

Today's Lunch Volunteers:

Cashier: Pat Robosky Set Up: Andy Robosky
Clean Up: Jason Bundrick, Maureen Clark, Bev Elbert,
Betty & Tom Shuler, Christal McTier, Elizabeth &
Jim Taylor
Linens and Table Cloths: Betty Shuler, Maureen Clark ,
Mary Johnson

Next Week's Volunteers - Sunday March 24

Greeters: Sandra Johnson, Melanie Mixon, Jim Wilhide,
Jeanne LeBoeuf
Ushers: Greg Mixon, Terry Clark, Richard Brinkley,
Monroe Swearingen, Mary Johnson
Attendance: Mark and Mary Johnson, Marty Spearman
Counters: Jack Noë
Children's Church: Sue Kesterson
Time With the Children: Janice Holbrook
Nursery: Sarah Burr
Sound: Marty Hilyer Acolyte: Megan Shuler

STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Jana Creighton - jana@sopc.net
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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 Chair

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

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Judy Barnes, Marjorie Claytor,
Rosemary and Tom Falls,
Nan Foster, Joe Gause, Kim Kent,
Ben Killian, Kathy Killian, Jane Pendleton,
Dick and Barbara Schneider, Kirk Wirth

THIS WEEK AT SOPC

March 17, Sunday
9:45am Sunday School*
11:00am Worship Service*
12:15pm Church Luncheon

March 18, Monday
10:30am Bible Study
6:30pm Session Meeting

March 19, Tuesday
7:00pm NANA

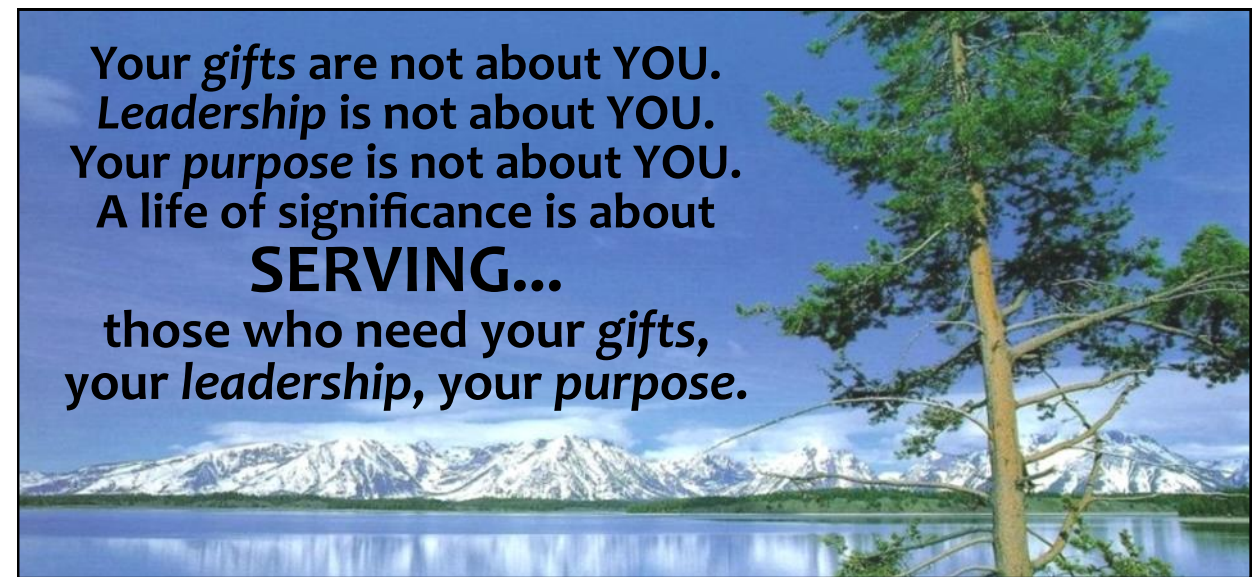
March 20, Wednesday
12:15pm Chair YOGA
7:30pm Chancel Choir

March 21, Thursday

March 22, Friday
6:45am Lanterns

March 23, Saturday

March 24, Sunday
9:45am Sunday School*
11:00am Worship Service*
12:15pm Covenant Ringers
5:15pm Bootcamp



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service - March 17, 2019

Welcome! 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: *Give Praise to the Lord*

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Ben Smith

PRELUDE: *My Faith Looks Up To Thee* arr. Jason Krug

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS: Rev. Alice Odell

One: Today, God comes to us, to gather us in worship:

All: to wait in silence for the Word, to sit at the Table of grace.

One: Tomorrow, the Word of God comes, calling us to go forth to serve:

All: to bring hope to those who have none, to love all tossed aside by indifference and to serve in the church you have ordained.

One: The next day, and the next day, the Holy Spirit will come:

All: so we might discover the gift of peace, and offer it to our broken world.

One: Let us worship the Lord.

* HYMN #187: *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Jana Creighton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty God, we confess that we are incurable scorekeepers. We judge others with a standard we never use for ourselves. We see the speck in others' eyes while ignoring the ugly log in our own. "Forgive us," we pray. Forgive us for ever thinking we could be, even for one moment, the measure of righteousness or the standard of justice. Forgive us when we do not have enough faith and choose not to take up our own cross and serve you. As the cross of Christ casts its long shadow over our Lenten journey, call us again to lives of genuine penance and amendment of life. By your grace and through your transforming love, make us the people you have fashioned us to be, your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* 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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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM:

Fairest Lord Jesus

Rev. Jana Creighton

Children's Worship Team

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Exodus 18:1-24

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Philippians 3:17-4:1

MESSAGE:

"Being About Our Father's Work"

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 #644:

Give Thanks, O Christian People

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Please respond when prompted

Rev. Jana Creighton

Oh Lord, hear us. - **Have mercy upon us.**

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:

Amazing Grace
Chancel Choir

Newton/att. Chris Owenby

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 #761:

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE:

Lift High the Cross

* POSTLUDE:

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Sandra Eithun

VITALIZATION SERMON NOTES:

1. **Lifelong discipleship: March 3, 2019** - The opposite of complacent Christian Piety or teaching good morals, is being a lifelong learner or disciple in development. What are you developing?
2. **Outward Incarnational Focus: March 10, 2019** - How do we focus outward (*other than a check*) rather than inward? The opposite of a closed community that focuses on survival is an open community that:
 - partnerships with a purpose
 - has a missional mindset
 - communally "other" centered.
3. **Empower Servant Leadership: March 17, 2019** - The opposite of empowering servant leadership are the notions that it is the "pastor's job"; monopolized leadership among a powerful few; hiring the young energetic pastor or burning out good volunteers.
 - We are called as children of God to use our gifts to strengthen the church. It is a lifetime position. It does not end until we are no longer physically and/or spiritually able.
 - We are called to identify, nurture, support the use of spiritual gifts in all people, not just a few.
 - We are to recognize that the voices of all people, regardless of age or ethnicity, are important.

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 4-4th 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 ages 4-12 are hanging on the coat rack in the Narthex.

A Guest Welcome Table is in the Narthex. If you have questions please ask an Elder with an "ASK ME" badge.

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.

Music Notes: The prelude is based on a Lowell Mason and Ray Palmer's well-known hymn. The opening verse is, "*My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine. Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away. O let me from this day be wholly Thine!*" *Amazing Grace* is set to a new musical setting by Chris Owen by focusing on God's truly amazing grace and love that has redeemed us all.

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by David Waugh to the Glory of God and in loving memory of his wife, Bea.

2019 Flowers: If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for: May 12, June 9,16, July 7, 21, Sept 8, Oct. 20, Nov.10, 24, Dec. 8, please contact the office at 772-1761. The cost is \$75.

Easter Lilies: If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out an order form in the pew racks and place in the offering plate with your check (*made out to Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church*) or submit to the church office. The cost is \$14. The deadline is Sunday, March 31st.

Don't forget the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon after service today. Proceeds support children and youth.

Bootcamp continues next week at 5:15 p.m. We will be studying Lamentations. See you there!

Missions Collections: Peanut butter and Jelly for Sharing God's Love. For our Prison Ministry: Soft yarn, lotions, books and magazines as well as soft toilet tissue and clothes for their work release program. No shoes or purses please. Pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Box Tops for Education for SOES.

Women's Retreat - Saturday, May 25th.: Come tour four historic homes in downtown Columbia, eat lunch in the Carriage House and fellowship with women of SOPC! \$45 payable to SOPW. The deadline is May 14th.

Inquirer's classes will be held during SS in the Cross-roads Classroom for any who would like to attend. The schedule of learning will be: March 17 - History of SOPC, March 24 - Reformed Tradition (What it means to be a Presbyterian) March 31 - Government and PCUSA, Trinity Presbytery, April 7 - What does it mean to be a member? Inquirers will be invited to meet for a question and answer session and should you desire, become a faithful follower here at SOPC on Easter, April 21.

Congregational Meeting will be on March 31, 2019 for the purpose of Election of Elders and Trustees for the class of 2022.

Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, April 7th

Ages 3 -5 - 1:00 p.m. Ages 6-8 - 1:45 p.m.
Ages 9 -12 - 2:00 p.m. Youth are invited to help hide eggs! We need candy donations by March 31st.

Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews - The Spring Session of the Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews will be April 2 – May 28. Shepherd's Center is an interfaith learning program for adults 50 and older. SOPC is a sponsoring congregation. This Spring there will be classes on *Stories of Faith Diversity in S.C.*, coordinated by Dr. Adrian Bird, *Presidential Politics, America's Lesser Known Wars*, and a number of others. The programs will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 a.m. The registration fee is \$35.00. Registration is limited to 285 so early registration is important. Brochures are in the Narthex or you may contact Hal Bowman for more information. You may also find more information at shepherdscenterofstandrews.org.

We want you there! Please sign up now!

The Passover Seder - April 14 at 5:15 p.m. is an experiential teaching dinner that recalls the salvation of God's people during the flight from Egypt. As Christians, the retelling of the Passover story calls us to grasp our identity as the People of God, remembering the renewed covenant made through the gift of grace in Jesus Christ. By using all of the senses, the Passover Seder looks forward to the complete redemption upon the return of our Savior. You are invited to join as we share the story of the exodus, followed by a traditional meal. **This is an experience you won't want to miss!**

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Greeters: Bev Elbert, Linda Floyd, Richard Brinkley, Jean Mandeville

Ushers: Guy San Fratello, Pete Spearman, Jacob Schwartz, Finn Creighton, Sandra Johnson

Attendance: Robert Miller, Brenda Turner

Counters: Melanie Mixon, Kathy Morganelli

Children's Church: Mary Dempster

Nursery: Amy Schwartz, Stephanie Pilkington

Sound: Marty Hilyer

Acolyte: Kaelin Pilkington