

CHILDREN'S DRAMA SOPC Children
We invite children ages 4k - 4th grade to sit in the "Children's Corner" after the Children's Drama. Adults will be sitting with children, and age appropriate activities will be provided for children that go along with worship. Parents will pick up their children after the service.

MOMENT OF RECOGNITION HONORING REV. DR. BARRY SHATZER

SPECIAL MUSIC *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* arr. Michael Keller
Covenant Ringers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:46-55

MESSAGE Why Mary, Why Us?

OFFERING Text Sevenoaks to 73256 or use the SOPC website with this link:
<https://onrealm.org/SevenOaksPresby/-/give/now>
Joy Christmas Offering

SPECIAL MUSIC *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* Lloyd Larson
Piano and Organ Duet

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS **Demko Family, Givens Family, Ms. Huff,**
After the service, please take a moment to welcome our newest members. **Lane Family, Sampson Family**

*APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Jana Creighton
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 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Wesley/Mendelssohn
**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

Refrain:
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the son of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. [Refrain]**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

POSTLUDE *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Jason Payne

HAPPY RETIREMENT PASTOR BARRY!!! JOIN US ON THE LAWN FOR A TIME OF FAREWELL AND BLESSINGS!!!



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**December 19, 2021
11:00 am
4th Sunday of Advent**

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

PRELUDE *Angels We Have Heard On High* arr. Mary McDonald

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jana Creighton

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer and Rev. Jana Creighton
One: God has done great things for us!
All: God's love is heralded in the promise of Christ.
One: Holy is God's name!
All: God's promises are fulfilled in the coming of Christ.
One: God's mercy extends from generation to generation.
All: God's salvation is offered in the gift of Christ.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING Banks and Polly Robinson and grandson

HYMN 314 *Christ Be Our Light* Farrell
Choir:
Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

**All:
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 140 *Once in Royal David's City* Alexander/Gauntlett
**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.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

*CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Jana Creighton

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Loving God, even in the midst of this season of goodwill, there is much to confess. In spite of holiday cheer, stress and anxiety rule our lives. We miss the reason for the season, focusing instead on Christmas parties, long to-do lists, and trying to get the shopping done. We fail to think about your reordered world—a world where the lowly are lifted up and the hungry are filled with good things. Help us adjust our Christmas priorities, that we might join with you, O God, in preparing a world that welcomes the one who brings us peace. Moment of Silence. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Sunday Worship, December 19, 2021

Counters: Mary Johnson and Banks Robinson
Usher: Guy San Fratello
Greeters: Nancy Tabor and Brenda Turner
Acolyte: Eli Bundrick
Children's Corner: Julie Bussells

Next Sunday, December 26, 2021

Counters: Polly Robinson and Guy San Fratello
Usher: Fred Holbrook
Greeters: Melanie Mixon and Beverly Hudson
Acolyte: Naomi Finnegan
Children's Message: Janna Simon
Children's Corner:

STAFF

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SESSION MEMBERS

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Class of 2022:

Carol Griffith- Fellowship
Ed Keelen- Worship*
Mark Pilkington - Christian Education
Sharon Staton - Christian Education*
Jim Taylor - Missions*

Class of 2023:

Karan Bundrick - Worship
Mark Dillard - Congregational Care*
Banks Robinson - Fellowship*
Mark Wishart - Fellowship

Class of 2024:

Hal Bowman - Administration*
Richard Brinkley - Administration
Guy San Fratello - Buildings & Grounds*

Trustees: Frank Sheppard, Jim Wilhide, Sue Kesterson

Treasurer: Hal Bowman

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, December 19, 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 20, 2021

12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga
6:30 pm - Session Meeting

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

9:30 am - Staff meeting

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

12:00 pm - Staff Christmas Party - Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 24, 2021

6:45 am: Lanterns (in person)
7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 25, 2021

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Holiday Office Hours:

Monday– Wednesday, December 20-22:

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday, December 23 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday, December 27 the office will be closed

Thursday, December 30 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Friday, December 31 - 2:00 - 5:00 pm (only to receive year end contributions)

Stay connected! If you would like to receive emails and/or texts from SOPC, please text the letters SOPC to the number 84576.

If you have information to be included in the weekly bulletin or newsletter, please have your information to the church office (sopc@sopc.net) no later than 10:00 am Tuesday the week of publication. Thank you!

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4 WAYS TO GIVE!

IN PERSON	BY MAIL	ONLINE	BY TEXT
Offering plate during the	worship service	530 St. Andrews Rd.	Columbia, SC 29210

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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.

Music Notes: Our music today centers around our Savior's birth and the angelic chorus proclaiming, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace..."

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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In our continued prayers...

Edith Blanchett Nan Foster Joe Gause
Al Charles Linda Floyd Morganelli family
Jo Groce Ed Keelen Donna Moore
Alene Rogers Tara Whitfield Patricia Williams
Charlene Carter Pat Robosky Tom Lowe
Marilyn O'Mellan Marty Spearman
The Burma Community
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (missionaries)
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz

If you would like someone to be added to the prayer list please call or email the church office.

Announcements

- **Sunday School:** There will be no Sunday School Classes on December 26, 2021!
- **Youth:** The Next Youth Thursday Night meeting will be January 6, 2022.
- **Providence Men's Home:** You did it again! All 60 men at Providence Home received a Christmas card with an enclosed \$25.00 gift card from our SOPC family. Thank you for showing your love this holiday season. You make a difference in the lives of these men.
- **Christmas Joy Offering:** We will take up this special offering on December 19, 2021. See insert in today's bulletin for more information about the Joy Offering!
- **Christmas Eve Service:** December 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm, join us for a special Christmas service to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! Plan to arrive early as our Christmas Eve service will be preceded at 6:45pm with an extended prelude of special organ and piano music.
- **Love Revolution:** On Sunday, December 26, 2021, the Love Revolution is going to have a Christmas meal. If you plan to join us, please bring a meal item to share. Every Sunday from 3:30 - 5:30 pm The Love Revolution provides food, love and hope to our community along with fellowship to anyone who would like to come.
- **Year End Contributions:** Charitable contributions to SOPC must be received in the church office by 5 p.m. on Friday, December 31, 2021, in order for them to be included on the 2021 Giving Statement, which can be used for verification for the IRS. If the contribution is mailed, it must be postmarked by 12/31/2021. Checks, cash or other property received after 12/31/2021, unless postmarked by that date, will be included in 2022 income and noted on the Contributor's 2022 giving statement. Please contact Sharon Staton with questions.

REJOICE IN CHRIST'S BIRTH:
WORSHIP SERVICE: DECEMBER 24, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Service



Oh Holy Night