

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 18:9-14

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

MESSAGE

Praying the Distance Away

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

*HYMN #435

There Is a Wideness In God's Mercy

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Bob Brearley

*POSTLUDE

Sing To the Great Jehovah's Praise

Lani Smith



The choir's anthem's lyrics are adapted from 1 Corinthians 6:20 and Micah 6:8. The lyrics are: "You were blessed by the Word, born of the Spirit, called by the Power divine. You were led by the light, washed with the water, marked by a sacred sign. You are part of the chosen people, you are children of Abraham. You were bought with a price, spared by a sorrow, saved by the blood of the Lamb. So what, then, does God require of you? Nothing in truth you cannot do: This, this alone your whole life thru, but to walk in the way of the Lord! You were claimed by a cross, graced by a glory, loved by the Lord on high. You were fed by the faith, filled from the fountain, destined to testify! You are part of the chosen people, you are children of Abraham. You were bought with a price, spared by a sorrow, saved by the blood of the Lamb! You were blessed by the Holy Spirit, called by the Power divine; washed with the living water, marked by a sign. You are part of the chosen people, children of Abraham, redeemed by a sacrifice and saved by the Lamb! So what, then, does God require of you? Naught but to walk in the way your whole life thru. You were claimed by a cross, graced by a glory, loved by the Lord on high! You were fed by the faith, filled from the fountain, destined to testify! You are part of the chosen people, children of Abraham, redeemed by a sacrifice, and saved by the Lamb! Bought with the price of a sacrifice, and saved by the blood of the Lamb!"

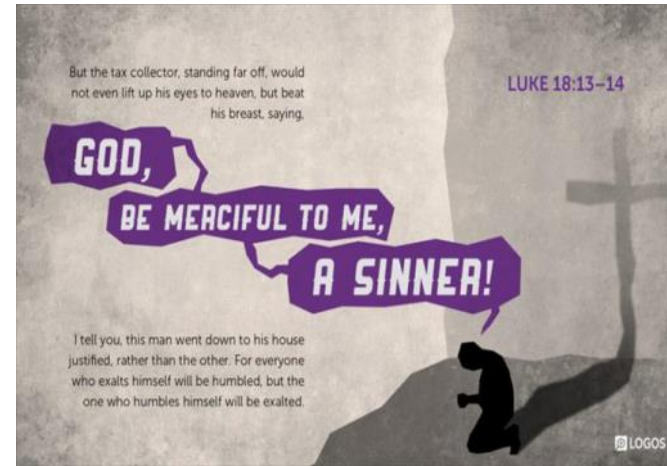
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STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Jeanne LeBoeuf

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pastor Nominating Committee Report

Elder Banks Robinson

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Sing Praise To God, Who Reigns Above

Faye Lopez

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Elder Jeanne LeBoeuf

Leader: The Word of God awaits us here; come to worship. The Holy Spirit welcomes us; gather to pray.

People: **From the routines and struggles of our lives, we come.**

Amid the stresses and worries of every day, we gather.

Leader: Come to be renewed in the spirit of Christ; God is waiting to offer us a new life of freedom.

People: **In hope, we seek God's caring presence. In faith, we dare to trust God's steadfast love.**

Leader: You are welcome in this worship. Rejoice in the Lord always!

People: **As followers of Jesus Christ, we sing joyfully to our God.**

*HYMN #475

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Jeanne LeBoeuf

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you want us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing except losing you. You want us to lay our cares on you, knowing that you sustain us in life. Liberate us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties. Grant us the poise and confidence to live the faith with gracious acts of kindness. We confess that too often we have focused our resources on personal ambitions and selfish desires. Teach us to cry out to you for mercy and a new beginning. Forgive our sins, and free us for thankful living. Give us the strength to love all people as we follow the example of Jesus, our Lord. Hear us as we pray to our merciful God.

*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & PERSONAL CONFESSION

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Jeanne LeBoeuf

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely and run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

People: **The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In Christ, we are forgiven.**

*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

Bought With a Price
Chancel Choir

Natalie Sleeth

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

Welcome!

SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, October 26, 2025
20th Sunday After Pentecost; Reformation Sunday



Worship Assistants

Sunday, October 26th: Reformation Sunday

Guest Preacher: Rev. Bob Brearley
 Liturgist: Jeanne LeBoeuf
 Counters: Mary Johnson, Sharon Staton
 Ushers: Robert & Kitsie Miller
 Greeters: Myrna Gause, Patty Mullins
 Children's Corner: Dallene Smith
 Announcement Slides: Mary Dempster
Sunday, November 2nd: Communion
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Bob Brearley
 Liturgist: Ron Kesterson
 Counters: Carol Griffith, Kathy Keane
 Usher: Mary Johnson
 Greeters: Jeanne LeBoeuf, Sue Kesterson
 Children's Corner: Mary Dempster
 Announcement Slides: Mary Dempster
 Communion Preparation: Mary Johnson
 Communion Servers: Rev. Brearley, Mary & Mark Johnson, Kitsie Miller, Jeanne LeBoeuf

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, October 26: Reformation Sunday

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.
 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Troop 95 COH for 6 Eagles
 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - SOPW Fall Gathering
 3:00 pm - Clothing Closet Opens
 3:00 pm - Youth Group to Corn Maze at Sease Farms
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution

Monday, October 27:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Troop 91 in Pavilion
 6:30 pm - Worship Ministry Meeting
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Tuesday, October 28:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 12:45 pm - Terrific Tuesdays at the Movies
 6:00 pm - Yoga
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Wednesday, October 29:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School-
 Costume Parade Day!
 1:30 pm - Church History Bible Study
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, October 30:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School

Friday, October 31: Office Closed; Reformation Day; All Hallows' Eve

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 1: Office Closed; All Saints' Day

Save the Date:

November 2: All Saints' Sunday
November 9: Commitment Sunday; Poinsettia Order Deadline
November 16: Churchwide Fellowship Meal
November 18: Trinity Presbytery at SOPC
November 23: Thornwell Offering
December 7: Christmas Music in Worship

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
 Shelagh Wirth's Move to

Canada
 Kirby Dempster
 Vicki Delesandro
 Mary Dempster's Parents
 Asher Mellitz
 Donna Moore
 Tara Whitfield's Mother,

Beneva
 Jimmy Revell & Annie Moffatt
 Janet & Nealy Jordan
 The Family of Judy 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
 Charlaire Pilkington
 Virginia Martinez
 Jim Wilhide
 Ira Leon
 Willie Hale

Announcements:

- 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.
- We will observe All Saints' Sunday NEXT WEEK, November 2nd. We would like to honor all those who have gone before us to join the Church Triumphant in the past year. Please submit your loved ones' names and dates-of-life (ex: 1930-2025) to the church office for the bulletin.
- The deadline to order poinsettias to adorn our sanctuary for Christmas is 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 has completed its blanket drive for our neighbors in need by praying over the blankets and including notes of encouragement for each blanket's recipient. (Picture on the bulletin board.) Thank you to our wonderful church family who supported our efforts! This afternoon, we will go to the Corn Maze at Sease Farms at 3:00 pm.
- Let's go to the movies!! Our *Terrific Tuesdays at the Movies* Small Group & friends will gather at AMC on Afton Ct. THIS Tuesday, 10/28/25, at 12:45 pm to see *Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere*. Please let us know if you are coming by calling or texting Sue Kesterson at 803-727-8165. Ron Kesterson will purchase a block of tickets ahead of time. You can reimburse him \$6/ticket when you arrive. All are welcome!
- The Church History Bible Study with Bruce Hurley will continue on Wednesday at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Classroom.
- ALL Ladies of SOPC & friends, please join us for our SOPW Fall Gathering at Mary Johnson's house from 2-4 pm THIS AFTERNOON. You do not have to be a member of a circle to attend!
- 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.
- We are hosting the meeting of Trinity Presbytery on November 18th. We need members to greet, register, serve food, etc. Contact Sharon Staton if you can help.
- 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.
 - BAGS OF CANDY, with individually wrapped pieces, for SOES' community Trunk-or-Treat on October 30th. We are partnering with Ashland UMC to provide this for local children. We will deliver the donations to Ashland either tomorrow or Tuesday.
 - 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.