

SOPC Leaflet, Wednesday, April 16, 2025



We hope that you will join us at Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church as we journey through Holy Week 2025.



Palm Sunday: April 13th

9:45 am: Sunday School & Choir Rehearsal

11 am: Worship – Hosanna! Sermon = *This Little Lamb*

Maundy Thursday: April 17th

3-5:15 pm: Prayer Stations - Sanctuary, Narthex, & Choir Room

5:30 pm: Communion Service & Light Meal - Youth Room;
Sermon = *The 5th Cup, A Way of Hope*



Good Friday: April 18th

1-3 pm: Open Sanctuary for Prayer and Reflection

The Prayer Stations will still be set up.

Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Sunday: April 20th

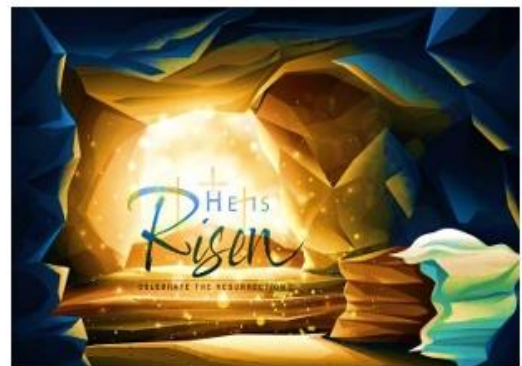
9 am: Easter Fellowship Breakfast - Youth Room

9:45 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Flowering the Cross & Choir Rehearsal

11 am: Worship of Our Risen Lord! Alleluia!

Sermon = *It Was Still Dark*



- This Sunday, we will collect our One Great Hour of Sharing offering to help the PCUSA address poverty, injustice, oppression, and disaster assistance.



- From our Christian Education Ministry:
JOIN US MAUNDY THURSDAY (4/17th) FOR PRAYER STATIONS!

WHERE: SOPC SANCTUARY, NARTHEX, CHOIR ROOM, BRIDE'S ROOM/LIBRARY

TIMES: 3:00 – 5:15 pm

Posters for self-guided experience will be in place for all stations. Volunteers will be there to help with all stations as well.

STATIONS: PRAYING IN COLOR, PRAYER DOODLING, MAKING PRAYER BEADS, CATACOMBS EXPERIENCE, MEDITATION EXPERIENCE AFTER 3:45, LABYRINTH INSIDE SANCTUARY, FINGER LABYRINTH FOR THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO SIT, PRAYER RIBBONS

**Stations will remain set up during Good Friday (4/18th), except for the labyrinth when the sanctuary is open for prayer from 1-3 pm.

- From our Music Ministry-- Hymn Time: We have added two hymn stories and reflections to enrich your Holy Week experience. Take a few moments this week to journey into these beautiful hymns of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. Just click on the link with each to view a music video for the respective hymn. The links are also located in the body of the email to which this *Leaflet* was attached.

Go To Dark Gethsemane: A Hymn Story & Reflection: <https://youtu.be/GM6TjZpXsMo>

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded: A Hymn Story & Reflection:
<https://youtu.be/MYCxl2pLGx8>

Ah, Holy Jesus: <https://youtu.be/9s157sZ4Ps0>

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross: <https://youtu.be/ESlks3swcnU>

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee: A Hymn Story & Reflection:
<https://youtu.be/myiaV02amZQ>



- We will have Elder Training on Tuesday, April 22nd and Tuesday, April 29th from 5-7 pm in the Session Room.
- From the Administration Ministry: Thank you for keeping your pledge up to date, as this helps us plan and fulfill the programs of the church! Last month's offering and the year-to-date information are shown below:

	Giving	Budgeted	Difference
March	\$20,774	\$18,250	\$2,524
YTD 2025	\$54,365	\$54,750	(\$ 385)

Total revenue for the first 3 months of 2025 (including other income such as rent) and total expenses are shown below.

Total Revenue through March	\$72,006
Total Expenses through March	<u>\$71,491</u>
Revenues in excess of Expenses	\$ 515

- Don't forget to bring flowers from your yard or the store to help flower our Easter Cross on THIS Sunday, April 20th, at 10:30 am!

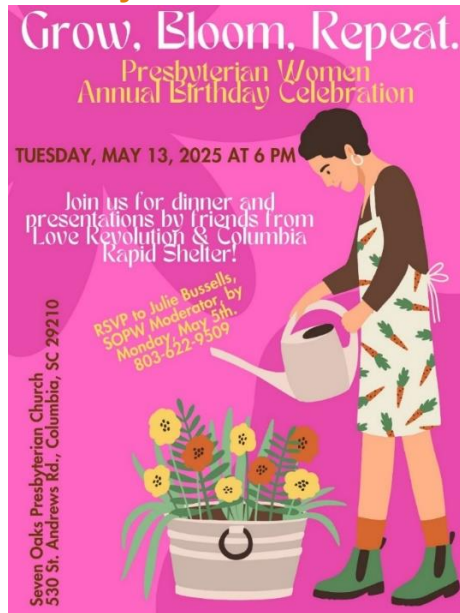


- **The Missions ministry needs you!** Each year, we partner with **Migrant Ministries** to help provide a meal for migrant workers in the Ridge Spring area. One Tuesday in the summer, we prepare a supper, take it to the camp, and serve it to the workers. **We need volunteers willing to assist with meal preparation, delivery, set up, and serving.** Possible dates for us to choose from are July 1, July 8, July 22, and August 5. **If you are available and willing, please contact Jim Taylor at 803-960-2956. We need to commit to a date as soon as possible.** Thank you!
- 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 **Thursday morning 1st John Bible study**, led by Pastor Jim, will resume Thursday, April 24th at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Classroom.
- **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 reading *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi this month. They will meet for discussion and fellowship on Thursday, 4/24/25 at 1:30 pm at Snow's Ice Cream.
- **Session's next meeting** will be on Monday, April 21st.
- **SOPW's Honorary Life Membership Award** will be presented during worship on Sunday, May 18th.
- **Our next Ladies Luncheon** will be Monday, April 21st, at noon at Tupelo Honey, 2138 Pickens Street, Columbia. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals at 803-608-1434, 803-957-0430, or mroyals052@gmail.com. Thanks.
- **Our Small-Town Adventures** group enjoyed their trip to Lake City, SC on the 9th! They toured the Lynches Lake Historical Society and Museum, checked out downtown murals, and ate lunch at Piggyback's BBQ & Catfish Restaurant. They hope to go back to visit the Ronald McNair Museum.



- **Our YOUTH** created a banner mural for the youth room with the Holy Week story from Scripture. You are invited to drop by and see it!
The youth will not meet this Sunday, 4/20. We encourage you to spend time with your families during the sacred time of Easter. We'll see you soon! Please feel free to contact Julie Bussells with any questions or for more information about our youth ministry: 803-622-9509.
- **SOPC will host a meeting of Trinity Presbytery on Tuesday, November 18th.** **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to greet, direct parking, serve lunch, etc.
- If you would like to **volunteer in the sanctuary's sound booth** occasionally, please contact the church office. Training provided!
- **Parents of Young Children:** Please grab a "**Wiggle Bag**" from the narthex / lobby before worship starts and remember that the little ones go to the Children's Corner after the Children's Message during the service. Thanks!
- **Our SOPC Food Pantry is in need of bottled water.** As the weather gets warmer, those who come to us for help are often thirsty. If you are able and feel led, please consider grabbing an extra 6-pack or case of bottled water the next time you are at the store.
- **A friendly reminder that Church Office hours** are Monday – Thursday from 10 am until 2 pm. If someone emails the church at sopc@sopc.net or leaves a voicemail on the church phone **after 2 pm on Thursday, Annah won't get it until Monday morning at 10 am.** Thanks for your patience and understanding!! ❤️
- **Also, please note: Now that we are sending out weekly Leaflets,** we ask each ministry to get us information for the *Leaflet* on the Tuesday before when they need it sent out, rather than asking us to send out a dedicated email blast with their ministry's specific information. **We are trying to limit the number of emails we send out each week.** Exceptions to this are prayer requests and devotions / special announcements from Pastor Jim and/or the Session.

- Pastor Jim will be out of the office, (and the country,) May 6 – 18th. He will be on a pilgrimage to the “7 Churches” in Turkey. We will have guest preachers on those 2 Sundays.
- Our SOPC Presbyterian Women will host the ladies of our church, McGregor PC, Westminster PC, Providence PC, and our Presbyterian Communities ladies at the Annual Birthday Celebration Dinner on Tuesday, May 13th, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please see the flyer below for more information.



- Our siblings in faith at McGregor Presbyterian Church have invited us to join them for a workshop titled Parenting in Today's World on Thursday, May 1st at 6 pm. The speaker is Susan Yelverton of Live Oak Counseling. Susan is the counselor who meets with clients on our SOPC campus when they cannot make it to the downtown office. Please share with any parents or grandparents of children/youth.

