

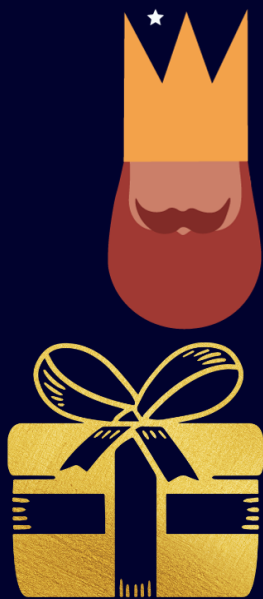
# Seven Oaks

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to stop by the visitor table and fill out a visitor's card.

Are you looking for a church home? Please speak to an usher or the pastors for information on joining our family of faith or contact the church office [sopc@sopc.net](mailto:sopc@sopc.net) or text/call (803) 772-1761.

**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 the narthex/lobby.



Welcome



530 St. Andrews Road  
Columbia, SC 29210

Seven Oaks

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24  
5:30 p.m.  
Christmas Eve



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome! May the love and blessings of Christ fill your heart as you join us in this joyous worship commemorating the miracle of Jesus' birth.



PRELUDE

*"What Child Is This"*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Light Bundrick

OPENING PRAYER

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Bundrick/Bruce Hurley

ONE: Welcome tonight to a celebration like no other!

**ALL: This is the night of the Holy Birth!**

ONE: Let the love of Jesus be born in your hearts and spirits!

**ALL: Open our hearts to receive this blessed gift, Loving God.**

ONE: Rejoice, good friends, the Good News is here!

**ALL: Christ our Savior is Born! Hallelujah! AMEN.**

\*CAROL # 123

*"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

V 1&5

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Loretta Demko & Hadessah Wright

\*CAROL # 88

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

V 1&7

PREPARATIONS FOR THE  
BIRTH OF JESUS

Luke 2:1-5

Rev. Jana Light Bundrick

\*CAROL #121

*"Little Town of Bethlehem"*

V 1,2,4

JESUS IS BORN

Luke 2:6-7

Bruce Hurley

\*CAROL # 115

*"Away in a Manger"*

All Verses

JESUS' BIRTH IS ANNOUNCED  
TO THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:8-14

Rev. Jana Light Bundrick

\*CAROL # 119

*"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

All Verses

Bubba and Kathy Locklair

In memory of their parents, Joe and Joanne Locklair & Bill and Elsie Tarrer, and her brother, Bill Tarrer, Jr.

Greg & Melanie Mixon

In memory and in appreciation of Family.

Kathy Morganelli

In memory of Al Morganelli.

Janice Reiser

In memory of Tom Reiser.

Banks & Polly Robinson

In memory of Stacy Robinson.

Guy San Fratello

In appreciation of those who came before us and those who are still with us.

Barry Shatzer

In loving memory of Jay Shatzer.

SOPC Staff

In appreciation of Pastor Jana.

Sharon and Chris Staton

In honor of their grandchildren: Beckett, Blythe and Merritt.

Nancy Taber

In memory of Bill Taber.

Jim and Elizabeth Taylor

In memory of their parents: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bethea; Mr. and Mrs. Prentice Taylor.

Brenda Turner

In memory of her husband, Richard Turner.

Jim Wilhide

In memory of his loving wife, Joan and eldest son, Scott.

Mark and Marion Wishart

In memory of their parents.



# Poinsettias



Judy Barnes

In appreciation of the Sheperd Family: Those who came before us and those who are still with us.

Jana Bundrick

In honor of all the beloved members of Seven Oaks Presbyterian, loved, chosen and nurtured in Christ. May you feel the power of God's spirit upon you during this season of joy.

John Carter

In memory of Charlene Byars Carter.

Margaret and Al Charles

In memory of our parents.

Anne Crook

In loving memory of Clyde Crook.

Loretta Demko

In memory of deceased loved ones.

Carol Griffith

In memory of Joe Griffith; in honor of our children.

Liz Harris

In appreciation of my SOPC family; in loving memory of "Pip" Clyde Crook.

Francis Ilonzeh

In memory of Estelle Jo Fleming; in memory of Chief Angus Ilonzeh; and Daisy Hsu Family memorial.

Molly Jackson

In memory of Nan Foster.

Ron and Sue Kesterson

In memory of loved ones: William and Grace Archer, Thomas and Jeanne Archer, Robert and Madeline Kesterson, Jeffery Guy Kesterson.

CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION

Rev. Jana Light Bundrick

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Jana Light Bundrick/Bruce Hurley

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The elements for communion are prepackaged,  
Please come down by the center aisle & return to your seat by the outside aisle,  
we will partake of the elements together when everyone is seated.

THE SHEPHERD'S FIND BABY JESUS

Luke 2:15-20

Bruce Hurley

THE PASSING OF THE CHRIST LIGHT

Please remain seated as candle lights will be passed to you during the hymn. Thank you.

\*CAROL # 122

*"Silent Night, Holy Night!"*

*All verses*

\*LITANY OF HOPE

Rev. Jana Light Bundrick/Bruce Hurley

ONE: We thought we lived in the light, but the darkness of fear, anger, and alienation had taken over.

**ALL: We wondered where God was.**

ONE: God banished the darkness away in the light of the Christmas Star.

**ALL: God's light was found around a manger, a place where the Holy Child was given to sleep.**

ONE: God called to the shepherds through the voices of the angels whose first words were "Do not be afraid. There is Good News for you!"

**ALL: And in that instance, all the people who felt that God didn't care about them, had hope.**

ONE: The star shone brightly and shines brightly in our lives. Now no darkness can shut it out.

**ALL: Go, tell the good news. Christ is born! Praise be to God. AMEN.**



CAROL # 136

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

V 1&3

OFFERING

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

The Offering you give tonight is in thanks for the Christ light in our midst. The ministries of Seven Oaks are changing the lives of many who enter our doors, changing one life at a time, bringing light to the homeless, the lost, the lonely, the poor, the hungry and the searching in our midst. If you would like to be part of these ministries of serving the least of these and being a light unto all, please contact the pastor or office for a conversation. Thank you for your generosity to God’s work here in this place. Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come

OFFERTORY

“O Holy Night”

Laura Crosby/  
Arr. Dr Stephen Simmons

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*CAROL # 134

“Joy to the World”

All Verses

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Light Bundrick

\*POSTLUDE

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Jason Payne

# BABY JESUS, CHILD OF LOVE

BY: MARCIA A. NEWTON

*Baby Jesus, child of love,  
born of Mary, child of God,  
born this night to bring us light,  
God with us, Emmanuel.*



*Bells ring out, a child is born.  
Angels sing out, "Christ the Lord!"  
All on Earth rejoice His birth,  
a Child of love, the Promised One.*

*Word made flesh this holy night,  
Living Promise, Lord Divine.  
Bringing peace, goodwill to men,  
a child of love, the Chosen One.*

*Hope was born this silent night,  
dark no more, eternal light.  
He came to bring us saving grace,  
a child of love, the Holy One.*

*Born this night, this sacred night  
Jesus Christ, the Lord Most High,  
came to save and show the way,  
a Child of love, the Son of God.*



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