

## 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 19:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

#### MESSAGE

*A Glad & Generous Heart*

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

#### SERVICE OF COMMITMENT & GIVING

Rev. Bob Brearley

Leader: As an act of faith this morning, we are invited to bring forward our pledge cards and Time & Talent forms, which express our intentions to support the church's mission and ministries in the coming year.

**People: Acknowledging that the world and its resources belong to God, we are thankful stewards of the blessings and the bounty that we have received.**

Leader: As we pledge our gifts of time, talent, money, service, witness, and treasure to support the work of God's kingdom through the ministries of Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church, we rejoice in the grace and mercy of our Lord.

**People: We ask that the Holy Spirit be with us and guide us as we live our days together as a community of faith. May we honor God as we love one another and as we meet the needs of all God's children.**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, rejoice! May all people know our gentleness. The Lord is at hand! It is time to commit our lives and resources to Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### \*AN ACT OF STEWARDSHIP

*Bringing Our Gifts to the Table*

At this time, as you are able and feel led, please bring your pledge cards and your Time & Talent forms, along with your regular tithes and offerings, forward to the table. If you are unable to walk to the front, please notify an usher or neighbor in the pew who will be happy to assist you. Thank you for supporting God's work through SOPC. God bless us all.

#### 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*

**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 #708

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Bob Brearley

#### \*POSTLUDE

*Ancient of Days*

Paul Taylor

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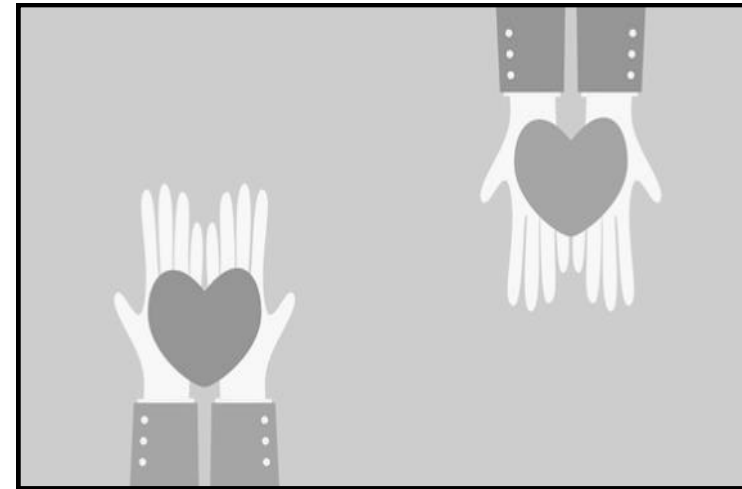
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# Welcome!

## SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Sunday, November 9, 2025**  
22nd Sunday After Pentecost; Commitment Sunday

#### STRIKING OF THE HOUR

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Banks Robinson

#### MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Cans or Cash Bash*

The Youth of SOPC, WPC & SMEC

### WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

#### PRELUDE

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

Pepper Choplin

#### \*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Elder Banks Robinson

Leader: At the name of Jesus, every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**People: With grateful hearts we thank God for our community of faith and for the joy of supporting our common ministry in Christ.**

Leader: Cry out with gladness to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

**People: With eagerness and with generous faith, we will praise the Lord!**

#### \*HYMN #22

*God of the Sparrow*

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Banks Robinson

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, you sent Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and you call us to be servants in your kingdom. By your spirit, empower us to love the unloved and to minister to all in need. Forgive us when we seek our own protection and safety instead of following Jesus in the ways of vulnerable love. Replace our fears with thanksgivings for all that is good in life. Forgive us, O God, and join us together as we forgive one another. Make us truly grateful for the mercy that sustains us in the journey of faith. We thank you for our church, and we offer it to you in service and love. Hear our prayers as we dedicate our lives to Jesus Christ.**

#### \*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & PERSONAL CONFESSION

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

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Banks Robinson

Leader: God is great, and God is good. God's mercy outlasts even our ability to make mistakes in this life. God turns regrets into new opportunities for the generous life of faith. God loves us still.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God for the unsearchable riches of grace!**

#### \*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, Holy, Holy*  
4-Hand Piano

Joel Raney

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



The lyrics to the opening hymn were written to explore why and how God's creatures and children are to serve Him. Those lyrics also contain references to 1 John 4:7-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and Psalm 136.

### Worship Assistants

#### Sunday, November 9th: Commitment Sunday

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

**Sunday, November 16th:**  
 Liturgist: TBD  
 Counters: Banks & Polly Robinson  
 Ushers: Robert & Kitsie Miller  
 Greeters: Robert & Kitsie Miller  
 Children's Corner: Kathy Keane  
 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;  
 sopec@sopc.net  
**Accompanist:** Elder Sharon Watkins  
**Building Superintendent:** Mr. Karl Thomson  
**Volunteer Financial Administrator:**  
 Elder Sharon Staton; sharon@sopc.net  
**Nursery Coordinator:** Mrs. Amy Schwartz



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

#### Sunday, November 9: Commitment 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.  
 3:00 pm - Clothing Closet Opens  
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution

#### Monday, November 10:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal  
 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 11: Veterans' Day; Karl on Vacation

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
 2:00 pm - Rachel Circle  
 7:30 pm—8:30 pm - NANA  
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

#### Wednesday, November 12: Karl on Vacation

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

#### Thursday, November 13: Karl on Vacation

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
 5:30 pm - Hannah Circle  
 6:30 pm - The Well Church

#### Friday, November 14: 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 15: Office Closed

All Day - The Well Church Conference  
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

### Save the Date:

**November 17:** Ladies' Luncheon at California Dreaming; Session Meeting

**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 11:** Hannah Circle's Christmas Cookie Party at PCSC

**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

Melanie Mason's Mother

Patty Mullins

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:**

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:



• **Today, November 9th, is Commitment Sunday at SOPC.** Extra copies of the Stewardship Packet, including pledge cards and Time & Talent forms, 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 TODAY.** 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!

• **There will NOT be a churchwide Fellowship Meal in November.** Never fear, however, the annual December Prime Rib meal is in the works!

• **Our Youth Group** would like to thank you for your support of their Cans or Cash Bash to help our neighbors facing food insecurity during this challenging time. They have prepared a short video about the effort that is available to watch on the church's YouTube channel. Here is the direct link: [https://youtu.be/-Bdy9FQiwes?si=l8pCZTiPu\\_a-ByLF](https://youtu.be/-Bdy9FQiwes?si=l8pCZTiPu_a-ByLF). You can also access the video from the *Events* tab of the church's website: <https://sopc.net/events/>.

• The Church History Bible Study with Bruce Hurley will continue on Wednesday at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Classroom.

• **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](mailto: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 would like us to be able to play videos** to go along with our Minutes for Mission or sermons on Sundays, **several people need to go through a series of several weeks' worth of training** with Karl, well in advance of the date that the videos need to be played. The videos are not controlled from the sound booth but from a laptop on the pulpit or lectern. Karl cannot be in both places at once. Let's make it a team effort.

• If you can help 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.

1. Travel-size toiletries to give out in our Clothing Closet each week: small soaps, shampoos, conditioners, toothpastes, deodorants, etc.
2. We are out of pop-tarts, individual cups of cold breakfast cereal, and packs of crackers in our food pantry. These are favorites of our neighbors in need.
3. Used/discarded crayons for [www.thecrayoninitiative.org](http://www.thecrayoninitiative.org).
4. Cans pop tops for Ronald McDonald House.