



# SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 13, 2020, 7:00 pm

3rd Sunday in Advent

Welcome! We pray that you will truly experience

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

Dr. Lloyd Pilkington

Prelude:

*Noel XII*

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### I. The Promised One

Luke 1:39-45

Carol

*Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*

**Lo, how a rose e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung.  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung;  
it came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.**

**Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,  
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind;  
to show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior, when half spent was the night.**

### II. A Silent Holy Night

Luke 2:1-7

Carol: Silent Night, Holy Night

**Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace! Sleep in heavenly peace!**

**Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight! Glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!**

**Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from thy holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth! Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!**

Matthew 1:18-22

Carol: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

**It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold;  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men From heaven's all-gracious King" –  
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.**

**For lo! the days are hastening on By prophet bards foretold,  
When, with the ever circling years Shall come the age of gold;  
When Peace shall over all the earth, Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song, Which now the angels sing.**

Carol: Once In Royal David's City

**Once in royal David's city, stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,  
and His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall;  
with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**

### III. How Great Our Joy!

Luke 2:8-14

Carol: **While By the Sheep**  
**While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright.**  
**(Refrain) How great our joy! (Great our joy!) Joy, joy, joy! (Joy, joy, joy!)**  
**Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! (Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!)**  
**There shall be born, so he did say, In Bethlehem a Child today. (Refrain)**  
**This gift of God we'll cherish well, That ever joy our hearts shall fill. (Refrain)**

Luke 2:15-20

Carol: **Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow**  
**There's a star in the east on Christmas morn. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.**  
**It will lead to the place where the Christ was born.**  
**Rise up, shepherd, and follow.**  
**(Refrain) Follow, follow; rise up, shepherd, and follow.**  
**Follow the star of Bethlehem. Rise up, shepherd and follow.**  
**If you take good heed to the angel's words, rise up, shepherd, and follow.**  
**You'll forget your flocks; you'll forget your herds.**  
**Rise up shepherds and follow. (Refrain)**

John 1:14

Carol: **Joy to the World**  
**Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King;**  
**let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,**  
**and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**  
**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let men their songs employ;**  
**while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains**  
**repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**  
**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove**  
**the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,**  
**and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders, of His love.**

A BLESSING

Isaiah 9:6-7

May the Wonders of Christs' Love and Grace flow upon you each this Christmas Season!

Postlude

All Ye Faithful

John Francis Wade

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Please join us at Seven Oaks PC for the Christmas Eve Virtual  
Candle Light Service on December 24 at 5 p.m.

**Music Note:** Ever since the night of Jesus' birth, those on earth and heaven have sung glorious songs proclaiming and celebrating our Savior's advent. The carols and readings in this service have been arranged to put the story of Jesus' coming at the center of our celebration this season. Each carol has been adapted to make full use of the most beautiful sounds of our new organ. As you listen to each carol, pray and sing the words. Let the truth of who Jesus is and what His coming means fill your heart with hope, peace, joy and love!

**Youth, children and parents** are invited to gather on December 20th, at 4 p.m. and meet at Wal-Mart parking lot to the Left side of the Wal-Mart. We will be Christmas shopping for the children housed at William Hall Psychiatric Hospital this Christmas Season. Wear Masks, Bring \$20-30 per family and let's share the joy of Christ with those who need it most. Some may choose to eat outside at Salsaritas following shopping, please bring money if you would like to participate in this activity.

**Poinsettia** honorariums and memorials will be included in the Sunday Bulletin on December 20 and the Christmas Eve Bulletin. Poinsettias may be picked up on Tuesday, December 22 or Wednesday, December 23 between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Any poinsettias remaining will be taken to Bryan Center by Karl. If alternate arrangements need to be made to pick up your poinsettia, please call Karl 803 237 4519.

**Thank you** to all those who participated in the Traveling Advent Wreath.

**The church** office will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



**In our continued prayers...**

Edith Blanchett	Nan Foster	Rosemary Falls	Ed Keelen
Al Charles	Linda Floyd	Scott Wilhide	Joe Gause
SOPC Covid Task Force			
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk		Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz	

Tom Falls entered the Church Triumphant on December 7, 2020. Please keep Rosemary and their family in your prayers during this difficult time.

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

**This Week at SOPC**

**Sunday**

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

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

Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m.

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

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**Wednesday**

Lunch & Prayer: Wednesday at Noon

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**Friday**

Lanterns: Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

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