

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

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, Maureen Clark
 Acolyte: Megan Shuler

VOLUNTEERS - Sunday, December 2

Greeters: Janice Reiser, Marty Hilyer
 Ushers: Shelagh Wirth, Bill Seigler, Bev Elbert, Tom and Betty Shuler, Daniel Perriero
 Attendance Sheets: Barbara Fowler, Johnadee White
 Counters: Jim Taylor, John Whitfield
 Time With the Children: Minister
 Children's Church: Kitsie Miller
 Sound: Ken Watkins
 Nursery: Amy Schwartz

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 Kathy Keane - Christian Education Chair
 Jim Taylor - Good News Chair
 Jim Wilhide - Clerk of Session

2020: Jeanne LeBoeuf - Christian Education
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 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 25 - Family Promise
 9:45am Sunday School*
 11:00am Worship Service*
 12:15pm Covenant Ringers
 5:30pm Bootcamp/JAM/Confirmation

Monday, November 26 - Family Promise
 10:00am Bible Study

Tuesday, November 27 - Family Promise
 7:00pm YOGA

Wednesday, November 28 - Family Promise
 12:15pm Chair YOGA
 6:30pm Chancel Choir
 4:30pm Advent Adventure Meeting
 5:30pm VBS Planning Meeting

Thursday, November 29 - Family Promise

Friday, November 30 - Family Promise
 6:45am Lanterns

Saturday, December 1 - Family Promise

Sunday, December 2
 9:45am Sunday School*
 11:00am Worship Service*
 12:15pm Covenant Ringers
 5:30pm Bootcamp*
 6:00pm Adult Christmas Party

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.

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 IN PERSON	 BY MAIL	 ONLINE	 BY TEXT
Offering plate during the worship service	530 St. Andrews Rd. Columbia, SC 29210 www.sopc.net	(click on the GIVE menu)	Text SEVENOAKS to 73256 <small>text rates may apply</small>

530 St. Andrews Rd Columbia, SC 29210
 803-772-1761 - Office Phone
 803-772-1787 - Church Fax



**Sunday Worship Service
 November 25, 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: *Behold the King* Lani Smith

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS:

One: Around the world this day, the universal church celebrates the "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.

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

One: 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.

All: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, come into his courts with praise. Give thanks and praise his loving name!** — written by Bruce Prewer,

* HYMN #307: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, ruler of all creation, you sent Jesus to testify to the truth: that you alone are the Lord of life. Help us to listen always to his voice so that we may proclaim his realm of justice, peace, and endless love; through Christ, who reigns forever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Alice Odell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of grace, you call us to wash and be clean,

All: **but we are proud.**

One: You offer us a simple solution to our dis-ease,

All: **but we think we are important enough for wonders and grand acts.**

One: In those times when our pride blocks our sight of your graciousness,

All: **wash the scales from our eyes, that we may see.**

One: For those times we grow too sure of our own importance,

All: **forgive us. (time for silent confession) Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Here is Good News! God is willing to cleanse us from our pride, our blindness, our stubborn insistence on having things "our way". Through God's grace we are washed and forgiven. Thanks be to God! Hallelujah! Amen.

* 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		
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN		Elder Sue Kesterson
ANTHEM	<i>Go Not Far From Me</i> Chancel Choir	Nicola Zingarelli
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
OLD TESTAMENT READING:	<i>2 Samuel 23:1-7</i>	
NEW TESTAMENT READING:	<i>John 18:33-37</i>	
Leader:	This is the Word of the Lord	
People:	Thanks be to God	
MESSAGE:	<i>"What is Truth?"</i>	Rev. Jana Creighton
RESPONDING TO THE WORD		
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: <i>The Apostles' Creed</i>		
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 #625:	<i>O Lord My God</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Rev. Alice Odell
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.	
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS:		
OFFERTORY:	<i>O Jesus, King Most Wonderful</i>	Dale Wood
* CONGREGATION RESPONSE: #606		
<i>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.</i>		
* PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD		
* HYMN #157:	<i>I Danced in the Morning</i>	
* CHARGE AND BLESSING		
* CHORAL RESPONSE:	<i>Send Us Forth!</i>	
* POSTLUDE:	<i>Recessional on "Old Hundredth"</i>	Gordon Young
	* Please stand in body or in spirit	

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.

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.

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.

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.

Music Notes: The prelude celebrates the coming of King Jesus! *Go Not Far From Me* is a setting of Psalm 71:7-10. The offertory comes from an early American hymn tune, whose words include, "O Jesus, king most wonderful, Thou fount of living fire, surpassing all the joys we know, and all we can desire."

Worship Notes: At the conclusion of the Christian year, the church gives thanks and praise for sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign (see Revelation 1:4-8). This festival was established in 1925 by decree of Pope Pius XI. It is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Christian year, a week before the season of Advent begins. The festival of Christ the King (or Reign of Christ) ends our marking of Ordinary Time after the Day of Pentecost, and moves us to the threshold of Advent, the season of hope for Christ's coming again at the end of time. Next Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the Christian Year!

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary are given today by Ken and Sharon Watkins, with Thanksgiving for 30 wonderful years of marriage.

Thornwell Thanksgiving Offering was collected last week - we collected \$522 for this special offering. If you would like to still give you may do today also. 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.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: *(Please see insert)* If you would like to give through the church, please make check to SOPC and put Disaster Assistance on info line.

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://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.

Please pick up your 2019 Church Directory located in the Narthex.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: The Worship Committee has met and conferred that Christmas Eve Worship will be held on Dec. 24 at 5:00 p.m.

- The style and meaning of worship will be intimate and traditional, what you have come to expect on Christmas Eve.
- We listened to feedback from the congregation last year expressing the desire for an earlier worship service to allow for family/visitor dinner time.
- Having an earlier worship service is consistent with the church's interest in opening more doors for the next generations to come to Christ.
- The earlier worship service honors our older congregational members who are limited in late nighttime driving.
- We hope to see you there as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Savior, Emmanuel.

Worship Team Members

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| <i>Kathy Morganelli</i> | <i>Tara Whitfield</i> |
| <i>Pat Robosky</i> | <i>Misty Werner</i> |
| <i>Linda Floyd</i> | <i>Lloyd Pilkington</i> |
| <i>Janice Holbrook</i> | |

Giving Tree: Please look for the Giving Tree in the narthex next Sunday, December 2 and again on Dec. 9 and 16. Our SOPC church family will provide Christmas gifts for the men at Providence Home again this year. These men are striving to improve their lives as they renew their faith. Some are trusting Jesus for the first time as new Christians. Lets show them we care! Our gifts will be delivered in time for Christmas with your help. Please give prayerful consideration to helping with this Christmas project. Thank you.

Christmas Prime Rib Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 9th. Come join us for a delightful 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. 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.