

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Light Bundrick

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Mark 1:1-8

Bruce Hurley  
Rev. Jana Light Bundrick

MESSAGE

Hide and Seek

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.**

\*HYMN # 106

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

\*ADVENT CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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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

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Arr. Victor Labenske



Peace

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## SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 10, 2023  
Second Sunday in Advent  
11:00 am

**WELCOME!**

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

PRELUDE

Sharon Watkins

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OPENING PRAYER

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

One: Let us hear what God will speak, for the Holy One speaks peace, to the faithful, and to all who turn to God in their hearts.

**All: "Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet. Righteousness and peace will embrace."**

One: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

**All: "The Holy One will give what is good, and we will bring our praise and song. Let us worship the Lord."**

\*HYMN # 82

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Berry Shatzer

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of love and kindness,**

**you have promised to renew our lives,**

**to be with us in a new heaven and new earth-**

**a realm where steadfast love and faithfulness embrace forever.**

**We are afraid of your promised coming.**

**We cling to rules we understand: the rules of privilege and power.**

**We are afraid of a world of true justice and peace, afraid that you will change the way things have always been.**

**As we wait for you to live among us, we confess our unwillingness to see that you have always been here.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Shuler Family

\*HYMN # 88

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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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.

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.





**Sunday, December 10**

Counters: Judy Barnes & Guy San Fratello  
 Usher: Guy San Fratello  
 Greeters: Janice Reiser, Jeanne LeBoeuf  
 Acolyte: No Acolyte - Usher  
 Children's Message: Judy Barnes  
 Children's Corner: Marion Wishart

**Sunday, December 17**

Counters: Banks & Polly Robinson  
 Usher: Ron Kesterson  
 Greeters: Carol Griffith & Stephanie Sampson  
 Acolyte: Eli Bundrick  
 Children's Message: Bruce Hurley  
 Children's Corner: Kathy Keane

**THE STAFF OF SOPC**

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Jana Light Creighton  
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 Mrs. Sharon Staton [sharon@sopc.net](mailto:sharon@sopc.net)  
**Nursery Coordinator:** Mrs. Amy Schwartz

**SESSION MEMBERS**

\* indicates chair

**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, December 10**

9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages  
 11:00 am - 3:00pm - Liberty Church  
 11:00 am - Worship  
 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l  
 3:30 pm - 5:00pm - Love Revolution - Pavilion  
 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Youth @ SOPC

**Monday, December 11**

8:00 am - 1:00pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Chairs Meeting  
 7:00 pm - 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, December 12**

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 8:00 am - 5:00 pm - Irmo Fire Department Grief Counselling  
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - SC HIV Planning  
 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Staff Meeting  
 12:30 pm - Rachel Circle Christmas Luncheon @ Miyo's  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

**Wednesday, December 13**

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 8:00 am - 5:00 pm - Irmo Fire Department Grief Counselling  
 4:00 pm - 11:00 pm - NANA Annual Dinner  
 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Youth Saluda Shoals Trip  
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI - Pavilion  
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Choir

**Thursday, December 14**





8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 8:00 am - 5:00 pm - Irmo Fire Department Grief Counselling  
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Hannah Circle  
 7:00 pm - Liberty Church - Fellowship Hall

**Friday, December 15**

6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group  
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 8:00 am - 5:00 pm - Irmo Fire Department Grief Counselling  
 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Childcare Drop-off  
 Pavilion & Building A  
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l

**Saturday, December 16**

11:00 am - Peaceful Gatherings

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. Masks are available in the narthex/lobby.



**Stay connected! If you would like to receive emails and/or texts from SOPC, please text the letters SOPC to the number 84576.**

**In our continued prayers...**

Al Charles	Donna Moore
Joe Gause	Barry Shatzer
Myrna Gause	Tara and John Whitfield
Ira Leon	Fran and Jeffrey Brannon
Jim Mullins	
Nancy Taber	
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**. Please help us serve food to our neighbors in need!



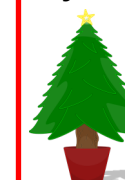
**YOUTH, please join us for an evening of giving and joy** at SOPC! You will be crafting care packages, followed by lively games and more fun. Plus an insightful study of the Incarnation. Join us 5:30-7 pm tonight!

**Important information: The Prime Rib Dinner will be on Sunday, December 17th at 6:00 PM.** Reservations are **DUE TODAY**. The cost is **\$15 per person** and **\$10 for those 12 or under**. Pick up your form in the Narthex. Please fill out and put it in the offering basket. **Please let us know if you need a ride for this event.**

**Our hearts are heavy** as we grieve with the family of Stephen Simmons for the loss of his father. This week, he stands with his loved ones in Virginia, leading the memorial service to honor and remember his father. Choir will still be practicing Wednesday, December 13th.

**Gratitude to all contributors** for Advent Adventure! On **December 2nd** we had a great time learning about angels through story, music, crafts, and games. Your contributions are truly appreciated- thank you for making it a memorable event!

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



**Exciting news for Youth!** On **Wednesday, the 13th**, join us as we venture to Saluda Shoals to see the Christmas lights! We'll be meeting at SOPC at 5pm. Bring cash for extras like food and games and don't forget to dress for the weather!

**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**.

**The Fellowship Sunday School Class** is studying "Jesus, The God Who Knows Your Name." Join us in the **Fellowship Classroom**, with fellowship starting at **9:30 am** and the lesson beginning at **10:00 am**. Our class will not meet on **December 24th**.

**Please let us know if you will need** a ride for our Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 pm. Thank you!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**December 12** - Rachel Circle Christmas Luncheon @ Miyo's  
**December 13** - NANA Annual Dunner  
**December 13-** Youth Christmas Lights @ Saluda Shoals  
**December 14** - Hannah Circle  
**December 17 - 6 pm** - Prime Rib Dinner @ Fellowship Hall