

**Volunteers - Sunday, December 30**

Greeters: Marty Spearman, Maureen Clark, Pat Byrne, Jane Pendleton

Ushers: Hal Bowman, Sam White, Byron Dickson

Attendance Sheets: Bill & Lucretia Seigler, Cathy Keelen

Counters: Mark Wishart, Shelagh Wirth

Time With the Children: Jean Mandeville

Children's Church: Sue Kesterson

Sound: Greg Mixon

Nursery: Amy Schwartz

Acolyte: Finn Bundrick

**Volunteers - Sunday, January 6**

Greeters: Janice Reiser, Kitsie Miller

Ushers: Shelagh Wirth, Bill Seigler, Bev Elbert, Daniel Perriero, Betty and Tom Shuler,

Attendance Sheets: Barbara Fowler, Johnadee White

Counters: Kathy Keane, Jeanne LeBeouf

Children's Church: Kitsie Miller

Sound: Ken Watkins

Nursery: Amy Schwartz

Nursery: Amy Schwartz

**STAFF**

**Senior Pastor:**

The Rev. Jana Creighton - jana@sopc.net

**Parish Associate:**

The Rev. Alice A. Odell - alice@sopc.net

**Director of Music Ministry:**

Dr. Lloyd R. Pilkington

**Office Manager:**

Mrs. Criss Gray - sopc@sopc.net

**Children/Youth Director:**

Miss Michaela Craven - michaela@sopc.net

**Volunteer Finance Administrator:**

Mrs. Sharon Staton, sharon@sopc.net

**Building Superintendent:** Mr. Karl Thompson

**Accompanist:** Mrs. Sharon Watkins

**Nursery Coordinator:** Amy Schwartz

**SESSION MEMBERS**

**2019:** Pat Byrne - Congreg. Care Chair

Marty Hilyer - Missions

Kathy Keane - Christian Education Chair

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**

**December 30 - Sunday**

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

5:30pm Bootcamp/JAM/Confirmation

**January 1 - Tuesday - HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Church Office will be closed

**January 2 - Wednesday**

12:15pm Chair YOGA

**January 3 - Thursday**

1:30pm SOPC Quilters

**January 4 - Friday**

6:45am Lanterns

**January 6 - Sunday**

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship and Communion

12:15pm Covenant Ringers

12:15pm Covenant Ringers

12:15pm Covenant Ringers

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.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

with ministry news and calendar events.

**LIKE US ON...**



@sopc\_church



sevenoakspc



sevenoakspresbyterianchurch

---

**4 WAYS TO GIVE!**

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 text rates may apply

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



**Sunday Worship Service  
December 30, 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**

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Arise, Shine*

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

PRELUDE: *The First Noel* arr. V. Labenske

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS AND MINDS: *(Psalm 148)*  
**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
 praise him in the heights above.  
 Praise the Lord from the earth, all men, women and children.  
 Let us praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;  
 His splendor is above the earth and the heavens. Praise the Lord.**

\* HYMN #143: *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Alice Odell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**God of grace and truth, in Jesus' name you came among us as light shining in darkness.  
 We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good.  
 We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.  
 Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your  
 grace, and live in the truth of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

## 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

ANTHEM

*On This Day Earth Shall Ring*  
Chancel Choir

Elder Jean Mandeville

arr. Gustav Holst

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

*I Samuel 2:18-20, 26*

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

*Luke 2:41-52*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE:

*“A New Beginning”*

Rev. Alice Odell

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*The Apostles’ Creed*

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

**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 #146:

*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

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:

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

arr. V. Labenske

## \* 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 #132:

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

## \* CHARGE AND BLESSING

## \* CHORAL RESPONSE:

*O Come To Us*

## \* POSTLUDE:

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

arr. J. Carter

\* 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.

**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.

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

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

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

**Flowers:** The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God, and in celebration of Ken and Marilyn O’Mellan’s 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Music Notes:** Many thanks to Sharon Watkins for leading the music in worship today! The choir’s anthem is based on hymn #141. The refrain, “*Ideo-o-o Gloria in excelsis Deo*” means, “Therefore, glory to God in the highest!”

**Christmas Joy Offering:** Thank you to everyone who donated to our special offering. We collected \$330. We will continue to accept donations through Dec. 31, please use envelopes in your bulletin, or write “Christmas Joy Offering” on the memo line if paying by check. Donations collected will go toward assisting families of active and retired church workers with unexpected needs through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. It also supports scholarships at Presbyterian related racially ethnic schools and colleges, helping students develop their gifts and find their calling. As we celebrate the good news of great joy, God’s love in human form among us, may we open our hearts and may our gifts bear joyful witness to that love!

**Missions Collections:** Canned Hams for Sharing God’s Love, pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House & Box Tops for Education for SOES.

**The Worship Committee** is looking for men to join our Time With the Children team. A script is provided for you and your turn on the rotation should happen every three (3) months or so. Training is provided. This is a simple and easy way to share God’s love with the children of our church. Please contact Janice Holbrook if interested.

**Announcement:** January 6th will be Epiphany Sunday. Epiphany is the day when the wise men were thought to have visited the Messiah. Christmas is not over until Epiphany when they had a revelation that this infant was no ordinary child. It is also why we sing of the Twelve Days of Christmas. Come be a part of our special Worship Service on January 6.

**Year End Contributions:** Charitable contributions to SOPC must be received in the church office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, 2018, in order for them to be included on the Contributor’s 2018 Giving Statement, which can be used for verification for the IRS. If the contribution is mailed, the envelope must be post marked no later than Dec. 31, 2018. These are IRS rules, and SOPC will comply with them. Checks, cash or other property received after Dec. 31, 2018, unless postmarked by that date, will be included in 2019 income and noted on the Contributor’s 2019 giving statement. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Staton at [sharon@sopc.net](mailto:sharon@sopc.net).

**Giving Envelopes:** Please pick up your 2019 giving envelopes in the Narthex! This saves the church office time & resources, if the envelopes do not have to be mailed. Please contact Sharon Staton at [sharon@sopc.net](mailto:sharon@sopc.net) if you have any questions.

## PRAYERS:

Bill Bailey, Marjorie Claytor, Nan Foster, Kim Kent, Kathy Killian, Al & Lou Krech, Asher Noë - Mellitz, Dick and Barbara Schneider, Patricia Williams.