

SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hanging of the Greens

First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

11:00 am

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

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme (Sleepers Awake)

J.S. Bach

*PROCESSIONAL

One: People of God, we stand at the entrance of the church and at the doorway to the Christian year on this first Sunday of Advent. Let us mark the entrance to the church building and our hearts and minds as portals for Christ to enter.

All: Come, Lord Jesus! Come, Lord Jesus!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

Verse 1, 2

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

THE MEANING OF THE HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 2:2-3 alt

One: In the days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hill; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say:

All: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths."

Child: With what shall we come to God's house?

One: Bring branches of cedar and holly, bring evergreens and a pine tree, hang wreaths and garlands.

All: Make the church fragrant with the smell of living things and our holy play.

Leader: In acts of hanging greens and listening to the words of prophets and seers let us make our hearts and this space a place of inward and outward preparation for the One who comes to give us second birth.

THE SANCTUARY GREENS

Chancel & Balcony Greens

Scripture

Genesis 1:11-13

Elder Fred Holbrook

Background

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Come, Emmanuel

Lani Smith

Piano & Organ Duet

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Kathy Keane

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

SANCTUARY PARAMENTS & BANNERS

Scripture

Isaiah 9:6-7

Elder Hal Bowman

Background

*HYMN # 97

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Verse 1, 3

THE CRECHE

Scripture

Micah 5:2-5

Elder Mark Wishart

Background

*HYMN # 123

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Verse 1, 4

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Providence Men's Home

Tara Whitfield

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

OFFERING Offerings may be placed in the large wooden boxes with crosses at the main exit of the lobby.
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<https://onrealm.org/SevenOaksPresby/-/give/now>

OFFERTORY *The People Who Walked In Darkness* Sally Ann Morris
Chancel Choir

THE CHRISMON TREE

Scripture Genesis 2:8-9 Rev. Jana Light Creighton
Background
*HYMN # 121 *Little Town of Bethlehem* Verse 1, 4

THE ADVENT WREATH

Scripture John 1:5, 9-12 Elder Janna Simon
Background
Lighting of the Advent Wreath *The Candle of Hope* Elder Karan, Eli & Finn Bundrick
HYMN # 88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Verse 1
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appears. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT LIGHTS

Scripture Isaiah 60:1-3 Rev. Jana Light Creighton
Background
*HYMN # 134 *Joy to the World* All verses

*ADVENT CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Creighton
One: Go out to tell the world that God is alive and in charge
All: No evil can have the last word, for God is greater than any wrong.
One: God calls us to creative living and prepares us for our time of service.
All: Praise be to God who equips us for the life and ministry we share. Praise God for truth, righteousness and peace that has no end. Amen.

*POSTLUDE *Break Forth, Ye Heavens* Edward Broughton