



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 6, 2020

2nd Sunday of Advent

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

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. Jana Creighton

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Wachet Auf" (Sleepers, Awake)

J. S. Bach

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS (based on Isaiah 40:1-11)

Rev. Jana Creighton

One: The God who speaks comfort to us calls us here.

All: The God who addresses us with tenderness meets us here.

One: The God who guides us with gentleness cares for us here.

All: We come to prepare a way for the Lord.

One: We come to ready ourselves for the transformation of our lives.

All: For the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it.

One: Let us worship the Lord!

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;

Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,

Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,

Lord of lords, in human vesture - in the body and the blood.

He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

CLEAN-UP CREW

Isaiah 40:1-11 & Mark 1:1-8

Ben and Dallene Smith

Reader One: Our lists are long, even in this strange mess where we live these days. And we want to do it right, we want to be safe, but we want to be able to enjoy the season. We've got work to do to put right what has gone wrong, to heal what is broken, to mend the relationships, and to prepare for the company that will come.

Reader Two: The prophet Isaiah reminded us that there is work to be done. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." When God comes in, then healing is to be found, but we need to make the way; we need to open the door into our lives.

Reader One: So, we light these candles as a sign of our faith that the God we worship is not far from us and that we can clear the way for that God to come and dwell with us. We light these candles in faith that company is coming.

Reader Two: O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-8

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¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.

⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Virtual Choir

MESSAGE

A New Beginning

Rev. Jana Creighton

TIME OF OFFERING

Providence Home Video

SEALING THE WORD: The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Jana Creighton

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE TAKING OF THE VINE

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

The First Noel

**The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

**Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with His blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

CLOSING PRAYER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go in Peace!

POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

Nicolai

MOMENT OF HOLINESS

Please remain after worship to greet one another in breakout rooms in fellowship of the Spirit!



In our continued prayers...

Edith Blanchett Nan Foster
Linda Floyd Scott Wilhide
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk

Tom Falls Ed Keelen
SOPC Covid Task Force
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz

Al Charles
Joe Gause

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

Mary Johnson’s mother, Elizabeth “Betty” Flannigan Scattergood, entered the Church Triumphant on Thursday, December 4. Please keep Mary, Mark and their family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Music Notes: The prelude and postlude are based on a great Lutheran hymn, which Bach developed into a cantata. That hymn reminds Christians to remain awake, watchful and ready for our Lord’s arrival. The opening text is: *“Wake, awake, for night is flying... The Bridegroom comes: Awake! Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia!”* Our virtual choir’s carol encourages us all to *“come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!”*

Our Sharing God's Love monthly collection is canned hams for the month of December.



This is our 5th year for remembering the men at Providence Home with Christmas gifts. There are 60 men this year with the addition of a new dormitory on the Providence Home campus. We plan to give each resident a \$25 gift card. If you can help contact the church office or Tara Whitfield (803) 429-5171. Let’s show these men the love of Jesus this holiday season.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the sanctuary beautiful for the Advent Season!!!!

The poinsettias in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God by Betty and John Anderson, and in loving memory of their sweet loving daughter Julie Ann Koon.

This Week at SOPC

Sunday

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/508111743?pwd=WUplnlhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3l0YU8yZz09>

Meeting ID: 508 111 743 Password: 046739

Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWlHWWJWofR4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09>

Meeting ID: 743 754 044 Password: 072863

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84573328620?pwd=dkVUQWZMaUx5QitMZ1RLYUdCWml0dz09>

Meeting ID: 845 7332 8620 Password: 237447

Wednesday

Lunch & Prayer: Wednesday at Noon

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705113395?pwd=d3JZSTROa3RFVtIvd0U3WnZwNmhnZz09>

Meeting ID: 897 0511 3395 Password: 300498

Friday

Lanterns: Fridays at 7:00 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81316561956?pwd=eHVpcHdtNEkvUEExOc0hmbWpaNnhsZz09>

Meeting ID: 813 1656 1956 Passcode: 168424