

SOPC Leaflet, Wednesday, March 5, 2025

- **Pastor Jim's Acorn Devotion for the Week: Sole Provider, Sole Comforter**

"Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

As long as Jesus is one of many options, he is no option.

As long as you carry your burdens alone, you don't need a burden bearer.

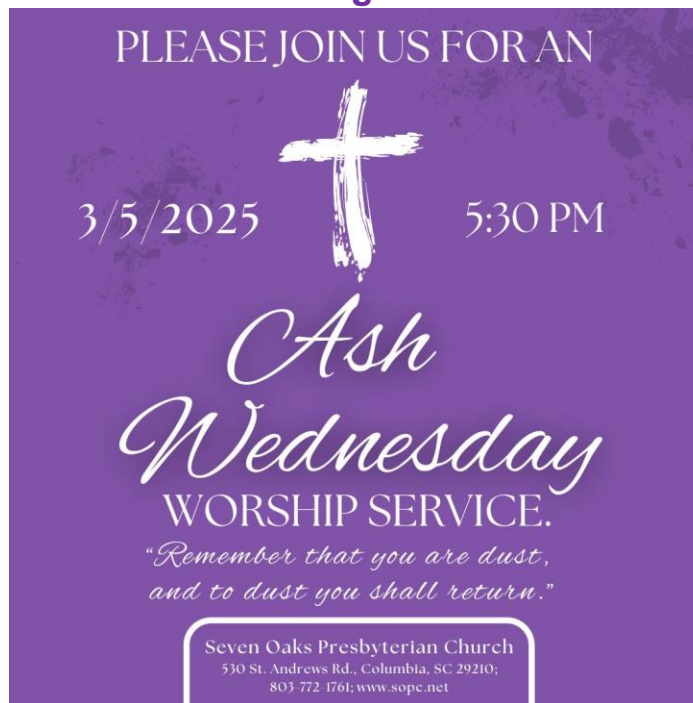
As long as your situation brings you no grief, you will receive no comfort.

And as long as you can take him or leave him, you might as well leave him,
because he won't be taken half-heartedly.

But when you mourn, when you get to the point of sorrow for your sins,
when you admit that you have no other option but to cast all your cares on him,
and when there is truly no other name that you can call,
then cast all your cares on him, for he is waiting in the midst of the storm.

The Applause of Heaven (from Max Lucado's work)

- **We look forward to a meaningful Ash Wednesday worship experience tonight at 5:30 in the sanctuary. Let's prepare our hearts and minds to journey with Christ to the cross during this season of Lent.**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN

3/5/2025 5:30 PM

Ash
Wednesday
WORSHIP SERVICE.

*"Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."*

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- **Ladies, mark your calendars for **THIS Friday, March 7**, as SOPC will host **CWU for the World Day of Prayer gathering** in the Fellowship Hall @ 10:30 am and join the worship service in the sanctuary @ 11:00 am. No cost for the day, although there will be an offering collected.**

- Please join us for Love Revolution in the Pavilion on Sunday from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm and help us serve food to our neighbors in need! Our Clothing Closet will open 30 minutes prior.
- Our weekly SOPC staff meeting yesterday was a fun celebration of Shrove Tuesday / Mardi Gras! We enjoyed a King Cake and gave thanks for God's blessings of justice, good health, and prosperity. "Laissez les bons temps rouler!"



- Our Thursday morning 1st John Bible study, led by Pastor Jim, will continue tomorrow morning, 3/6/25, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Classroom.
- Bruce C Hurley will continue leading a 6-lesson Bible study TOMORROW, March 6, at 5 pm in the FELLOWSHIP Classroom. The study is based on Dr. Bruce Metzger's *Revelation: A Symphony in Six Movements* and will meet each Thursday evening. Please read Revelation 8:6 – 14:5 in preparation.
- Our Fellowship & Roads To Faith Adult Sunday School classes, (who are currently meeting together,) are studying the Gospel of John. All adults of the church--and friends--are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Classroom on Sunday mornings at 9:45!
- SOPC BOOK GROUP is meeting again! We'd love for you to join us and determine what books we will read! We have some suggestions and could use some more from you. Our meeting is TOMORROW, Thursday, March 6th. Contact Kitsie Miller at 803-463-6958 to let her know you're interested, or coming, or if you have any questions.
- Session's next meeting will be on Monday, March 17th.

- **This Sunday, our YOUTH will meet at SOPC at 5:30 pm for fellowship, “planting seeds,” (literally and spiritually,) food, and fun. We will continue our Lenten series as well. Please feel free to contact Julie Bussells with any questions or for more information: 803-622-9509.**
- **SOPC will host a meeting of Trinity Presbytery on Tuesday, November 18th. VOLUNTEERS are needed to greet, direct parking, serve lunch, man check-in, etc..**
- **If you would like to volunteer in the sanctuary’s sound booth occasionally, please contact the church office. Training provided!**
- **There will be a Maundy Thursday Communion service on April 17th.**
- **So far, we have collected 125 POUNDS of used crayons that will be sorted, melted down, and made into new, ergonomic, free crayons for pediatric hospital patients. Since 2013, TheCrayonInitiative.org has saved over 432,000 pounds of discarded crayons from landfills and has created/distributed 1 MILLION packs of free crayons.**
- **Our Good News Ministry stands ready and equipped with technological tools to welcome new disciples into the SOPC family. Please join us in praying for God’s guidance in ways we can reach out to our neighbors and invite them to share in Christ’s love and mission with us!**
- **Our 2025 Elder Nominating Committee is: Liz Harris, Chair; Jeanne LeBoeuf, Vice-Chair; Cathy Keelen; Frank Sheppard; and Jim Taylor, with Julie Bussells representing SOPW. Nomination forms are available in the narthex, inserted below, and from the church office, (clear plastic box on the wall by Annah’s door.) What faithful disciples at SOPC do you know who would make great Elders and additions to our Session?**
- **If you have cans’ pop-tops that you have been collecting, Annah would be happy to deliver them to Ronald McDonald House charities periodically. Just leave them in the large baskets on either side of the sanctuary doors or bring them by the church office.**
- **Our next churchwide Fellowship meal will be Sunday, March 16th—a luncheon after worship! Please join us for corned beef & cabbage and**

other Irish shenanigans! 

- Our Small-Town Adventures Group traveled to Summerville, SC on Wednesday, 2/26/25. A good time was had by all!



- Notes of Thanks:

1. Thank you to everyone who prayed for me and sent their love my way during my fourth hospital stay in four months. The doctors are taking a new approach this time, so hopefully, there won't be a fifth! The calls, texts, and visits were uplifting and much appreciated. –Ed Keelen
2. Dear Sharon and Sharon, I don't think we ever thanked you for the sweets that you brought to us on our January Early Release Day. The Staff definitely enjoyed everything that you brought. By the next day, there wasn't anything left! Thank you so much for always thinking of our staff. They LOVE to eat and are always appreciative that our local community gives to us of their time and talents. Have a great week! -Michele at Seven Oaks Elementary School

- Teaser for this Sunday, 3/9/25:



The church is now accepting orders for lilies to adorn our sanctuary on April 20th, Easter Sunday!



Easter Lilies 2025

It is SOPC's tradition to adorn our Sanctuary with lilies for the Easter worship service.

You may purchase a lily to be given in celebration of the resurrection, to the glory of God, and/or in appreciation/memory/honor of a loved one, friend, or church family member.

Names of donors, (unless they wish to remain anonymous,) and those honored will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025. You may pick up your lily after worship on Easter Sunday.

Please complete this form and place it with payment in the offering basket or submit it to the church office. Please make checks payable to SOPC with "Easter Lily" in the memo line. If you pay online, please designate it as "Other," type in "Easter Lily," and check the option that covers the church's credit card processing fees.

The deadline to order is Sunday, April 6, 2025.

Please print clearly. Write names as you wish them to be listed in the bulletin.

_____ (Qty.) Easter Lilies x \$16.00 each = \$_____ Total Amount

Donor Name(s): _____

Do You Wish to Remain Anonymous? Yes / No (Circle one.)

Donor Phone # &/or Email: _____

- In Appreciation of _____
 - In Memory of _____
 - In Honor of _____
 - To the Glory of God
 - In Celebration of the Resurrection
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Save The Date: Family Promise Gala



PRESENTS

FAMILY PROMISE OF THE MIDLANDS

2025 NIGHT OF PROMISE GALA

"THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME"

EVERY CHILD DESERVES ONE

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER CRAIG MELVIN

THURSDAY

APRIL 10 2025

6:30-10:30 PM

DRESS IN FORMAL ATTIRE FOR A NIGHT IN
THE EMERALD CITY

**COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER
EXHIBIT HALL**



SCAN TO PURCHASE
TICKETS



Our congregation votes on elders to serve on the Session, exercising leadership, government, and discipline, and having responsibility for the life of our church.

Elders should be “persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills of leadership and being compassionate in spirit.” (Book of Order G-2.03)

Any active member of SOPC may be nominated unless he or she is currently serving a second consecutive term on the Session.

Suggested Names for Nomination:

Please reach out to your listed nominees to ensure that they wish to serve in this capacity before returning this form. If you would like to comment on your reasons for nominating these persons, please feel free to do so on the back of this page. Your name is optional. Please place this form in one of the offering boxes in the narthex. You can also drop it by the church office or hand it to someone on the Nominating

Committee:

Liz Harris (Chair) lizzi.sc@gmail.com

Jeanne LeBoeuf (Vice Chair)

Julie Bussells (Representing PW)

Cathy Keelen

Frank Sheppard

Jim Taylor



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN TRINITY PRESBYTERY
ANNUAL GATHERING**

Saturday, April 5, 2025

**Fellowship Camp & Conference Center
457 Camp Fellowship Rd, Waterloo, SC 29384
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Onsite registration opens @ 9:00 am
Program starts @10:00 am**



Dawn Smith Jordan is our speaker for the 2025 Annual Gathering. Dawn is a Christ-follower, singer/songwriter, musician, speaker, charting recording artist with Urgent Records, and published author. Dawn grew up the daughter of a Baptist deacon daddy and choir singing mama. As a high school student, she felt the call of God on her life to full-time ministry. In 1985 Dawn's younger sister Shari was kidnapped and murdered just two days before her high school graduation, resulting in the largest manhunt in South Carolina's history, drawing national attention. In 1986 Dawn received a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance from Columbia College in Columbia, SC. She went on to become Miss South Carolina 1986 and 2nd runner-up to Miss America. As Dawn ministers, she intertwines a combination of music, testimony, humor, transparency, and most importantly, the Truth found in God's Word. She incorporates both music and speaking during her ministry time, including her original songs, worship, as well as the beloved hymns of the faith.

An offering will be taken during the meeting which will be donated partially to our speaker, and partially to Camp Fellowship to help them recover from damage sustained during Hurricane Helene. Offering checks to support these efforts should be made payable to: **PW of Trinity Presbytery.**

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL WOMEN OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

REGISTRATION FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL GATHERING

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MARCH 21, 2025
\$35 before March 22, 2025; \$40 at door (includes lunch)**

NAME: _____

CHURCH NAME: _____ CLUSTER #: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ CONTACT PHONE #: _____

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECK, PAYABLE TO: **PW of TRINITY PRESBYTERY**

**MAIL TO: MARY FUHRMAN, TREASURER
109 CEDAR COURT
LAURENS, SC 29360**