

## PRAYERS:

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

## Volunteers - Sunday, January 13

Greeters: Bev Elbert, Jim & Elizabeth Taylor, Carol Griffith  
Ushers: Ron Kesterson, Frank Sheppard, Mark and Marion Watson-Wishart, Melanie Mixon  
Attendance Sheets: Mary Jane and Heyward Stuckey, Martha Hallbick  
Counters: Tish Lowe, Melanie Mixon  
Time With The Children: Julie Bussells  
Children's Church: Mary Dempster  
Sound: Greg Mixon  
Nursery: Sarah Burr  
Acolyte: Kaelin Pilkington

## Volunteers - Sunday, January 20

Greeters: Jack Noë, Heather Noë, Jean Mandeville, Richard Brinkley  
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: Kathy Morganelli, Jack Noë  
Time With The Children: Rusty Creighton  
Children's Church: Janice Reiser  
Sound: Marty Hilyer  
Nursery: Amy Schwartz  
Acolyte: Megan Schuler

## STAFF

### Senior Pastor:

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Mr. Karl Thompson

### Accompanist:

Mrs. Sharon Watkins

### Nursery Coordinator:

Amy Schwartz

## THIS WEEK AT SOPC

### January 13 - Sunday

9:45am Sunday School\*  
11:00am Worship Service\*  
12:00pm Cookies and Conversation  
12:15pm Covenant Ringers  
5:30pm Bootcamp and BBQ Dinner

### January 14 - Monday

10:30am Bible Study

### January 16 - Wednesday

12:15pm Chair YOGA  
5:30pm KOINONIA  
7:30pm Chancel Choir

### January 18 - Friday

6:45am Lanterns

### January 19 - Saturday

8:30am PWP

### January 20 - Sunday

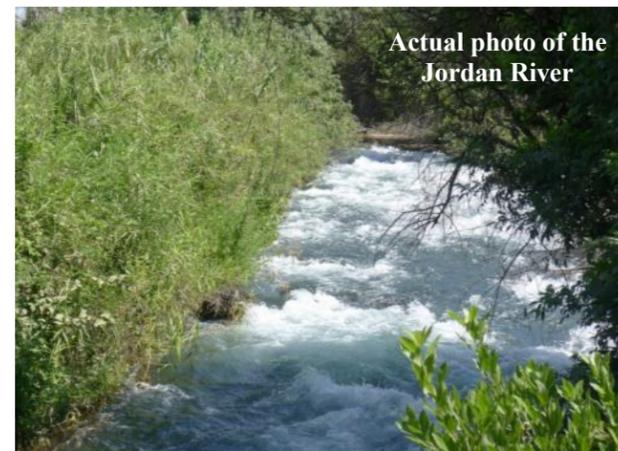
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## SESSION MEMBERS

**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



Actual photo of the Jordan River

## Baptism of the Lord Sunday January 13, 2019 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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:

*Great Are You Lord!*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Alice Odell

(Please sign the Friendship Register)

PRELUDE:

*What a Wonderful Savior*

Phillip Keveren

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS:

*Isaiah 43:1-4*

One: Now thus says the Lord, the One who created you:

**All: Do not be afraid!**

One: God has called you by name, and you belong to God;

**All: When we pass through danger, God is with us.**

One: The waters will not overwhelm us, the fire will not consume us;

**All: For God is the Creator, the Holy One.**

One: We are precious in God's sight;

**All: God loves each of us dearly. Come, worship God, who leads us into life.**

\* HYMN #475:

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Alice Odell

PRAYER OF BROKENNESS/CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we confess that at times we do not bear fruit worthy of repentance. At times we do not want to change, to transform into who You intended us to be. At times we want to stay stubbornly the same but desire everyone around us to change. Forgive us for our unwillingness to grow. Forgive us for our resistance to being pruned. Forgive us for not trusting You, and the light You are growing us in. Call us into Your light. Call us into Your restoration. Help us to trust in You, and to become who You intended us to be, as people faithful to justice, mercy, and love. (time for silent confession) Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Gardener is already at work, deep in the earth where the bulbs are waiting to be watered. God is at work in us, deep inside us, where the spirit of life longs to bloom. May we let go of our resistance, and find God lovingly restoring us, cultivating a healthy garden around us. Trust in the Gardener, who is leading us into life. We are forgiven. We are loved. We are restored. 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.**

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**4 WAYS TO GIVE!**

 <b>IN PERSON</b>	 <b>BY MAIL</b>	 <b>ONLINE</b>	 <b>BY TEXT</b>
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 <i>text rates may apply</i>

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*  
Chancel Choir

Elder Julie Bussells

arr. Phillip Keveren

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

*Isaiah 43:1-7*

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

*Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE:

*"Are You Called to Be a Minister"*

Rev. Jana Creighton

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Confession of 1967

**Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world. The church gathers to praise God, to hear his word for mankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to him in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate for the needs of the time.**

**The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their reaction with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity.**

**Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of his witness in his own particular situation. He is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. He in turn, in his own competence, helps to guide the church.**

\*HYMN #482:

*Baptized in Water*

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:

*River in Judea*  
Chancel Choir

Feldman/arr. John Leavitt

\* 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 #297:

*In Christ Called to Baptize*

\* CHARGE AND BLESSING

\* CHORAL RESPONSE:

*May the Road Rise to Meet You*

\* POSTLUDE:

*Fugue in D minor*

Bach

*\* 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 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 an Elder 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).

**Music Notes:** *What a Wonderful Savior* is a hymn found in over 100 hymnals. Its closing verse is, *Christ gives me overcoming power; What a wonderful Savior! And triumph in each trying hour; What a wonderful Savior! River in Judea* is not only symbolic of the river Jesus was baptized in, it is described in this anthem as a singing, ringing river, whose song fills our hearts with hope, goodwill and the strength to carry on!

**Worship Notes:** The extra star gifts are available for you to pick up on the Lord's table in the Sanctuary. Discuss with someone else your word and how God is working through that word in your life.

**Flowers:** The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Barbara Fowler to the glory of God and in memory of her beloved husband, Wilton, and in thanksgiving for 50 years.

**2019 Flowers:** If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary please contact the church office at 772-1761. The cost is \$75. Feb 3, 17, 24, March 24, 31, April 7 are some of the dates that are still available.

**Bootcamp:** We are excited about our Bootcamp Kick Off. Everyone is invited to join us tonight at 5:30 p.m. We will enjoy a Bar-B-Que dinner before we start our evening program. You can support our children and youth by ordering a pork butt for just \$35. Please contact Jason Bundrick at [jasonbundrick@yahoo.com](mailto:jasonbundrick@yahoo.com) to preorder. If you haven't tried Bootcamp yet, you don't know the blessing you are missing.

**Sound and Acoustics:** We are on a mission! In our sanctuary there are sections where sound seems not to carry as well. If you find yourself having trouble hearing the sermon we suggest a few things.

- Consider moving to different parts of the sanctuary. We are looking for dead spots in particular so that

we can address these issues in the future. Let your pastors or elders know where they are!

- Jana is working on slowing her speech down for better auditory effect.
- Grab a headset from the greeters in the narthex (they also work with hearing aids).
- Motion to the preachers if any one Sunday the volume is particularly ineffective. The more people in the sanctuary, the more adjustments come worship time!
- We are now doing sound checks prior to worship to try to accommodate the need as well.

**Cookies and Conversation:** Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following today's worship service, for a brief program as we honor all of our faithful volunteers who served in 2018.

**Koinonia:** Please join us as we start Koinonia on Jan. 16th at 5:30 p.m. We will begin with a presentation from Jim Wilhide about the Riverbank Zoo Slide Program. Our dinner will be delicious spaghetti. Please sign up on the attendance pad that you will be coming.

**Presbyterian Women Of Seven Oaks** have the privilege of acknowledging an individual from our church who has gone above and beyond in furthering God's goals. While the Council of Presbyterian Women discuss and vote to decide who will receive the Honorary Life Membership, we like to get input from our congregation. This person only needs to be a member of SOPC. If you would like to nominate someone, please submit a written biography detailing the attributes you feel qualify this person to be acknowledged. This biography can be turned in to Moderator Julie Bussells or Historian Kitsie Miller.

**Missions Collections:** Full sized toiletries. Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant etc. for Sharing God's Love, pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House & Box Tops for Education for SOES.

**The Fellowship Committee** invites you to Restaurant Supper Club for 6. Eat out locally once per month February, March, and April with different partners each month. The host/hostess will arrange the date and time and choose a restaurant. All participants will pay for their own meal. Couples and singles are welcome. Contact Molly Jackson by January 20 at 798-3750 or [mollyjackson803@gmail.com](mailto:mollyjackson803@gmail.com) so we can have the rotation to you by Feb. 1.

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** Seven Oaks will hold its annual meeting on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. We will receive the annual report of the Session, including a financial review of 2018, the budget for 2019, and a review of last year's ministry highlights. We will also elect a nominating committee. Please join us for this important meeting. Afterward we will enjoy a congregational luncheon of fried chicken and the fixins. Please sign up today if you will be attending.