

HYMN 702 *Christ Be Beside Me*  
Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me; King of my heart.  
Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

Quinn/ Grotenhuis

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jana Creighton

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 146; Mark 12:38-44

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MESSAGE Theology of Good Stewardship

**Sermon Notes:**  
**A good theology of stewardship is based on:**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to God.
- 2. The best motivation for good stewardship is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. If you don't \_\_\_\_\_ it, it doesn't \_\_\_\_\_.

OFFERING Text Sevenoaks to 73256 or use the SOPC website with this link:  
<https://onrealm.org/SevenOaksPresby/-/give/now>

Ushers will be collecting time and talent and pledge cards or you may place them in the offering box as you leave.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
Piano & Organ Duet

Beethoven/arr. Joel Raney

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Jana Creighton

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

One: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Elder Mark Dillard  
**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  
**\*Individually wrapped Gluten Free wafers are available in the baskets where you receive your elements. Please raise your hand for an elder to assist you.**

COMMUNION HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together* Costen  
**Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees) [repeat]**

**Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees) [repeat] [Refrain]**

CLOSING PRAYER

\*HYMN 694 *Great God of Every Blessing* Gambrell/ Wesley  
**Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,  
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.  
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

**Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,  
Transforming broken people into the holy church.  
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:  
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Creighton

POSTLUDE *Promenade*

Gordon Young



**SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
November 7, 2021  
11:00 am  
**24th Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Stewardship Sunday & Honoring Members of 50 years**

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

PRELUDE *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus* Terry Osman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jana Creighton

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Stewardship* Elder Fred Holbrook

GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS Rev. Jana Creighton and Elder Mark Dillard  
One: God dwells in the high and holy place.  
**All: Yet God is also found with the contrite and humble in heart.**  
One: Highest heaven cannot contain the Lord.  
**All: Yet the fullness of God was found in the person of Jesus. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts, this place, and community!**

\*HYMN 689 *When the Morning Stars Together* Bayly  
**When the morning stars together their Creator's glory sang,  
And the angel host all shouted till with joy the heavens rang,  
Then your wisdom and your greatness their exultant music told,  
All the beauty and the splendor which your mighty works unfold.**

**Lord, we bring our gift of music; touch our lips and fire our hearts.  
Teach our minds and train our senses; fit us for these sacred arts.  
Then with skill and consecration we would serve you, Lord, and give  
All our powers to glorify you, and in serving fully live.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Elder Mark Dillard  
Sinners we are and sinners we will always be, except for the grace of Jesus the Christ. We are told in 1 Corinthians 4:2 that a steward must be found trustworthy. Acknowledging that in our sin we have neglected and rejected gifts that have been provided by God, let us confess our sins together.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
One: God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits.  
**All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**  
One: You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. We spend our time serving self.  
**All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**  
One: You provide us with opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. We tend to hide our gifts.  
**All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**  
One: You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. We resist sharing because of fear for the future.  
**All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**  
One: You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy. We take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth.  
**All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
While God knows our sin, God also hears our cries. In our sin, God still reaches out to forgive and restore us. Having confessed our sins, rejoice in forgiveness through Christ and live in God's love.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Tish Lowe  
We invite children ages 4k - 4th grade to sit in the "Children's Corner" after the "Time with the Children." Adults will be sitting with children, and age appropriate activities will be provided for children that go along with worship. Parents will pick up their children after the service.

MEMBER RECOGNITION Rev. Jana Creighton  
We invite our members of fifty (50) years to come forward and join us in the litany

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

### Sunday Worship, November 7, 2021

Counters: Mark Pilkington and Frank Sheppard  
Usher: Mary Johnson  
Greeters: Elizabeth Taylor and Jim Taylor  
Acolyte: None  
Children's Corner: Dallene Smith

### Next Sunday, November 14, 2021

Counters: Elizabeth Taylor and Mark Wishart  
Usher: Ron Kesterson  
Greeters: Janice Reiser and Dallene Smith  
Acolyte: Finn Bundrick  
Children's Message: Sue Kesterson  
Children's Corner: Melanie Mixon

### STAFF

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### SESSION MEMBERS

#### **Class of 2022:**

Carol Griffith- Fellowship  
Ed Keelen- Worship\*  
Mark Pilkington - Christian Education  
Sharon Staton - Christian Education\*  
Jim Taylor - Missions\*

#### **Class of 2023:**

Karan Bundrick - Worship  
Mark Dillard - Congregational Care\*  
Banks Robinson - Fellowship\*  
Mark Wishart - Fellowship

#### **Class of 2024:**

Hal Bowman - Administration\*  
Richard Brinkley - Administration  
Guy San Fratello - Buildings & Grounds\*

**Trustees:** Frank Sheppard, Jim Wilhide, Sue Kesterson

**Treasurer:** Hal Bowman

### **This week at SOPC:**

#### **Sunday, November 7, 2021**

9:30 am - Brewing Faith SS Class in-person or zoom  
9:30 am - Youth Confirmation Class  
9:45 am - Fellowship SS Class-in-person  
10:00 am - Children's Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship Service  
11:20 am - Liberty Worship Service - Fellowship Hall  
3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution

#### **Monday, November 8, 2021**

12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga

#### **Tuesday, November 9, 2021**

9:30 am - Virtual Staff Meeting

#### **Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

12:00 pm - Virtual Prayer Meeting

#### **Thursday, November 11, 2021**

6:00 pm: Youth group - Fellowship Hall

#### **Friday, November 12, 2021**

6:45 am: Lanterns (in person)

#### **Office Hours:**

**Monday- Wednesday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm**

**Stay connected! If you would like to receive emails and/or texts from SOPC, please text the letters SOPC to the number 84576.**

*If you have information to be included in the weekly bulletin or newsletter, please have your information to the church office (sopc@sopc.net) no later than 10:00 am Tuesday the week of publication. Thank you!*

#### **In our continued prayers...**

Edith Blanchett    Nan Foster    Joe Gause  
Al Charles        Linda Floyd    Al Morganelli  
Jo Groce         Ed Keelen     Donna Moore  
Alene Rogers     Patricia Williams  
The Burma Community  
Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (missionaries)  
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz

**Please join us on Wednesdays at Noon via Zoom for our Prayer Meeting.**

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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

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### **Announcements**

**Hearing impaired equipment available:** Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Nursery:** A nursery is available in Building A during Sunday School and Worship for ages 0 - 4. If you have any questions please see any of our volunteers with a name badge in the Narthex.

**Children's Corner:** Volunteers are needed to sit with the children in the children's corner during worship service. If you would like to help with this impactful ministry in the lives of our children, please contact Kathy Keane at 803-467-4224 or [kathygkeane@gmail.com](mailto:kathygkeane@gmail.com).

**Worship bags:** Parents, you are invited to pick up worship bags for your children in the Children's Corner before the worship service, for ages 2-5, K-2nd and 3rd-5th grades. (located in the sanctuary near the restrooms).

**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.

**Thinking about joining our SOPC family? Got questions?** Our next class is slated for December. Please let the pastor or an elder know if you would like to attend. You are not here by accident.

**Flowers:** The beautiful silk flower arrangements in the sanctuary today were donated for use when the church does not have fresh flowers.

\*If you would be interested in donating a floral arrangement for Sunday morning, please contact the church office.

**Music Notes:** The prelude comes from a 17th century hymn. The opening verse implores us to, "Ever in His footsteps tread, full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father's bidding. Savior, lead, I follow thee." The special music today celebrates the time and talents shared by all those who have raised their voices in praise to God, and made SOPC the worshipping community it is.

### **COVID PROTOCOLS**

1. We will remain in person for worship and events IF you are wearing a mask. If you decide not to wear a mask, please do not attend.
2. If you feel uncomfortable attending in person, please join us on Zoom or YouTube.
3. Please wear your mask securely around your mouth and nose, particularly when singing.
4. We encourage you to socially distance as we worship with those who are not your family.

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### **Announcements**

- **Member Recognition:** Seven Oaks Presbyterian was founded under God's call in 1966. Our members being honored today are celebrating 50 or more years as supporters of God's work here at SOPC. We are thankful today for the gift of their love, support, stewardship and hope for the future. Please join us after worship outside for a time of greeting, fellowship and snacks as we honor and hear their stories.
- **ReShape:** This week most ReShape Small Groups met for their final time. Participants shared words like relieved, more connected, hopeful, and grateful to describe their experience. The challenge for the Coordinating Team now will be to listen for the Holy Spirit as all the heartfelt sharing that has taken place over the last weeks is sorted and categorized. Please be in prayer during this time of discernment as the team begins it is work that will give direction to Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church towards being a greater expression of the body of Christ.
- **Youth:** Youth will continue to meet Thursdays from 6:00 - 7:30 pm!! Bring a mask and water. Be ready for fun and discussion.
- **Women of Seven Oaks Drop-in:** Today from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the home of Mary Johnson, 541 Shadobrook Drive, Columbia, 29210. Come catch up with old and new friends!
- **Stewardship Sunday:** Today is Stewardship Sunday. You can place your Time and Talent forms and Pledge Cards in the offering plates that will be passed during worship or place them in the offering boxes in the Narthex. If you forgot your form or card there are extras in the Narthex.
- **Christmas Poinsettias:** Poinsettia orders are due tomorrow, November 8, 2021. Please fill out the card in your pew and place in the offering box or contact the church office to order yours for the holidays. Each poinsettia costs \$13.
- **Turkeys!** We will be selling smoked turkeys for Thanksgiving. Price is \$30 for an approximately 14 pound turkey. We will be taking orders in the narthex on November 14, 2021 or you may place your order online at <https://sopc.flocknote.com/signup/73179>
- **Warm Clothes Drive:** During the month of November, we will be accepting donations of clothing to help keep our community warm during these colder months. Please bring items such as coats, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, sweaters, etc. Each Sunday you may place these items in the black baskets in the sanctuary or bring them to the office during weekly office hours.
- **Love Revolution:** Each Sunday from 3:30-5:30pm, SOPC opens up the pavilion to saints from our community who are living Jesus' call to love our neighbors. These Saints cook or purchase meals to share with anyone who wishes to eat and fellowship. You can help in this mission by joining us with your presence and/or by bringing food to help our neighbors, our homeless, our elderly, our lonely and our friends!
- **Family Promise:** A big thank you goes to everyone who donated gift cards and meals to our Family Promise guests. They are so appreciative of anything we do for them.