

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

MUSICAL SELECTION	<i>Prayer For Guidance</i> <i>Chancel Choir</i>	Allen Pote
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Rev. Joey Byrd
GOSPEL LESSON	Matthew 5:13-20	Rev. Joey Byrd
One:	The Word of the Lord.	
All:	Thanks be to God!	
MESSAGE	<i>Turn On The Lights, Please.</i>	Rev. Joey Byrd

RESPONDING IN FAITH

OFFERING		Rev. Joey Byrd
Tithes and offerings may be placed in the boxes with crosses at the main exit of the Narthex or given via www.sopc.net/giving .		
One:	May these gifts, given in gratitude and love...	
All:	Change us and the world to serve your purpose.	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	Rev. Joey Byrd

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 THE LORD'S TABLE		Rev. Joey Byrd
COMMUNION HYMN #525	<i>Let Us Break Bread</i>	
(vs. 1 & 2 sung at the start of the liturgy; vs. 3 sung after drinking the cup)		

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Rev. Joey Byrd
One:	Lift up your hearts!	
All:	We lift them up to the Lord!	
One:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
All:	It is right to give our thanks and praise!	
One:	Let us pray to the Lord.	

PRAYER		Rev. Joey Byrd
...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.		

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION		Rev. Joey Byrd
*ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT		Rev. Joey Byrd

PRAYER		Rev. Joey Byrd
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HYMN #720	<i>Jesus Calls Us</i>	
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CHARGE & BENEDICTION		Rev. Joey Byrd
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POSTLUDE	<i>O Jesus, King Most Wonderful</i>	Dale Wood
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Welcome!

SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 1, 2026
Second Sunday in Lent; Communion

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Banks Robinson

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

David Cherwien

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Banks Robinson

Leader: Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

PEOPLE: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

Leader: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

PEOPLE: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD. Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

ALL: Praise the LORD!

*HYMN #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Banks Robinson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Banks Robinson

O God of grace, mercy, and forgiveness, forgive us our many sins, and make us clean. Too often we forget who and whose we are. We walk among a people of unclean lips, hatred, and violence. We act as though we belong to this world. May your kingdom come and may thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Too often, O LORD we get caught up in the lies and violence of this age. Too many times we absorb the bad news narrative being sold on the public square. Turn our eyes, hearts, and minds to you and you alone. We reject all ungodliness, hatred, evil and pray for a world of justice, peace and compassion. May we spend our time turning to you and giving you all praise and glory for the miracles you have made real in each of our lives. May our light shine brightly and reveal your glory. Hear now my personal, silent prayer of confession...

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & PERSONAL CONFESSION

Elder Banks Robinson

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Banks Robinson

Leader: Hear the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ all our sins are forgiven.

All: 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.

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.

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



Our closing hymn is based on the calling of Andrew to be a disciple and follow Jesus. The postlude is based on a 12th century hymn that emphasizes the beauty and sweetness of Jesus, portraying Him as the King who brings joy and love to believers. The lyrics reflect on the desire to seek Jesus more deeply and acknowledge His divine nature.



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

Sunday, March 1st: 2nd Sunday in Lent; Communion

9:45 am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 9:45 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School
 10:00 am - 3:00 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
 4:30 pm - Confirmation Class
 5:30 pm - Youth Group

Monday, March 2nd:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 5:30 pm - 6:30 - Administration Ministry Meeting
 7:00 pm - Troop 91
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Tuesday, March 3rd:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm - PWCT
 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, March 4th:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, March 5th:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 12:30 pm - Christian Education Ministry Meeting

Friday, March 6th: Office Closed; World Day of Prayer

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, March 7: Office Closed

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Troop 91 Holi Festival in the Pavilion

Save the Date:

March 8: Clocks Spring Forward an Hour

March 15: Churchwide Fellowship Luncheon; Deadline to Order Easter Lilies

March 21: Trinity Presbytery PW Annual Gathering with Rev. Brooklynn Smith at SOPC

March 29: Palm Sunday

April 2: Maundy Thursday

April 3: Good Friday

April 5: Easter Sunday

A nursery is available in Building A during Sunday School & Worship 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 *Gloria Patri* 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
 Molly Jackson
 Myrna Gause
 Vicki Delesandro
 Asher Mellitz
 Jimmy Revell & Annie Moffatt
 Janet & Nealy Jordan
 Aletha & Derek Robinson
 John Carter
 Monroe Swearingen
 Al & Margaret Charles
 Fran & Jeffrey Brannon
 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
 Barbara Fowler
 Bobby Sellars
 Barry Shatzer
 Charlaire Pilkington
 Virginia Martinez
 Jim Wilhide
 Ira Leon
 Willie Hale

Announcements:

- **A HUGE thank you goes out to our Buildings & Grounds Ministry team, and to Karl**, our Building Superintendent, for the work done this week on our sanctuary lighting! We hope you felt "closer to God" up on that lift!
- 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 lilies for Easter is March 15th**. Order forms are available in the narthex and from the church office.
- **Elder Nomination forms** are available in the narthex and from the church office. Please prayerfully consider who you think would make a good leader for SOPC.
- **Our youth group** will meet here at 5:30 pm for a continuation of our Lenten study, dinner, and a service project. Last week, they made cards for SOPC's homebound members and prayed over each one's recipient.
- **Confirmation Class** will meet in the youth room at 4:30 pm today.
- Please come by the **table in the Narthex** and sign up for **Spring Small Groups!** There is a brochure with information about each of the following: *Discipleship Bible Study, Church History Study, Movie Group, Trinity Meditation Class, and Small Town Adventures.*
- **Way to Tackle Hunger, Scouts & Youth!** In their annual Scouting for Food campaign, our Troop 91 scouts collected 1373 pounds of food and \$844. Our youth collected \$439 through their Souper Bowl of Caring offering. The food and money from both groups were donated to Sharing God's Love. The young people wish to thank their SOPC family for your support and generosity!
- If anyone in our church family would benefit from **wheelchair service to and from the car into worship**, we would be happy to assist you! **When you arrive Sunday morning, have whoever is driving you enter the narthex and inform the usher that you are in the parking lot.**
- **Our next churchwide Fellowship Luncheon is Sunday, 3/15/26**, after worship in the Fellowship Hall. **The program will be about the Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews, and the menu is St. Patty's Irish Fare:** Irish flag salad, Corned Beef & Cabbage, Fingerling Potatoes, Lucky Golden Corn Muffins, & Bourbon Bread Pudding! *Erin go bragh!*
- The next gathering of the **SOPC Book Group will be Thursday, March 26th at 3 pm at Loveland Coffee. We will be discussing In Cold Blood by Truman Capote.** We'd love to see you just to catch up on what you've been doing! Questions? Call or text Kitsie Miller. 803-463-6958.
- **The next Ladies' Luncheon will be Monday, March 16th** at noon at Tupelo Honey, 2138 Pickens St., Columbia. Please let Margaret Royals know if you plan to attend. mroyals052@gmail.com or 803-608-1434
- We're Invited! **Live Oak Counseling**, a faith-based counseling center whom we support financially and with space on our campus occasionally, is having an **OPEN HOUSE** on Sunday, March 15th, from 11:30 am until 2:30 pm. The theme is *Finding Hope in the Wilderness*. Light refreshments will be served. There's time to make it to 600 King St., Columbia, 29205 after our Fellowship Luncheon!

Worship Assistants

Sunday, March 1st:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Joey Byrd
 Liturgist: Banks Robinson
 Counters: Liz Harris, Jeanne LeBoeuf
 Usher: Mary Johnson
 Greeters: Mary Dempster, Patty Mullins
 Children's Corner: Emalee Dillard
 Announcement Slides: Mary Dempster
 Communion Preparation: Sue & Ron Kesterson
 Communion Servers: Kitsie Miller, Liz Harris, Mark & Mary Johnson

Sunday, March 8th:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Joey Byrd
 Liturgist: Jim Taylor
 Counters: Banks & Polly Robinson
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Myrna Gause, Sue Kesterson
 Children's Corner: Mary Dempster
 Announcement Slides: Mary Dempster

Church Staff

We are praying for the person whom God is preparing and calling to be our new Pastor.

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