

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Psalm 72, Ephesians 3)

The mystery of Christ has been revealed to the world. In that mystery, peace abounds. Share the mystery of Christ's plentiful peace. You are invited to turn to the person next to you or on the screen, put both hands together on your heart, then extend your open hands to them. While you do this, you look them in the eye and say "Peace be with you" to the person you are speaking to (silent peace is acceptable as well)! As the person echoes that gesture back to you, you then bring your hands back to your heart again and slightly bow your head, essentially receiving the gift with gratitude.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Elder Janna Simon

Children are invited to pickup a worship bag and be seated with their families to Celebrate Christmas today.

HYMN 145

*What Child is This*

Dix

**What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!**

**Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Janna Simon

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:7, Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE

Three Kings and the King of Kings

OFFERING

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

arr. John Carter

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 151

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Hopkins

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

**Refrain:**

**O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. [Refrain]**

**Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]**

\*CHARGE AND BENECTION

Elder Janna Simon

POSTLUDE

*Joy to the World!*

Handel/Carter



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 26, 2021

11:00 am

1st Sunday of Christmas

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

PRELUDE

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

arr. John Carter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Creighton

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Creighton and Elder Janna Simon

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

**All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!**

One: The glory of God shines in the darkness.

**All: Lift up your eyes and look around.**

One: Follow the star, wherever it leads!

**All: Take the journey that leads to the child.**

One: Let your hearts rejoice.

**All: Be overwhelmed with joy!**

One: We worship the Christ child,

**All: the hope of the world.**

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN 147

*The First Nowell*

English Carol

**The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

**Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]**

**And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Jana Creighton

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of starlight, shine your love into the darkness of our lives. Preoccupied with ourselves, we forget the needs of others; we participate in systems that oppress; we accept violence as a way of life; we fail to respond to the cry of others. May your love fall upon us like rain on the mown grass. May your love wash away our indifference and water the tender shoots of our care and compassion. Nourished in the sunlight of your love, may we grow into people who live in righteousness and who work for justice for all your children. Amen.**

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

## Sunday Worship, December 26, 2021

Counters: Polly Robinson and Guy San Fratello  
Usher: Ron Kesterson  
Greeters: Melanie Mixon and Beverly Hudson  
Acolyte: Naomi Finnegan

## Next Sunday, January 2, 2021

Counters: Melanie Mixon and Elizabeth Taylor  
Usher: Mary Johnson  
Greeters: Elizabeth Taylor and Jim Taylor  
Children's Message: Sue Kesterson  
Children's Corner: Emalee Dillard

## 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 26, 2021**

11:00 am - Worship Service  
11:20 am - Liberty Worship Service - Fellowship Hall  
3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution Christmas meal  
6:00 pm - Chin Church

### **Monday, December 27, 2021 Office Closed**

### **Tuesday, December 28, 2021** 9:30 am - Staff meeting

### **Friday, December 31, 2021** 6:45 am: Lanterns (in person)

### **Saturday, January 1, 2022 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

### **Holiday Office Hours:**

**Monday, December 27 the office will be closed**  
**Tuesday - Wednesday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**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!*



## **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 flowers in the sanctuary are given by Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer to the glory of God and in memory of Jay Shatzer.

\* 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.

## **In our continued prayers...**

Edith Blanchett    Nan Foster    Joe Gause  
Al Charles        Linda Floyd    Tom Lowe  
Jo Groce           Ed Keelen      Tara Whitfield  
Patricia Williams    Charlene Carter    Pat Robosky  
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.**

## **LIKE US ON...**



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**4 WAYS TO GIVE!**

IN PERSON	BY MAIL	ONLINE	BY TEXT
Offering baskets	530 St. Andrews Rd. Columbia, SC 29210	Sopc.net	Text 73256 to SEVENOAKS

**530 St. Andrews Rd Columbia, SC 29210**

## **Announcements**

- **Poinsettias:** If you ordered a poinsettia, please pick it up today after the Worship Service, if you have not done so already.
- **Sunday School:** A great way to kick off 2022 is to join us for Sunday School on January 2nd!!! Children and Youth begin at 10:00 am and adult classes meet at 9:30 am.
- **Youth:** Come and bring a friend on January 6, 2022 at 6:00 pm for Youth Bible Study at SOPC.
- **Christmas Joy Offering:** Today is the last day to give to this Special Offering.
- **Love Revolution:** Today the Love Revolution will have a Christmas meal. If you plan to join us, please bring a meal item to share (you can still come if you do not have an item to bring). 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.
- **Star Word:** It's almost the New Year! As you think ahead to 2022, we will be inviting you to pick a star word for the New Year when we celebrate Epiphany!! This will be a word to encourage and guide your prayers in 2022. Check the Leaflet on December 30, 2021 for more information.
- **Providence 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.
- **Ladies Luncheon:** The Ladies Luncheon will be January 17, 2022 at Noon at the Olive Garden, 274 Harbison Blvd., Columbia. Looking forward to seeing all of you. Please contact Margaret Royals at 803-957-0430 or [mroyals052@gmail.com](mailto:mroyals052@gmail.com) if attending.
- **Clothes Closet:** Donations needed of warm Socks, gently used large men's shoes, men and women's underwear, thick gloves, adult toothbrushes and handwarmers. Please drop off in the baskets on Sunday mornings or in the office during regular office hours.