



## SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 29, 2020

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

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Once worship begins, please do not unmute yourselves. Zoom is very sensitive to sounds coming from our computers and to provide for the most fluid and clear worship experience for everyone, this is a small thing you can do to celebrate this worship opportunity!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

PRELUDE

*Savior of the Nations Come*

J. S. Bach

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THIS PLACE IS A MESS!

Isaiah 64:1-9 & Mark 13:24-37

Elder Ed & Cathy Keelen

**Reader One:** If ever there was a year we needed Advent, this is the year. We hardly know how to describe the year we have lived through. We hesitate to reflect on all the mess around us in 2020. All we know is that nothing seems right, nothing seems like it used to be, nothing. We need Advent!

**Reader Two:** The prophet Isaiah cried out for us, "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down ... To make your name known ... so that nations might tremble at your presence." So tear through the mess, O Lord, and come down to us again. We long to be your people, a people of hope.

**Reader One:** We light this first candle as a sign of our hope. Hope that you can meet us, even in the mess of our world. Hope that you still see us, though we feel we are lost in the rubble. Let this light be the guide that brings us to Emmanuel once more.

**Reader Two:** O Come, O Come Emmanuel

HYMN

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Hymn 82

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 63:15-19; 64:5b-6; 8-12

Elder Ed Keelen

<sup>15</sup>Look down from heaven and see,  
from your lofty throne, holy and glorious.  
Where are your zeal and your might?  
Your tenderness and compassion are withheld from us.

<sup>16</sup>But you are our Father,  
though Abraham does not know us  
or Israel acknowledge us;  
you, LORD, are our Father,  
our Redeemer from of old is your name.

<sup>17</sup>Why, LORD, do you make us wander from your ways  
and harden our hearts so we do not revere you?  
Return for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes that are your inheritance.

but you have not ruled over them,  
they have not been called by your name.  
<sup>18</sup> For a little while your people possessed your holy place,  
but now our enemies have trampled down your sanctuary.  
<sup>19</sup> We are yours from of old;  
<sup>5</sup> But when we continued to sin against them,  
you were angry.  
How then can we be saved?  
<sup>6</sup> All of us have become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;  
we all shrivel up like a leaf,  
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.  
<sup>8</sup> Yet you, LORD, are our Father.  
We are the clay, you are the potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup> Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD;  
do not remember our sins forever.  
Oh, look on us, we pray,  
for we are all your people.  
<sup>10</sup> Your sacred cities have become a wasteland;  
even Zion is a wasteland, Jerusalem a desolation.  
<sup>11</sup> Our holy and glorious temple, where our ancestors praised you,  
has been burned with fire,  
and all that we treasured lies in ruins.  
<sup>12</sup> After all this, LORD, will you hold yourself back?  
Will you keep silent and punish us beyond measure?

SPECIAL MUSIC

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Virtual Choir

MESSAGE

*O God, Where Are You?*

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

OFFERING

Providence Men's Home

(You are invited to make a special offering online or by mailing a check in to the church,  
for this annual Christmas drive for the men at the Providence Home.  
The Gift Cards are \$25. Thank you for your support of this ministry.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

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

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Hymn 93

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.  
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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**MOMENT OF HOLINESS**

Please remain after worship to greet one another in breakout rooms in fellowship of the Spirit! What are ways to rejoice, even when you don't feel like rejoicing?



### In our continued prayers...

Edith Blanchett      Nan Foster      Tom Falls      Eleanor Evans      Ed Keelen  
Linda Floyd      Jake Fogle      Scott Wilhide      SOPC Covid Task For  
Patricia Williams      Daniel and Elizabeth Turk      Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz

Please join us on Wednesdays at Noon via Zoom for our Prayer Meeting.

Suzy Bowman entered the Church Triumphant on November 21, 2020. Please keep Hal and their family in your prayers during this difficult time.

**Music Notes:** The prelude is based on a Lutheran advent hymn and includes the chorale tune, the hymn and Bach's prelude. The opening verse is: "Come, Savior of nations, of the maiden owned the Child; Fill with wonder all the earth, God should grant it such a birth." Choir members from several churches, including Seven Oaks, have created a virtual choir. They have prepared carols for use in our Advent and Christmas worship. Today we hear the first of these carols, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*.

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE** items for November: Peanut Butter & jelly, canned fruit and juice, elbow macaroni, canned soup & crackers, pancake mix & syrup, small bags of sugar/flour, cereal, grits, oatmeal, toothpaste, shampoo, hand sanitizer, new or gently used children's coats, and your prayers!!!!

**Want to give to SOPC online, but need help figuring it out?** Call or email the church office and we would be glad to walk you through giving electronically. Giving by regular mail is also a welcome option. The church address is: 530 St. Andrews Rd, Columbia, SC 29210.

## This Week at SOPC

### Sunday

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

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Meeting ID: 508 111 743 Password: 046739

By Phone: 1(646)558-8656 508111743 #

Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m.

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[pwd=bWIHWWJWOFr4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09](https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWIHWWJWOFr4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09)

Meeting ID: 743 754 044 Password: 072863

By Phone: 1(646)558-8656 743754044 #

Children's Check-In and Sunday School at 1:30 p.m.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84573328620?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84573328620?pwd=dkVUQWZMaUx5QitMZ1RLYUdCWml0dz09)

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### Wednesday

Lunch & Prayer: Wednesday at Noon

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Meeting ID: 897 0511 3395 Password: 300498

By Phone: 1(301)715-8592 89705113395#

### Friday

Lanterns: Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

<https://meet.google.com/gei-nbcw-upo>

**Children will not meet Sunday, November 29  
New check in time going forward will be 1:30 pm**