

SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PRESENTS

LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 12, 2021
11:00 am





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3rd Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

I Wonder As I Wander

Douglas Wagner

Piano and Organ Duet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Creighton

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS (Isaiah 40)

Rev. Jana Creighton and CP Janna Simon

One: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. – Isaiah 7:14

**All Sing: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

One: A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious. – Isaiah 11:1, 10

All: "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." – Revelation 22:16

**All Sing: O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save, and give them victory over the grave.**

[Refrain]

One: "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel. – Numbers 24:17a

All: "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." – Revelation 22:16

**All Sing: O come, Thou Day-spring, from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.**

[Refrain]

One: All this also comes from the Lord Almighty, whose plan is wonderful, whose wisdom is magnificent. – Isaiah 28:29

**All Sing: O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. [Refrain]**

One: 'I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the Lord Almighty. – Haggai 2:7

**All Sing: O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, and be Thyself our King of Peace. [Refrain]**

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Banks and Polly Robinson and grandson

HYMN 314

Christ Be Our Light

Farrell

Choir: Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

All: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

LITANY OF HOPE

Rev. Jana Creighton and CP Janna Simon

One: O world, thirst, and feel your hunger—

All: For the realm of God is near!

One: Blessed are you who thirst for righteousness,

All: For soon you shall be satisfied:

One: Like the deer that longs for flowing streams,

All: And the desert that hopes for cooling rains,

One: Your soul shall finally drink of God,

All: The spring of living water.

One: Blessed are you who hunger for goodness,

All: For soon you shall be satisfied:

One: Manna from heaven shall descend upon you,

All: And all shall partake of the bread of life;

One: The nations shall break the loaf together—

All: Falling down upon their knees.

One: O world, thirst, and feel your hunger!

All: The realm of God is near!

MUSICAL SELECTION *Es Ist Ein Ros* (Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming)

Jason Payne

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-35

Finn Bundrick

CAROL #123

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

Sears/Willis

**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 all, from heaven’s all-gracious King”:
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.**

**And you, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O, rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.**

**For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7

Sawyer Creighton

MUSICAL SELECTION

Away in A Manger

arr. Pilkington

Sharon Watkins – Recorder, Dallene Smith – Piano, Lloyd Pilkington - Handbells

MUSICAL SELECTION *Silent Night* J. Bert Carlson
One Solitary Life/ Jim Wilhide – Narrator

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:8-14 Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

MUSICAL SELECTION *What Child Is This* Lyndell Leatherman
Piano & Organ Duet

CAROL 135 *There's a Star in the East* Spiritual
**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, shepherd, and follow. [Refrain]**

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MUSICAL SELECTION *Pat-a-Pan* Lyndell Leatherman
Piano & Organ Duet

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:15-20 Eli Bundrick and Abby Dempster

MUSICAL SELECTION *Coventry Carol* Brad Nix
Mark Pilkington – Cello

*CAROL 132 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* arr. Jones
**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:6-7 Hadessah Wright

MUSICAL SELECTION

Ding Dong Merrily On High
Sharon Watkins – Flute

Anna Laura Page

PRAYER FOR ONE VOICE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

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.

MUSICAL SELECTION

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Piano & Organ Duet

Joel Raney

*HYMN 136

Go, Tell it On the Mountain

Spiritual

**Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [Refrain]**

**The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]**

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Creighton

POSTLUDE

Joy To the World

Diane Bish

**Many thanks to those sharing their gifts and talents today to share with us the hope, peace,
joy and love that Jesus' birth brings to our world!**



Sunday Worship, December 12, 2021

Counters: Richard Brinkley and Ron Kesterson
Usher: Ron Kesterson
Greeters: John Whitfield and Robert Miller
Acolyte: Eli Bundrick
Children's Corner: Marion Watson-Wishart

Next Sunday, December 19, 2021

Counters: Mary Johnson and Banks Robinson
Usher: Guy San Fratello
Greeters: Nancy Tabor and Brenda Turner
Acolyte: Weston Pilkington
Children's Message: Mark Johnson
Children's Corner: Julie Bussells

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This week at SOPC:

Sunday, December 12, 2021

9:30 am - Brewing Faith SS Class
in-person or zoom

9:30 am - Youth Confirmation Class

9:45 am - Fellowship SS Class-in-person

10:00 am - Children and Youth Sunday
School Classes

11:00 am - Worship Service

11:20 am - Liberty Worship Service -
Fellowship Hall

3:00 pm - Emmanuel Baptist Fellowship -
Fellowship Hall

3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution

6:00 pm - Chin Church

Monday, December 13, 2021

12:00 pm - Ladies Luncheon

12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga

6:30 pm - ReShape Meeting

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

9:30 am - Staff meeting

2:00 pm - Rachel Circle

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

6:30 pm - Fellowship Class

Christmas party

Thursday, December 16, 2021

6:00 pm - Youth Bible Study/pizza party

Friday, December 17, 2021

6:45 am: Lanterns (in person)

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Offering
plate



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during the
worship



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service



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Announcements

Hearing impaired equipment available:
Please ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery: A nursery is available in Building A during Sunday School and Worship for ages 0 - 4. If you have any questions please see any of our volunteers with a name badge in the Narthex.

Worship bags: Parents can pick up worship bags in the Children's Corner before the worship service, for ages 2- 5th grades. (sanctuary near the restrooms).

Guests are invited to stop by the Guest Table in the narthex. Please leave your information, when you take a goody bag, as a reminder of God's love.

Flowers: The poinsettia's in worship today will adorn our church through the Christmas holiday. If you purchased a poinsettia, your honorariums will be in the Christmas Eve bulletin and you may take your poinsettia home if you wish after the Christmas Eve service.

* Notify the church office or signup in the Narthex to honor or remember someone either with a flower purchase or donation. For details, please call the church office.

COVID PROTOCOLS

1. We will remain in person for worship and events IF you are wearing a mask. If you decide not to wear a mask, please do not attend.
2. If you feel uncomfortable attending in person, please join us on Zoom or YouTube.
3. Please wear your mask securely around your mouth and nose, particularly when singing.
4. We encourage you to socially distance as we worship with those who are not your family.

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Announcements

- **Providence Men's Home:** SOPC will provide Christmas gifts for the men of Providence Home again this holiday season. Let's bring a little joy to these men by letting them know we care. Please stop by the Providence Home table in the narthex during Advent to see how you can help. Thank you!
- **Ladies Luncheon:** The next luncheon will be on December 13, 2021 at 12:00 pm at Travinia Italian Kitchen, 5074 Sunset Blvd, Lexington. If you are going, please notify Margaret Royals at 803-957-0430 or mroyals052@gmail.com
- **Family Promise:** December 16, 2021 at the Kendra Scott store at Trenholm Plaza. FP will receive 20% of sales during the event. Online shopping on December 16 and 17 will qualify for the FP donation. Please support our Family Promise partners.
- **Pastor Barry is Retiring!!:** Join us on Sunday, December 19, 2021 to hear Pastor Barry preach in the Worship Service and celebrate his retirement with cake after the worship service.
- **Christmas Joy Offering:** We will take up this special offering on December 19, 2021.
- **Christmas Eve Service:** December 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm, join us for a special Christmas service to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!
- **Love Revolution:** Join us on Sundays as we provide love and hope to our community, by providing food, clothing and fellowship to anyone who would like to come. You can help in this mission with your presence and/or by bringing food to help our neighbors, our homeless, our elderly, our lonely and our friends!

In our continued prayers...

Edith Blanchett	Nan Foster	Joe Gause
Al Charles	Linda Floyd	Jo Groce
Morganelli family	Ed Keelen	Donna Moore
Alene Rogers	Tara Whitfield	Tom Lowe
Patricia Williams	Charlene Carter	
Pat Robosky	Marilyn O'Mellan	
The Burma Community		