we continued our study on God's glory. The main point of my message was that the LORD enjoys revealing His glory.

We looked at two of the three primary ways our Creator has chosen to display His presence and splendor. First, divine glory is manifested through nature. The symmetry, brilliance, and dazzling beauty of the universe constantly speaks about the LORD. Second, the Bible is alive and active in making known God's magnificence and majesty. This truth challenges us to consistently read Scriptures in fresh and unique ways.

The following is a touching story brought to my attention on Sunday about an owl named Rocky.

**(CNN)** There may have been mixed feelings about the Rockefeller Christmas tree this year, but there was nothing of the sort for the tiny, adorable owl that was found in it.

Rocky -- short for her nickname of "Rockefeller" -- was released back into the wild after spending several days at the Ravensbeard Wildlife Center, where she received only the best care and best treatment.

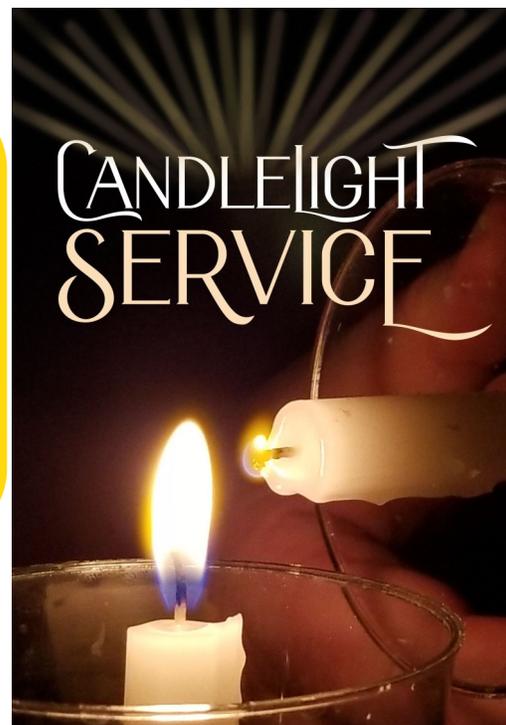
On Tuesday, the center announced that the avian veterinarians and owl experts it had been working with had cleared the owl for takeoff. She was released Tuesday at dusk, in a conifer forest in Upstate New York.

Rockefeller, the owl that stowed away and traveled on the Rockefeller Christmas tree last week, was released into the wild Tuesday.



## Christmas Eve Service

One of the highlights of our Christmas season at First Baptist Church is the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. It will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 24. We will continue our usual social distancing and please wear a mask. For those who do not feel comfortable being in attendance, we plan to livestream the service. Go to [fbcbluffton.com](http://fbcbluffton.com), click the media tab, and then click the "Click for Worship Service" just as you would for a Sunday morning service.



## Prayer Items

Melanie Shady—recovery from shoulder surgery  
Sandy Langel—surgery on Thursday

## *Thank you*

To My Church Family,  
How can I ever thank you for the support you have given me through this journey with Larry. Kind words, prayers, visiting him at the nursing home, all the cards that were sent to him at Markle, the candy bars and anything else I may have forgotten—that you have done.

God's timing was a bit of a surprise but all is good and he has no more cobwebs in his head. I will miss him but am confident I will see him again.

And thanks for the beautiful lighted memory box sent to the funeral home!!

Love In Christ, Karyn and family.



## Goody Bags

Each holiday season, we collect bags of goodies for our homebound members. We have seven bags in The Gathering Place. You may bring small items that you think our friends would enjoy such as magazines, snack, lotions, and games. The deadline for your donations is Wednesday, Dec. 16.



Our poinsettias will be here to decorate the church sanctuary starting Sunday, Dec. 20. If you ordered one, you may take it home with you anytime. Those still here after the service on Sunday, Dec. 27 will be delivered to others who would enjoy them.

Christian Care  
Mildred Huss—Room 219B  
Barb Smekens—Room 217B

River Terrace  
Eulis West—Room 114  
Doris Wolf—Room 102

Home  
Ed Goetz  
Betty Gregg  
Rose McCormick



Homebound Friends

## Stewardship

Thank you to those who have remembered the church with your tithes and offerings. Our offering plates are on the table in the foyer on Sunday mornings or you can mail your gifts to Jesus in support of our church to 202 W. Cherry Street.

### November 29, 2020

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	\$2,835.00
Missions	\$55.00
Holiday Flowers	\$84.00
Building and Mtn.	\$40.00
Clyde Shady Memorial	\$25.00
Deacons Fund	\$25.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$50.00

**Total** **\$3,114.00**

### December 8, 2020

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	\$1,704.00
Missions	\$70.00
Holiday Flowers	\$18.00
Building and Mtn.	\$40.00

**Total** **\$1,832.00**



# Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.

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