

CHILDREN'S CORNER

We invite children ages 4k - 4th grade to go to the Children's Corner at this time. A designated adult will be sitting with the children, and age appropriate activities will be provided that go along with worship. Parents will pick up their children after the service.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Bob Brearley

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:35-43

One: The Word of the Lord!
All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

The Blind Beggar

RESPONDING IN FAITH

OFFERING

Rev. Bob Brearley

Tithes & offerings may be placed in the boxes with crosses at the main exit of the Narthex or given via www.sopc.net.

One: May these gifts, given in gratitude and love...

All: **Change us and the world to serve your purpose.**

A LITANY OF ALL THE SAINTS (Please see both sides of the insert.)

Elder Ron Kesterson

PRAYER FOR ALL THE SAINTS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Bob Brearley

...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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Bob Brearley

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: We give thanks to the Lord our God.

COMMUNION HYMN #525

Let Us Break Bread Together (verses 1 & 2)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION HYMN #525

Let Us Break Bread Together (verse 3)

*HYMN #353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Bob Brearley



Welcome!

SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 St. Andrews Road, Columbia, SC 29210;
803-772-1761; www.sopc.net;
email: sopc@sopc.net

Sunday, November 2, 2025
21st Sunday After Pentecost; All Saints' Sunday

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Ron Kesterson

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Jeffrey Honore

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Elder Ron Kesterson

Leader: Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

People: **Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.**

Leader: You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

People: **Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Leader: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

People: **Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; and give me an undivided heart that I may worship you.**

Leader: We lift our voices together, and we sing praises to our God in Jesus Christ.

*HYMN #667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Ron Kesterson

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us to faithful living that we may give ourselves to you and to one another with the devotion we have seen in Jesus. Yet sin prevents us from following your directions. We are blind both to our own selfishness and to your good purposes for us as a servant people. We pursue our own goals, worship our own gods, and place our hope in things that cannot last. O Lord, heal our blindness. Forgive us again. Return us to a life of love and compassion in your hurting world. Give us ears to hear your call, and faith to follow where you lead us. We bring our brokenness and our regrets to your healing mercy. Hear our prayers.

*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & PERSONAL CONFESSION

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Ron Kesterson

Leader: Whoever we are, wherever we are, however we are, we belong to God. Through Jesus Christ, God heals us from all our wounds and restores us to life and love.

People: **In Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole. Thanks be to God!**

*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. Amen.

MUSICAL SELECTION

Holy Manna
Chancel Choir

Joel Raney

Copyright Information:

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing. Music by Jeffrey Honore, ©2013 Hope Publishing Company. Streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-738441. All rights reserved.

Holy Manna. Words and music by Joel Raney, ©2012 Hope Publishing Company. Reprinted and streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-738441. All rights reserved.

The God of Abraham Praise. Music by Gordon Young, ©1979 Hope Publishing Company. Streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-738441. All rights reserved.

All other music in worship is in the public domain.

*Please stand in body or in spirit. **When items are in bold, you are invited to join aloud.**



The lyrics to the choir's anthem are: "Lord! Shower us with holy manna; Lord, shower us from above. We gather here to sing 'hosanna'; we gather to share your love. We have gathered here to worship and adore the Lord, our God. Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word? All is vain unless the spirit of the Holy One comes down. Christians pray, and holy manna will be showered all around. Lord! Shower us with holy manna; Lord, shower us from above. We gather here to sing 'hosanna'; we gather to share your love. Lord! Shower us with holy manna; Lord, shower us from above. Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new. Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down; Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around. Lord! Shower us with holy manna; Lord, shower us from above. We gather here to sing 'hosanna'; we gather to share your love."

Worship Assistants

Sunday, November 2nd: All Saints' Remembrance; Communion
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Bob Brearley
 Liturgist: Ron Kesterson
 Counters: Carol Griffith, Kitsie Miller
 Usher: Mary Johnson
 Greeters: Jeanne LeBoeuf, Sue Kesterson
 Children's Corner: Mary Johnson
 Announcement Slides: Mary Dempster
 Communion Preparation: Mary Johnson
 Communion Servers: Rev. Brearley, Mary & Mark Johnson, Kitsie Miller, Jeanne LeBoeuf

Sunday, November 9th: Commitment Sun.
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Bob Brearley
 Liturgist: Banks Robinson
 Counters: Liz Harris, Jeanne LeBoeuf
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Carol Griffith, Janice Reiser
 Children's Corner: Marion Watson-Wishart
 Announcement Slides: Mary Dempster

Church Staff

Interim Minister: Pastor Jim Rowell;
 jim@sopc.net
Director of Music Ministry: Dr. Lloyd Pilkington
Office Manager: Mrs. Annah G. Hiers;
 sopc@sopc.net
Accompanist: Elder Sharon Watkins
Building Superintendent: Mr. Karl Thompson
Volunteer Financial Administrator:
 Elder Sharon Staton; sharon@sopc.net
Nursery Coordinator: Mrs. Amy Schwartz

OFFICE HOURS: M-Th; 10 am - 2 pm

Sunday, November 2: All Saints' Sunday; Communion; Daylight Savings Time Ends
 9:45 am - 10:45 am - Choir Rehearsal
 9:45 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - The Well Church
 11:00 am - Worship
 11:00 am - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.
 3:00 pm - Clothing Closet Opens
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution
 5:30 pm - Youth Group at SOPC

Monday, November 3:
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 7:00 pm - Troop 91
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Tuesday, November 4:
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 11:00 am - Staff Meeting
 4:30 pm - PWCT
 6:00 pm - Yoga
 6:30 pm - Missions Ministry Meeting
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Wednesday, November 5:
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 11:30 am - Admin. Ministry Meeting
 1:30 pm - Church History Bible Study
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, November 6:
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 1:30 pm - Christian Education Ministry Meeting

Friday, November 7: Office Closed
 6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Saturday, November 8: Office Closed
 All Day - BSA Merit Badge Day
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Save the Date:

November 9: Commitment Sunday; Poinsettia Order Deadline
November 16: Churchwide Fellowship Meal
November 17: Ladies' Luncheon at California Dreaming
November 18: Trinity Presbytery at SOPC
November 23: Thornwell Offering
November 27: Thanksgiving Day
November 30: 1st Sunday of Advent
December 7: 2nd Sunday of Advent; Christmas Music in Worship
December 14: 3rd Sunday of Advent
December 21: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Joy Offering
December 24: Christmas Eve
December 25: Christmas Day

A nursery is available in Building A for children ages 0 - 4. If you have any questions, please see an usher for help.



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 Musical Selection during the service. Thanks!



Guests are invited to stop by the welcome table in the narthex/lobby. Please take a goody bag with you as a reminder of the gift of God's love. Also, please leave your information for us on the yellow card and place it in the offering baskets. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

SESSION (*indicates chair)

Clerk of Session: Polly Robinson

Class of 2026:

Liz Harris - Fellowship*
 Mary Johnson - Disciple Care*
 Kathy Keane - Christian Education*
 Banks Robinson - Buildings & Grounds*

Class of 2027:

Jeanne LeBoeuf - Missions
 Kitsie Miller - Fellowship
 Elizabeth Taylor - Administration*

Class of 2028:

Tish Lowe - Missions*
 Sharon Watkins - Worship*

Trustees: Carol Griffith, Molly Jackson, Robert Miller

Treasurer: Kathy Locklair

Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW):

Julie Bussells*

In Our Prayers:

God's Direction for SOPC

Those Less Fortunate

Pastor Jim

Kirby Dempster

Vicki Delesandro

Mary Dempster's Parents

Asher Mellitz

Donna Moore

Tara Whitfield's Mother,

Beneva

Jimmy Revell & Annie Moffatt

Janet & Nealy Jordan

Aletha & Derek Robinson

John Carter

Anne Crook

Monroe Swearingen

Alene & Vern Rogers

Al & Margaret Charles

Fran & Jeffrey Brannon

Kynslee Davis

The People of Ukraine

Aleksey & Liidia Bazan

Iglesia Presbiteriana de

Nueva Paz, Cuba

Daniel and Elizabeth Turk
 (Missionaries)

Those in Retirement

Communities, Assisted

Living, & Nursing Facilities:

Nancy Humphreys

Dave, Rich & Sam Allen

Edith Blanchett

Kathie Cashion

Barbara Fowler

Bobby Sellars

Patricia Williams

Barry Shatzer

Charlaine Pilkington

Virginia Martinez

Jim Wilhide

Ira Leon

Willie Hale

Announcements:

- Next Sunday, November 9th, is Commitment Sunday at SOPC.** Please pray about how you feel God is calling you, out of your gratitude for His many blessings, to give your time, talents, gifts, treasure, service, and witness for His work via SOPC. What does stewardship mean to you? What is your understanding of God's vision for our church? What resources will be needed to achieve that vision? We ask that you return your Time & Talent forms and pledge cards during the worship service next week or to the church office any time. You can also set up automated giving online to fulfill your pledge through www.sopc.net/giving. Extra copies of the Stewardship Packet are available in the Narthex and from the church office.
- Please join us for Love Revolution in the Pavilion today from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm and help serve food to our neighbors in need! Our Clothing Closet will open 30 minutes prior.
- The deadline to order poinsettias to adorn our sanctuary for Christmas is NEXT Sunday, November 9th.** They are \$14 each. There are order forms in the *Leaflet* newsletter, in the Narthex, and in the church office. Please specify the name(s) of the person(s) of whom it is in honor/memory. If you pay online, please select "Other," type "Poinsettia(s)" in the Memo line, and opt to cover the church's credit card processing fee. Thanks! Cash and/or checks payable to SOPC are welcomed also.
- SOPC Book Group:** We will meet at 3 pm on Thursday, November 20, at Loveland Coffee to discuss *The Woman They Could Not Silence* by Kate Moore. All are welcome! Please let Kitsie Miller know if you plan to attend. Thanks!
- Our next Churchwide Fellowship Meal** will be Sunday, November 16th! We hope you'll make plans to attend!
- Our Youth Group** will meet here tonight at 5:30 for food, fun, fellowship, discipleship, worship, and a continuation of our study on STEWARDSHIP.
- The Church History Bible Study with Bruce Hurley will continue on Wednesday at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Classroom.
- If you cherish SOPC's annual Advent Devotionals like many do, would you prayerfully consider volunteering to head up the project this year? Pastor Jim will help out with ideas and Scripture passages, but we need someone to organize our writers and compile the booklet. Annah is available for computer support and distribution support if needed! Contact the church office if you are willing to volunteer.
- The November Ladies' Luncheon** will be held on Monday the 17th at noon at California Dreaming at 401 S. Main St. in Columbia. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals via email: mroyals053@gmail.com or via call/text at 803-608-1434. Thanks!
- If you would like to learn how to help in the sound booth on Sundays, please contact the church office.
- If you can help out in the Clothing Closet from time to time, (either during the week or on Sunday afternoons,) please contact Sharon Staton.
- We're Collecting:** These items may be placed in the large baskets in the narthex or brought to the church office.
 - Travel-size toiletries to give out in our Clothing Closet each week: small soaps, shampoos, conditioners, toothpastes, deodorants, etc.
 - We are out of pop-tarts and packs of crackers in our food pantry. These are favorites of our neighbors in need.
 - Used/discarded crayons for www.thecrayoninitiative.org.
 - Cans' pop tops for Ronald McDonald House.