

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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

Elder Sue Kesterson

HYMN # 647 "Give Thanks"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Bruce Hurley

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-46 Elder Liz Harris

MESSAGE "Did I Do That?" Bruce Hurley

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The 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 Light 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.**

**SENDING - BEARING & FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN # 268 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Bruce Hurley

POSTLUDE "How Firm a Foundation" Funk/Labenske



PLEASE PLAN TO COME AND HELP DECORATE OUR SANCTUARY ON DECEMBER 1ST @ 10 AM.

THE MORE THE MERRIER!

DON'T MISS THE HANGING OF THE GREENS AND FIRST LUNCHEON ON SUNDAY, DEC. 3RD.



**SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**November 26, 2023  
The Reign of Christ and  
Thanksgiving Celebration  
11:00 am**



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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MINUTE FOR MISSION Providence Home for Men Tara Whifield

PRELUDE "Fairest Lord Jesus" Arr. Bober

**GATHERING**

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Jana Light Creighton / Bruce Hurley

Around the world this day, the universal church celebrates "The Reign of Christ."

Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful, has been enthroned above all authority and power in this world and in the world that is to come.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, serve the Lord with gladness come into his presence with singing.**

God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet, appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns as the supreme head of the church, his body.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, come into his courts with praise. Give thanks and praise his loving name!**

— written by Bruce Prewer

\*HYMN # 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Jana Light Creighton

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We have trouble believing in a King in our lives. Early in our nation's history, we rejected monarchy as something undesirable. Yet, this day we are called to recognize Jesus Christ as the King of our lives, our sovereign ruler. His kingdom is based on the laws of love; loving God as God has truly loved us and loving our neighbor as we ourselves want to be loved. That love extends beyond the borders of our lives, into a world in which there is fear and alienation, hunger and disease, hopelessness and darkness. Jesus, our sovereign ruler, our friend, our Master and guide has asked us to reach out to feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked, visit the sick and those imprisoned; welcome the stranger.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for the meagerness of our faith and the weakness of our witness. Rule our lives again with your powerful love, that we might truly be worthy disciples of yours. Help us to find the forgiveness which you have given to us and to do your will. AMEN.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.



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**Sunday, November 26**

Counters: Liz Harris, Mary Johnson  
 Usher: Fred Holbrook  
 Greeters: Sue Kesterson, Brenda Turner  
 Acolyte: Ellis Robinson  
 Children's Message: Sue Kesterson  
 Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson

**Sunday, December 3**

Counters: Kathy Keane, Ron Kesterson  
 Usher: Mary Johnson  
 Greeters: Robert and Kitisie Miller  
 Acolyte: No Acolyte - Usher  
 Children's Message: Janice Holbrook  
 Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson  
 Communion Setup: Polly and Banks Robinson  
 Communion Serving: Kathy Keane, Hal Bowman

**THE STAFF OF SOPC**

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**Clerk of Session:** Polly Robinson  
**Class of 2024:**  
 Hal Bowman - Administration  
 John Carter - Buildings & Grounds\*  
**Class of 2025:**  
 Fred Holbrook - Administration\*  
 Ed Keelen - Reshape Adapting Group\*  
 Sharon Staton - Missions\*  
 Sharon Watkins - Worship\*  
**Class of 2026**  
 Liz Harris - Fellowship  
 Kathy Keane - Christian Ed\*  
 Banks Robinson - Fellowship\*

**Trustees:** Sue Kesterson, Frank Sheppard, Carol Griffith

**Treasurer:** Hal Bowman

**Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW):**  
 Mary Johnson

**OFFICE HOURS:  
 Monday - Thursday - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**THIS WEEK AT SOPC**

**Sunday, November 26**

9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages  
 11 am - Worship  
 8:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l - Sanctuary & Nursery  
 3:30 pm - 5:00pm - Love Revolution - Pavilion

**Monday, November 27**

8:00 am - 1:00pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 1:00pm - 2:00pm - Care Givers Group  
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Worship Ministry  
 7:00pm - 8:00 pm - Troop 91 - Scout Hut  
 7:30 PM - 8:30 pm - NANA  
 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm - Mision Cristiana Elm Int'l - Building B

**Tuesday, November 28**

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Missions Ministry Meeting  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

**Wednesday, November 29**

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

**Thursday, November 30**

8:00am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School

**Friday, December 1**

6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group  
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 5:00 pm - 8:00pm - Peaceful Gathering Childcare Drop-off - Pavilion & Building B  
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l - Sanctuary & Nursery

**Saturday, December 2**

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Advent Adventure- And The Angels Said... - Fellowship Hall



**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 text rates may apply

**WELCOME**

**Nursery:** A nursery is available in Building A during worship and Sunday School for ages 0 - 4. If you have any questions, please see an usher for help.

**Worship Bags:** Parents can pick up worship bags in the Children's Corner before the worship service, for ages 4 years old- 5th grade. (*Sanctuary near the restrooms*)

**Guests are invited to stop by the guest table** in the narthex/lobby. Please take a goody bag with you as a reminder of God's love. Also, please leave your information for us on the yellow card. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

**Masked and Socially Distanced Seating:** To help decrease the spread of Covid at Seven Oaks, please consider wearing a mask during worship. Also, 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 the narthex/lobby.

**Church Flowers:** If you would like to order fresh flowers for the sanctuary, please call the Church Office.



**In our continued prayers...**

Al Charles	Barbara Fowler
Joe Gause	Myrna Gause
Janet Jordan	Ira Leon
Annie Moffatt	Donna Moore
Jim Mullins	Barry Shatzer
Nancy Taber	Tara and John Whitfield
Kirk Wirth	
Our Ukraine Family	
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)	
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz	

**Long Term Care -** Dave, Rich & Sam Allen, Edith Blanchett, Kathie Cashion, Bobby Sellars (Father of John Paul Sellars), and Patricia Williams.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please join us for Love Revolution** in the Pavilion today from **3:30 pm to 5:00 pm**. We could always use more food and more servers! Please help us with this mission!

**The Fellowship Sunday School Class** will begin an Advent Series on **Sunday, November 26 through December 17**. The study will be Jesus, The God Who Knows Your Name. Please join us in the Fellowship Classroom, with fellowship beginning at 9:30 and the lesson beginning at **10:00 am**. Our Class will not meet on **December 24th**.

**NO YOUTH** tonight! Happy Thanksgiving!

**Hey kids, plan to join us for our Advent Adventure - And The Angels Said...on Saturday, December 2nd from 12-3 pm**. Lunch will be provided. Ages 4 years old - 5th grade. You can register with the QR code or online at [www.sopc.net](http://www.sopc.net). Deadline is tomorrow, November 27.



**Fellowship Sunday School Class Christmas Party** will be at **Carol Griffith's home at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 7.**

**Ladies luncheon to be held December 18th, noon at Lulu's Latin Cuisine**, at (the Shoppes at Flight Deck), 109 Old Chapin Rd., Suite K. If attending, please notify **Margaret Royals, mroyals052@gmail.com, or 803-608-1434, or 803-957-0430**

**Rachel Circle will be having their Christmas Luncheon at Miyo's on Tuesday, December 12, at 12:30 pm.**

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS DINNER will be on Sunday, December 3 @ Julie and Ernie Bussells'**. Confirmation will meet at **4:30 pm** and then we will all gather for dinner at **5:30 pm**.

**MORE JUSTICE** will be held tomorrow, **December 4th** in our church Fellowship Hall.

**Don't miss our First Sunday Fellowship Luncheon on December 3 immediately after Worship!** More details on the menu coming soon! Bring a friend to worship and then a delicious meal!

**CHRISTMAS GIVING:** Come by the Christmas table in the narthex next **Sunday, December 3rd** to support our Christmas gift giving to the men at Providence Home. **This is our 8th year supporting this important mission.**

**What is that you say?** It's a Christmas miracle! Ok so not really. But next week we are experimenting with our new projectors in the sanctuary, taking efforts to make them blend in seamlessly to worship. What a way to Welcome Advent, the season of waiting for Christ. May these projectors enhance your Christmas Spirit during the wait!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**December 2 - 12 - 3 pm** - Advent Adventure - And The Angels Said...  
**December 3-** Hanging of the Greens Worship Service  
**December 3 - After worship-** First Sunday Fellowship Luncheon  
**December 3 - 4:30 pm** - Confirmation @ The Bussells'  
**December 3 - 5:30 pm** - Youth @ [SOPC](http://SOPC)  
**December 4** - MORE Justice  
**December 7 - 6:30 pm** Fellowship SS Class Christmas Party@Carol Griffith's  
**December 10 - 5:30 pm** - Youth - Mission Project  
**December 12** - Rachel Circle Christmas Luncheon @ [Miyo's](http://Miyo's)