

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

OFFERTORY

I Will Arise
Chancel Choir

Parker & Shaw

*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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SEALING THE WORD: The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

One: Dear friends, we are going to Jerusalem with Jesus.

All: Christ is our pardon, our healing, and our peace!

One: We will suffer the trial with him, resisting evil.

All: With him, we will walk the path to life.

One: But come first to the table where there is food for the journey.

All: With hearts full of joy we come,

One: giving thanks to God, our maker,

All: and offering our praise!

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

All bread is gluten free.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

When We Are Tested (tune: Toulon)

Hymn 783

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

Twofold Amen

POSTLUDE

Chromatic Fugue

Johann Pachelbel

**Please stand in body or in spirit*



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**March 1, 2020
First Sunday in Lent**

**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

Fill This House With Your Holy Presence

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please pass and sign the Friendship Register)

Rev. Jana Creighton

PRELUDE

Lord of the Dance

Douglas Wagner

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Elder Mark Wishart

One: Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

All: As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.

One: In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt, and temptation.

All: As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.

One: Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom He trusted.

All: As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.

*GATHERING HYMN

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Hymn 618

MOMENT OF HOLINESS: Turn to your neighbor and share a moment when you had to trust God to see you through.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Creator of all that is, giver of grace and river of life: Hear our prayer.

There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You.

We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out.

You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with You.

Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray (time of silent confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN:

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Elder Sue Kesterson

ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me
Chancel Choir

Bock & Larson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

OT 2

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

NT 3

MESSAGE

Led By the Spirit

Rev. Jana Creighton

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

Sunday Worship, March 1, 2020

Greeters: Sue Kesterson, Jim Mullins, Marty Spearman, Braeden Noë-Mellitz
Ushers: Shelagh Wirth, Fred Holbrook, Daniel Perriero, Kathy Keane, Ben Smith
Attendance: Barbara Fowler, Marion Watson Wishart, Sue Kesterson
Counters: Tish Lowe, Melanie Mixon, Sharon Staton
Time with the Children: Sue Kesterson
Children's Church: Janice Reiser
Sound: Ken Watkins **Acolyte:** NA Communion
Opening Church: Fred Holbrook
Liturgist: Mark Wishart **Nursery:** Amy Schwartz
Flowers: Vern Rogers
Communion Assistants: Melanie Mixon, Tish Lowe, Jeanne LeBoeuf, John Whitfield, Byron Dickson, Fred Holbrook

Sunday Worship, March 8, 2020

Greeters: Hal Bowman, Suzy Bowman, Kathy Keane, Bev Elbert
Ushers: Ron Kesterson, Frank Sheppard, Mark Wishart, Marion Watson-Wishart, Melanie Mixon, Ben Smith
Attendance: Anne Crook, Willie Hale, Martha Hallbick
Counters: Jack Noë, Sharon Staton
Time with the Children: Mark Johnson
Children's Church: Carol Griffith
Sound: Greg Mixon **Acolyte:** Sydney Edwards
Opening Church: John Whitfield
Liturgist: Tish Lowe **Nursery:** Amy Schwartz
Flowers: Anne Crook

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2020: Jeanne LeBoeuf - Christian Education
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Jack Noë - Good News
Mark Wishart - Fellowship
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John Whitfield - Missions
Shelagh Wirth - Worship Chair

2022: Byron Dickson- Building/Grounds
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Mark Pilkington - Christian Education
Sharon Staton - Administration
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Trustees: Lucretia Seigler, Beverly Hudson, Frank Sheppard
Treasurer: Hal Bowman



THIS WEEK AT SOPC

March 1, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School*
9:45 a.m. Spiritual Disciplines Class
11:00 a.m. Worship Service*
12:00 J.A.M.
12:15 p.m. Covenant Ringers
6:00 p.m. Chin Church Worship

March 2, Monday

10:30 Women's Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Ministry Meetings
6:30 p.m. Chairs Meeting
7:00 p.m. NANA

March 3, Tuesday

7:00 p.m. YOGA & NANA

March 4, Wednesday

12:00 Presbyterian Communities Luncheon
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Christ and the Chocolaterie
7:00 p.m. NANA

March 5, Thursday

9:00 a.m. SOPC Quilters
12:00 Praying in Color
12:15 p.m. Chair Yoga
3:30 p.m. Christ and the Chocolaterie
6:30 p.m. Christ and the Chocolaterie

March 6, Friday World Day of Prayer

6:45 a.m. Lanterns
7-9 a.m. Drive-Thru Prayer and Coffee

March 7, Saturday

9:00 Scouting Event
10:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous
6:00 p.m. Chin Bible Study

March 8, Sunday (Time Change Sunday)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School*
11:00 a.m. Worship Service*
12:15 p.m. Covenant Ringers
5:30 p.m. Chili Cookoff
6:00 p.m. Chin Church Worship
*Nursery is provided



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IN PERSON

Offering plate during the worship service



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BY TEXT

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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 today in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Vern and Alene Rogers and in memory of Alene's sister, Violet Turner, and in honor of Violet's husband and caretaker, Ernest Turner.

Music Notes: The prelude combines a Shaker melody with a 20th century ballad retelling Jesus' life. *Jesus Loves Me* is a blend of William Bradbury's beloved hymn and Claude Debussy's beautiful *Clair de Lune*. The offertory anthem is built around the refrain, "I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms." The music during communion includes John Carter's arrangement of *What Wondrous Love Is This*.

Missions Collections and Ministries: March's collection items for Sharing God's Love are: peanut butter and jelly. April's items will be: Baked beans, canned beans, and dried beans. 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.



Order forms for **Easter lilies** to adorn the sanctuary for Easter and the Sunday following are in the pews. The cost of the lilies is \$14.



There will be a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, March 29th following worship for the purpose of electing elders and a trustee for the Class of 2023.



We need YOU! Would you like to make a difference and show care to our St. Andrews neighbors? Our church will be hosting our 2nd annual Drive-thru Coffee and Prayer event this Friday morning, March 6th, which is World Day of Prayer 2020.

From 7- 9 a.m. we will hold up signs inviting passersby to drive through our driveway and have a cup of coffee to go, as well as have someone pray with them while they are in their car. If you would like to be present to help out, please contact Melanie Mixon at (803) 319-7199 or glmixon@msn.com



Join the Youth next Sunday, March 8th at 5:30 p.m. as they host a Chili-Cook-Off Fundraiser for the Summer Trips.

Bring a crock pot of your best chili recipe for a chance to earn the title of SOPC's Chili Master.

Presbyterian Women in Trinity Presbytery Annual Gathering will be Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Rocky Springs Presbyterian Church in Laurens, SC. Pink registration forms are in the Narthex. Tomorrow, March 2nd is the early registration deadline.



Don't forget to set your clocks an hour forward on Saturday night, March 7th.



JAM is today in the Fellowship Hall following worship for children 3 years—3rd grade.



The **2020 Flower Calendar** is 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. May and July dates available: May 10, 17 and July 19, 26.



The **March Ladies' luncheon** will be held on March 16th, noon at M Kitchen, 340 Columbiana Dr., Columbia. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals at 803-957-0430 or mroyals052@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dave Allen, Anne Crook, Tom Falls, Linda Floyd, Nan Foster, Rafe Glymph, Ed Keelen, John McCulloch, Dick and Barbara Schneider, Marion Wishart

Shepherding News

