

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

VOLUNTEERS - Sunday, November 25

Greeters: John and Tara Whitfield, Robert Miller,
Sue Kesterson
Ushers: Greg Mixon, Terry Clark, Richard Brinkley,
Monroe Swearingen, Mary Johnson
Attendance Sheets: Mark & Mary Johnson, Marty Spearman
Counters: Jack Noë, Pat Byrne
Time With the Children: Sue Kesterson
Children's Church: Marion Watson-Wishart,
Sound: Marty Hilyer
Nursery: Amy Schwartz
Acolyte: Megan Shuler

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Jim Taylor - Good News Chair
Jim Wilhide - Clerk of Session
2020: Jeanne LeBoeuf - Christian Education
Tish Lowe - Missions Chair
Kathryn Morganelli - Worship Chair
Jack Noë - Good News
Mark Wishart - Fellowship
2021: Richard Brinkley - Administration
Linda Floyd - Worship
Fred Holbrook - Administration Chair
Melanie Mixon - Good News
John Whitfield - Missions
Shelagh Wirth - Building/Grounds Chair

Trustees: Janice Reiser, Lucretia Seigler

Treasurer: Hal Bowman

THIS WEEK AT SOPC

Sunday, November 18
9:45am Sunday School*
11:00am Worship Service*
12:15pm Covenant Ringers
5:30pm Thanksgiving meal
6:15pm Choir rehearsal at McGregor
7:00pm Service at McGregor

Monday, November 19
10:30am Bible Study
6:00pm Session Meeting

Tuesday, November 20
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 21
12:15pm Chair YOGA

Thursday, November 22 - Happy Thanksgiving
Church Office is Closed

Friday, November 23 - Church Office is Closed
6:45am Lanterns

Sunday, November 25 - Family Promise
9:45am Sunday School*
11:00am Worship Service*
12:15pm Covenant Ringers

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.

Please look at the sample Directory in the Narthex to see if any of your contact information needs to be updated. Your 2019 Directory will be available soon!

LIKE US ON...

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4 WAYS TO GIVE!

 IN PERSON Offering plate during the worship service	 BY MAIL 530 St. Andrews Rd. Columbia, SC 29210 www.sopc.net	 ONLINE (click on the GIVE menu)	 BY TEXT Text SEVENOAKS to 73256 text rates may apply
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**Thanksgiving Worship Service
November 18, 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: *Awesome God* Chancel Choir

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Alice Odell
(Please sign the Friendship Register)

PRELUDE: *Prelude on "Lasst Uns Erfreuen"* Gerald Peterson

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS:

Child: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Choir: *Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before him with joyful songs.*

**All: Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Child: Enter his gates with thanksgiving
And his courts with praise;

Choir: *give thanks to him and praise his name.*

**All: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalm 100)**

* HYMN #14: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Alice Odell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second. You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom. (time for silent confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God is a gracious giver. God is gracious in forgiveness. God calls us to new patterns and new life. We are a forgiven people!

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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Psalm 8
Children's Worship Team and Janice Holbrook

Elder Tish Lowe

Elder Melanie Mixon

John Erickson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

I Samuel 1:4-20

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Mark 13:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE:

"Praise, Pain and Thanksgiving"

Rev. Jana Creighton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: : Based on the Apostles Creed and Luther's Small Catechism
We gather in the name of the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. What is it we believe?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my limbs, my reason, and all my senses, and still preserves them, and in addition, clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and homestead, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all goods; provides me richly and daily with all that I need to support this body and life; protects me from all danger, and guards me and preserves me from all evil; and all this out of pure, fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this I am to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

*HYMN #702: *Christ Beside Me*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Alice Odell

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Finn 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:

Autumn Carol
Chancel Choir

Russell Schult-Widmar

* 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 #694:

Great God of Every Blessing

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE:

Go Now in Peace

* POSTLUDE:

"St. George's Windsor"

Jason Payne

* 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.

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

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

Children's Worship: Every Sunday following "A Time with the Children", ages 4-4th 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.

Music Notes: Thanks to Mary Hilyer, Christal McTier and Alice Odell for their handbell part in today's anthem! The prelude is based on the hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King". St. George's Windsor is the tune name for "Come Ye Thankful People Come".

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary are given on this Veteran's Day to the glory of God by Shelagh and Kirk Wirth in thankfulness for 50 years of marriage.

Congratulations: The rose on the Chancel table is in honor and celebration of the birth of Madeline Colette, born on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018. The proud parents are Mark and Nicole Wolford, grandparents, Lloyd and Tina Pilkington, great grandmothers, Virginia Martinez and Charlene Pilkington.

Community Thanksgiving Service will be held today at 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 today. 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.

Thanksgiving Church Night Supper: Come join your church friends today at 5:30 p.m. for a fantastic Thanksgiving dinner.

Holiday Market: Thanks to everyone with our SOPC Holiday Market. From the set up to the clean up and all -in-between, you made it possible.

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

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

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.

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 today, Nov. 25th and Dec. 2nd. \$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.

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.

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

Dietrich Bonhoeffer 1944, during his imprisonment, a year before his death. Poem: Who am I?

Who am I? They often tell me I step from my cell calm and cheerful and poised like a squire from his manor.

Who am I? They often tell me I speak with my guards freely, friendly and clear, as though I were the one in charge.

Who am I? They also tell me I bear days of calamity serenely, smiling and proud, like one accustomed to victory.

Am I really what others say of me?

Or am I only what I know of myself?

restless, yearning, sick, like a caged bird, struggling for life breath, as if I were being strangled, starving for colors, for flowers, for birdsong, thirsting for kind words, human closeness, shaking with rage at power lust and pettiest insult, tossed about, waiting for great things to happen, helplessly fearing for friends so far away, too tired and empty to pray, to think, to work, weary and ready to take my leave of it all?

Who am I? This one or the other? Am I this one today and tomorrow another? Am I both at once? Before others a hypocrite, and in my own eyes a pitiful, whimpering weakling? Or is what remains in me like a defeated army, Fleeing in disarray from victory already won?

Organ / Debt Free in 3 Update:

Deposit Paid	\$ 38,000
Cash in Bank	\$121,000
Total Cash	\$159,000
Pledges Remaining	\$ 55,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$214,000