

## **VOLUNTEERS - Sunday, November 11**

Greeters: Mark & Marion Watson-Wishart, Heather Noë, Carol Griffith

Ushers: Ron Kesterson, Frank Sheppard, Mark & Marion Watson-Wishart, Melanie Mixon

Attendance Sheets: Mary Jane and Heyward Stuckey, Martha Hallbick

Counters: Jeanne LeBeouf, Tish Lowe

Time With the Children: Sue Kesterson

Children's Church: Kitsie Miller Sound: Greg Mixon

Nursery: Amy Schwartz Acolyte: Lucy Park

## **VOLUNTEERS - Sunday, November 18**

Greeters: Richard Brinkley, Melanie Mixon, Martha Hallbick

Ushers: Guy San Fratello, Judy Barnes, Pete Spearman, Buddy Wilson, Jacob Schwartz, Finn Creighton, Sandra Johnson

Attendance Sheets: Robert Miller, Buddy Wilson, Brenda Turner

Counters: Melanie Mixon, Kathy Morganelli

Time With the Children: Melanie Mixon

Children's Church: Kitsie Miller Sound: Marty Hilyer

Nursery: Amy Schwartz Acolyte: Ewan Park

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## **THIS WEEK AT SOPC**

### **Sunday, November 11**

9:45am Sunday School\*  
11:00am Worship Service\*  
12:15pm Covenant Ringers  
5:30pm Bible Bootcamp/JAM/ Confirm\*

### **Monday, November 12**

10:30am Bible Study

### **Tuesday, November 13**

11:00am Mary Martha  
11:00am Presb. Communities  
2:30pm Rachel Circle  
7:00pm YOGA

### **Wednesday, November 14**

12:15pm Chair YOGA  
7:30pm Chancel Choir

### **Friday, November 16**

6:45am Lanterns

### **Saturday, November 17**

9:00am Holiday Marketplace

### **Sunday, November 18**

9:45am Sunday School\*  
11:00am Worship Service\*  
12:15pm Covenant Ringers  
5:30pm Thanksgiving meal  
7:00pm Service at McGregor

### **CONNECTION CORNER:**

Seven Oaks would love to help you deepen your faith or share how you can become part of our church family.

We welcome you to speak with a Pastor after worship.

We also have many other ways of communication. If you are not receiving or have access to the various methods please contact the church office.

Realm Connect App - Member contact database

Daily - Facebook, Instagram or Twitter for daily news

Weekly - Friday E-Connect with weekend happenings

Monthly - The Leaf newsletter is mailed each month

with ministry news and calendar events.

### **LIKE US ON...**



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### **4 WAYS TO GIVE!**



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Offering plate during the worship service



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# **Sunday Worship Service November 11, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.**

Welcome to Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church.  
We pray that you will truly experience  
God's love and grace as you worship!

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP:

*All Hail King Jesus*

Chancel Choir

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Alice Odell

(Please sign the Friendship Register)

PRELUDE:

*O That I Had a Thousand Voices*

Paul Manz

\* GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS:

One: The God who is greater than we will ever understand,

**All: is humbled to become one of us.**

One: The God who is more loving than our hearts dare imagine,

**All: gives us more grace than we ever realize.**

One: The God who is wiser than we will ever know,

**All: teaches us all we need to become God's children.**

Rev. Alice Odell

\* HYMN #338:

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Jana Creighton

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all creation, we are so easily confused by what the world tells us, that we forget the stories of faith we heard as children. We are so fearful of tomorrow, we are not aware of your Spirit with us today. We are so busy wondering "what if" or "suppose"- we cannot hear the promises you whisper to us. Once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us. You know our hearts so well, touch them with your peace. You hear our secret longings; speak to them of your hope. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**  
*(time for silent confession) Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\* GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Elder Dallene Smith

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Elder Sue Kesterson

ANTHEM

*Fight the Good Fight*  
Chancel Choir

John Gardner

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Alice Odell

SCRIPTURE READINGS: *Genesis 22: 7-8, Acts 7: 58-60, Mark 12: 41-44  
Luke 1: 36-38, Philippians 3:13-14, John 5: 19-24*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE:

*"Setting the Bar"*

Rev. Alice Odell

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* 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.**

\*HYMN #629: *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jana 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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

OFFERTORY: *Sheep May Safely Graze* Bach/arr. Lane Smith  
Piano and Organ Duet

\* CONGREGATION RESPONSE: #606

***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.***

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN #340: *This is My Song*

\* CHARGE AND BLESSING

\* CHORAL RESPONSE: *The Lord Bless You*

\* POSTLUDE: *Prelude in G Minor* J.S. Bach

\* Please stand in body or in spirit

**Nursery:** A nursery is available in building A for ages 0 - 3. If you have any questions please see anyone of our volunteers with an "ASK ME" badge.

**Hearing devices & large print hymnals** are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

**A Guest Reception Table** is available in the Narthex. If you have any questions please see a volunteer with an "ASK ME" badge.

**Children's Worship:** Every Sunday following "A Time with the Children", ages 4-4<sup>th</sup> grade can either choose to continue to worship with their families, or go to Children's Church. Please pick up children from Building "A". Worship Bags for wiggly children "or adults" ages 4-12 are hanging on the coat rack in the Narthex.

**During the Welcome and Announcements** please pass the Friendship Books to record your presence here today. You are invited to greet each other with the love of Christ after worship.

**Worship CD's of services.** Contact the church office, ask a Sound System Volunteer in the balcony, or listen/download to podcast at [www.sopc.net/sermons](http://www.sopc.net/sermons).

**Music Notes:** The prelude is based on a hymn of praise whose opening verse is: "O that I had a thousand voices, and with a thousand tongues could tell of Him in whom the earth rejoices...My grateful heart would then be free to tell what God has done for me." *Fight the Good Fight* draws references from I Timothy 6:12 and Hebrews 12:1-2. The offertory is based on Bach's aria that reminds us that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, keeps us safe under His watchful eye.

**Flowers:** The flowers in the sanctuary are given on this Veteran's Day to the glory of God by the Lanterns Men's Prayer Group, in celebration, remembrance and thanksgiving for all who serve and have served, our country's armed forces to protect the freedoms we enjoy every day.

**Poinsettia** order forms are now available in the pews.

**Prayers and Sympathy** for Linda Schiesser. Her mother, Winnie Vereen entered into eternal rest on Monday, November 5th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

**Prayer Vigil** is on Tuesday, Nov. 13th, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. here in our sanctuary.

**Community Thanksgiving Service** will be held Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., at McGregor Presbyterian Church. Everyone is invited and an offering will be collected for Sharing God's Love. Our choirs have combined for special music. It should be a wonderful worship service, a time for us to come together as a community to give thanks for our many blessings.

**Thornwell Thanksgiving Offering:** Will be collected on Sunday, Nov. 18. Thornwell Home for Children opened its doors in 1875 to orphaned children. This non-profit ministry of the PC-USA is one of the oldest children's homes in our nation and is located in Clinton, SC. They serve abused, abandoned and neglected children from toddler to adult. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

**A Smokin' Deal For Thanksgiving:** We are offering smoked turkeys for \$28 (12-14 lb range). We will take orders in the Narthex today. Please let Mark Wishart know if you desire to purchase one of our delicious turkeys, no later than Nov 12<sup>th</sup> and we will have it ready for pick up at the Thanksgiving Dinner. We will also furnish instructions on how to reheat!

**Thanksgiving Church Night Supper:** Come join us for a fantastic Thanksgiving dinner. The menu will include Smoked Turkey and Ham, Dressing, Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Seasoned Squash Medley, Mixed Green Salad, Yeast Rolls and Pumpkin Pie. Please come and enjoy the delicious holiday meal and fellowship with your church friends on Nov. 18th at 5:30 p.m. Dinner tickets will be sold in the Narthex today. Please let us know you are coming so we will plan properly! Adult tickets are \$7, Children under 12 are \$4 (Children under 4 eat free) with a family cap of \$20 for parents and school age children. Hope to see you there!

**Holiday Market** is Saturday, Nov. 17th in the Fellowship Hall from 10-4 pm. We are scheduling vendors now. Would you or someone you know like to participate in this capacity? We also need new or slightly used items or gift certificates for our silent auction. Help us advertise on Facebook! Proceeds will go to Debt Free in 3. For information contact Tara Whitfield (803) 429-5171.

**Adult Christmas Party:** Our party will be held at the Chestnut Hill Plantation Clubhouse on Sunday, Dec. 2nd from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert. We will provide a non-alcoholic punch but feel free to bring your favorite adult beverage. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift not to exceed \$10. Mark your calendars and come join us for great food and fellowship. For those who are involved with Bootcamp, we can carpool together afterwards.

**Christmas Prime Rib Dinner** is at 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 9th. Come join us for a delicious meal and musical presentation celebrating the season with your Seven Oaks Friends. Menu includes Prime Rib of Beef w/Aujus, Roasted Young Turkey (for non-beef lovers), Loaded Baked Potatoes, Stir-Fry Vegetables, Sautéed Mushrooms, Super Greek Salad, Hot Rolls, and Home Made Desserts. Tickets will be sold Nov. 18th, Nov. 25th and Dec. 2nd. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children under 12 (Children under 4 eat free) and a family cap of \$36 for parents and school age children.

**Volunteer sign-up** has begun in the Narthex for Family Promise. for Nov. 25th - Dec. 2nd.

**Bible Boot Camp:** Children should report to Room of Acts, Confirmands meet on the stage in Fellowship Hall and Adults meet in the Session Room. We will all join together for dinner @ 6:30 pm. in FH.

**Missions Collections:** Laundry Detergent for Sharing God's Love, pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House & Box Tops for Education for SOES.

**We need volunteers:** JAM and Confirmation are every Sunday night at 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Due to the increase in attendance we need your help as teachers and assistants. Contact Michaela.

**Bagging Volunteers** are needed to work in the Mission Lexington (formerly LICS) Thrift Store on Thursday, Nov. 29 from either 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. We need two people to help with either shift to bag merchandise. Contact Robert (807-7380) or Kitsie (463-6958) if you can help.

**We Need You!** Calling all volunteers! SOES is in need of Reading Buddies for children. This would only be a commitment of 30 minutes per week, but a chance to make a difference in a child's life. If you are interested please contact Michaela Craven.

**Advent Adventure:** K4-5th Grade Dec. 8, 2018 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - FREE - FUN - Lite Lunch - Crafts - Adventure \*If you have a child with special needs that requires accommodations, please contact the office.

[Register at vbspro.events/p/events/followthestar](http://Register at vbspro.events/p/events/followthestar)

## PRAYERS:

Marjorie Claytor, Nan Foster, Joe Gause, Kim Kent, Kathy Killian, Asher Noë - Mellitz, Billy Rawl, Linda Schiesser, Dick and Barbara Schneider, Patricia Williams

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of your contact information needs  
to be updated.  
**YOUR 2019 DIRECTORY**  
will be available soon!