



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Second Sunday of Christmas - January 5, 2020

Welcome! We pray that you will truly experience
God's love and grace as you worship!

***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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

John Innes

***CONGREGATION RESPONSE**

**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.**

HYMN 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION SEALING OF THE WORD;** The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

One: Creator of the harvest- We lift our voices in praise!

Many: Creator of the table – In you we find our peace.

One: In gratitude we gather to share this meal.

Many: With thanksgiving, we gather to share our love for neighbors.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE TAKING OF THE VINE:

Gluten free wafers are wrapped individually and available in the communion trays.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Come to the Table of Grace

HYMN 507

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***SENDING HYMN**

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

HYMN 624

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Festive Noel

Louis Claude Daquin

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please pass and sign the Friendship Register)

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

PRELUDE

Away in a Manger

Arr. Jason Payne

***GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS**

One: Welcome to this place:

All: where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side.

One: where heaven and earth embrace in peace,

All: where God has been, is, and always will be.

One: Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:

All: where we find God's love,

One: where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,

ALL: where the Spirit teaches us new songs.

One: Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

All: where we bring our hunger, and find food,

One: where we bring our brokenness, and find healing;

ALL: where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Hymn 645

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, We confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus our light has come, Yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins And remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives. Illumine us by your Word So we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. (a time of silent confession). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***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 Tish Lowe

ANTHEM

African Noel

Aden Lewis

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

OT 690

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

NT 180

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

God's Gift of Salvation

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

Sunday Worship, January 5, 2020

Greeters: Joe Gause, Myrna Gause, Kitsie Miller, Bev Elbert
Ushers: Shelagh Wirth, Fred Holbrook, Daniel Perriero, Betty Shuler, Tom Shuler
Attendance: Barbara Fowler, Marion Watson-Wishart, Shelagh Wirth
Counters: Jeanne LeBoeuf, Tish Lowe, Sharon Staton
Time with the Children: Tish Lowe
Children's Church: Jean Mandeville
Nursery: Amy Schwartz
Sound: Ken Watkins **Acolyte:** N/A Communion
Opening Church: Melanie Mixon
Flowers: John and Betty Anderson

Sunday Worship, January 12, 2020

Greeters: Hal Bowman, Suzy Bowman, Carol Griffith, Heather Noë
Ushers: Ron Kesterson, Frank Sheppard, Mark Wishart, Marion Watson-Wishart, Melanie Mixon, Ben Smith
Attendance: Anne Crook, Willie Hale, Martha Hallbick
Counters: Melanie Mixon, Sharon Staton
Time with the Children: Judy Barnes
Children's Church: Janice Reiser
Nursery: Amy Schwartz
Sound: Greg Mixon **Acolyte:** Finn Bundrick
Opening Church: Fred Holbrook
Flowers: Barbara Fowler

STAFF

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2020: Jeanne LeBoeuf - Christian Education
 Tish Lowe - Missions Chair
 Jack Noë - Good News
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 Linda Floyd - Worship
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 John Whitfield - Missions
 Shelagh Wirth - Worship Chair
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 Carol Griffith- Fellowship Chair
 Ed Keelen- Christian Ed. Chair
 Mark Pilkington - Christian Education
 Sharon Staton - Administration
 Jim Taylor - Missions
Trustees: Lucretia Seigler, Beverly Hudson, Frank Sheppard
Treasurer: Hal Bowman

THIS WEEK AT SOPC

January 5, Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School*
 11:00 am Worship Service*
 6:00 pm Chin Church Worship

January 6, Monday

4:30 pm Women's Coordinating Team
 5:30 pm Ministry Committee Meetings
 6:30 pm CE Meeting
 7:00 pm NANA
 7:15 pm Fellowship Meeting

January 7, Tuesday

7:00 pm YOGA & NANA

January 8, Wednesday

5:30 pm Koinonia
 6:00 pm Chin Bible Study
 7:00 pm NANA
 7:30 pm Choir Practice

January 9, Thursday

10:30 am Ruth Circle
 12:15 pm Chair Yoga
 6:30 pm Hannah Circle

January 10, Friday

6:45 am Lanterns

January 11, Saturday

10:00 am Overeaters Anonymous

January 12, Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School*
 11:00 am Worship Service*
 12:15 pm Covenant Ringers
 3:00-5:00 pm Reception for Pastor Alice
 6:00 pm Chin Church Worship

*Nursery is provided

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During the Welcome and Announcements, please pass and sign the Friendship Pads 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 any of our volunteers with an "ASK ME" badge.

Children's Worship: Every Sunday following "A Time with the Children", ages 3-3rd 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.


Guests are invited to stop by the Guest Table in the narthex. Please leave your information, when you take a goody bag, as a reminder of God's love. If you have questions please ask a volunteer 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.

Flowers: The flowers in the Sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God by John and Betty Anderson in loving honor of Mae Leviner on her 90th birthday, January 7th.

Music Notes: The anthem uses a Liberian folk melody to call us all to "*Sing Noel*". Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne is a carol whose refrain includes the invitation, "*O come to my heart, there is room in my heart for Thee.*" The music during communion includes Jason Payne's arrangement of *What Child Is This?*

Missions Collections and Ministries: January's collection items are: full-size toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, and bars of soap. Please put in the black baskets in the Narthex or in the Missions closet by the first Sunday of the month. **Every day collections:** Pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Box Tops for Education for SOES.

The January ladies luncheon will be at  The Peanut Man, 3905 Fernandina Rd., Columbia, at twelve noon on Monday, January 20. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals, 803-957-0430 or mroyals052@gmail.com.



In December, we fed 30 men at **Providence Men's Home**. On January 14, using a donation from the Rachel Circle, we will fix hamburger steaks, scalloped potatoes, a vegetable, dump cakes and ice cream. Cooking begins at 2 pm and serving at 5 pm. Anyone wishing to help, please contact Robert Miller.

Prayers Please
Shepherding News
PRAYER REQUESTS
 Dave Allen, Sydney Edwards, Tom Falls, Linda Floyd, Rafe Glymph, John McCulloch, Christal McTier, Dick and Barbara Schneider

Koinonia begins this Wednesday, January 8th!

Koinonia, Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Volunteers: Jim Wilhide, Molly Jackson, Kitsie and Robert Miller, Myrna Gause, Sue and Ron Kesterson, Marion Watson-Wishart

Please sign up on the pew pads or call the church office by Monday for your reservation so that we may plan efficiently and not waste food. Hope to see you there!

Come learn about **Cuba** at our Koinonia dinner on Wednesday, January 8th and at our Church Luncheon on Sunday, January 26. Sign-up now on the Friendship pad in the pew or by letting the church office know.




If you have a **blessing bag** or would like to have a blessing bag to help those in need, please see Michaela. After filling the bags, please return them to the church office by January 19th. These bags are a great way to help those in our midst to begin their new year with hope.



All Are Invited!
 Reception honoring
 Rev. Alice Odell
 Sunday, January 12
 from 3-5 p.m.

We hate to see Pastor Alice retire from Seven Oaks and want to honor her as she begins the next chapter of her life. Her Monday Morning Bible Study is sponsoring this reception and hopes that everyone will come and thank Alice for all her love given to us at Seven Oaks. She will truly be missed and we treasure all the good

 Next Sunday, January 12, everyone will receive their new **Star Words** for the new year.

 The **2020 Flower Calendar** is now in the narthex. Please sign up for flowers by **BOTH** signing beside the date you want **AND** taking an envelope. Complete the information on the envelope and either put it in the offering plate or take it to the church office. Thank you for your willingness to place flowers in the sanctuary in 2020!