

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

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OFFERING Offerings may be placed in the large wooden boxes with crosses at the main exit of the lobby. To give online, text Sevenoaks to 73256 or use the SOPC website with this link: <https://onrealm.org/SevenOaksPresby/-/give/now>

OFFERTORY *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Lani Smith
Piano & Organ Duet

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Rev. Jana Light Creighton
*You are invited to the Lord's table to receive your elements, either prepackaged, on the left or bread and juice, on the right, and return to your seat for communion

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Elder Jana Simon

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!
One: Let us pray to the Lord ...
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

CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN # 100 *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*
My soul cries out, with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?
Refrain My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. Refrain

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread; every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. Refrain

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast: God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. Refrain.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Jana Light Creighton

POSTLUDE *Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn* Wainright/arr. Lyndell Leatherman



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday in Advent

11:00 am

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

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jana Light Creighton

PRELUDE *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Mark Hayes

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Janna Simon

One: Get ready, people of God! The time of hope and peace is at hand.
All: Open our hearts, O Lord, and make us ready to receive you.
One: Repentance, changing our attitudes, our lives, is the beginning of our preparation.
All: Lord, give us courage and confidence.
One: God will fill us with joy and peace as we become witnesses to God's love.
All: Lord, help us to be faithful servants all of our days. AMEN.

*HYMN: # 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
Come thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

*CALL TO CONFESSION Elder Janna Simon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Lord of mercy and peace, open our hearts to receive your words of hope. We live far too much in darkness and fear. It seems that this world and its people are more pleased to fight and destroy than they are to have peace and harmony. Forgive us, patient and merciful God. Give us courage and strength to change our lives, that your peace may become a reality in this world, right now, this day. Hear our prayer, O Lord, AMEN.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Elder Kathy Morganelli & Eleanor Evans

*HYMN # 88 *O Come O come Emmanuel* Verse 1, 2
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.

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. Rejoice! Rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Elder Judy Barnes
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.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Prepare Ye!* Karin Thomas Shovic
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Jana Light Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:1-12
Isaiah 11:1-10

MESSAGE *New Roots*

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Sunday, December 4

Counters: Ron Kesterson, Mary Johnson
Usher: Guy San Fratello
Greeters: Shelagh Wirth, Elizabeth Taylor
Acolyte: Communion
Children's Message: Judy Barnes
Children's Corner: Dallene Smith

Next Sunday, December 11

Counters: Banks Robinson, Polly Robinson
Usher: Fred Holbrook
Greeters: Robert Miller, Kitsie Miller
Acolyte: Weston Pilkington
Children's Message: Mary Dempster
Children's Corner: Melanie Mixon

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Class of 2023:

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

Class of 2024:

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

Class of 2025:

Fred Holbrook - Administration*
Ed Keelen - Christian Education*
Sharon Staton - Missions*
Sharon Watkins - Missions

ReShape Coordinator: Hal Bowman

Trustees: Jim Wilhide, Sue Kesterson, Frank Sheppard

Treasurer: Hal Bowman

Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW) -

Mary Johnson

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

This week at SOPC:

Sunday, December 4 2022
9:45 am - Adult SS Classes
9:45 - Children/Youth SS Classes
3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution
5:00 pm Youth - Meet @ Walmart - Harbison

Monday, December 5, 2022
Session Chairs Meeting - 6:30 pm - Zoom
7:30 pm - NANA

Tuesday, December 6, 2022
9:00 am - SCDHEC - FH
9:30 am - Staff meeting
6:00 pm - PWC CT - Dinner
7:30 pm - NANA

Wednesday, December 7, 2022
5:30 pm - CMT Meeting
5:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion
6:30 - Choir Practice
7:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, December 8, 2022
6:30 pm - Hannah Circle

Friday, December 9, 2022
6:45 am - Lanterns

Saturday, December 10, 2022
10:00 am - Advent Adventure - FH

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 it to the church office (sopc@sopc.net) no later than 10:00 am Tuesday the week of publication. Thank you!

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Welcome!

Masked and Socially distanced seating: There are two pews marked as reserved in the sanctuary to the far right front close to the side exit for those preferring masking and social distancing. If you need assistance please ask an usher. Masks are available in narthex/lobby.

Hearing impaired equipment available in the narthex. 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. PLEASE NOTE: there will be no nursery for Christmas Day Service.

Worship bags: Parents can pick up worship bags in the Children's Corner before the worship service, for ages 3 - 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.

Music Notes: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence is derived from one of the earliest existing Christian liturgies, and is wedded to a 17th century French melody. The postlude comes from an 18th century hymn celebrating the coming of our Savior. That hymn begins, "*Christians awake, salute the happy morn, whereon the Savior of the world was born; rise to adore the mystery of love, which hosts of angels chanted from above; with them the joyful tidings first begun of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son.*"

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December
Word of the Month
JOY

In our continued prayers...

Dave Allen	John Anderson
Edith Blanchett	Al Charles
Joe Gause	Myrna Gause
Jo Groce	Nealy Jordan
Ed Keelen	Jim Mullins
Rebecca Taylor	Patricia Williams
Kirk Wirth	Tara and John Whitfield
Our Ukraine Family	
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (missionaries)	
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz	

If you would like someone to be added to the prayer list please contact the church office.

Announcements

Please let us know you are here today by scanning the QR code using your phones camera and include your name and those who attended with you in the link.



Love Revolution: You are invited to bring a dish and come at 3:30 - 5:30 pm for fellowship & to serve our neighbors in Christ. We need you!!!

Youth: Meet at Wal Mart - Harbison, at 5 pm and we'll shop together for needed items for Providence Home.

ReShape - Work is underway to recruit people for The Adapting Action Group of the Session. This is a new group who will look at all changes from Reshape and other sources to recommend new or changed activities for SOPC. If you want to be part of the future of SOPC, please contact Hal Bowman or the church office.

Sharing God's Love: Please bring any of the following: Items: Grocery Bags, Grits, Oatmeal, Pancake Syrup, Jelly, Ravioli, SpaghettiOs (Lunch Can), Elbow Pasta, and Pasta sauce. Please leave them in the Missions' closet or in the black baskets in the Narthex!

Christmas giving 2022 - SOPC continues it's Christmas tradition of providing Christmas gifts to the men at Providence Home. This year we plan to gift each resident of Providence Home with a \$25 gift card. Please come by the Christmas Giving table in the narthex during Advent to see how you can participate.

Prime Rib Dinner will be December 18th at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. An email went to everyone to sign up on line or you can sign up in the narthex. This is always a great time for fellowship and we hope everyone will be able to join us.

Suppers of 6 will begin in January. This consists of three couples or singles to meet at the host's favorite or new restaurant. Dutch treat. Sign up online, email sent, or call Banks Robinson 803 240 9146.

The Friendly Beasts Advent Adventure Saturday, December 10, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm. What do the "Friendly Beasts" have to do with Advent? Come join us and find out. We will enjoy snacks, stories, crafts, music & have lots of FUN!!! Join with the online link below or the QR code. Volunteers needed, contact Marion W. Wishart or Mary Dempster. <https://forms.gle/BahDoNoFBrMBhVDu6>. RSVP no later than December 7.



Thornwell offering - We collected \$400 from the congregation for this important ministry! Since all donations through the end of the year will be matched 100% up to \$200,000 by a group of donors, the Missions Ministry added another \$300 from its operating budget. This means that our gift of \$700 will actually be \$1,400! Additional gifts can still be matched through 12/31/22!