

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Alice Odell

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Tish Lowe

Holy, magnificent God, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, allow us to see you clearly in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

FIRST GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1-17

Elder Tish Lowe

MUSICAL SELECTION

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place
Chancel Choir

Hewitt / arr. L. Pilkington

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:18-41

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MESSAGE

Blindness is a Challenge.

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RESPONDING IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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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 #451

Open My Eyes

OFFERING

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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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Alice Odell

...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.

HYMN #192

Shine, Jesus Shine (Lord, the Light of Your Love)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Alice Odell

POSTLUDE

Send the Light

John Turner



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Welcome!

**SEVEN OAKS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Sunday, March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Tish Lowe

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presbyterian Women of Trinity Presbytery's Annual Gathering

Elder Julie Bussells

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Lead Me To Calvary

Douglas Wagner

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 146)

Elder Tish Lowe

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to God all my life long.

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord:

All: Who made heaven and earth, and all that is in them.

One: Who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

All: The Lord sets the prisoner free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

One: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

All: The Lord watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow.

One: But the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Tish Lowe

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Confident of God's character, let us confess our sins together so that we might receive healing and peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Tish Lowe

Almighty and merciful God, we continue to want more, blind to the blessings we already possess. We want everything now, blind to the value of patience and hard work. We take so much delight in our own accomplishments that we are blind to people in need. Forgive us! Cleanse us of our entitlement, anxiousness and pride. Help us see the world with your eyes so that we can be people of gratitude, courage and compassion, because of what we see in Christ Jesus our Lord...

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & PERSONAL CONFESSION

Elder Tish Lowe

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Tish Lowe

One: "The days are surely coming" says the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. I will put my law within them; I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more."

All: We believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and our sins are remembered no more. Thanks be to God. Amen!

*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.

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



Lead Me to Calvary is based on a 20th century hymn, whose message invites us to remember and reflect on Christ's crucifixion. The choir's anthem emphasizes putting our faith solely in Jesus. The lyrics also remind us that Jesus died for us, and that God's love is never ending and unending.



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

Sunday, March 15th: 4th Sunday in Lent; Deadline to Order Easter Lilies

- 9:45 am - 10:45 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.
- 12:15 pm - Fellowship Luncheon
- 1:15 pm - Possible Nominating Committee Meeting
- 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 16th:

- 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
- 12:00 pm - Ladies' Luncheon
- 6:30 pm - Session 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 17th: St. Patrick's Day

- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm - DHEC
- 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
- 12:00 pm - Trinity Meditation Small Group
- 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
- 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Wednesday, March 18th:

- 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
- 10:30 am - Church History Bible Study
- 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, March 19th:

- 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
- 10:30 am - Discipleship Bible Study

Friday, March 20th: Office Closed; First Day of Spring

- 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 21st: Office Closed; PW of Trinity Presbytery Annual Gathering

- 10:00 am - GAI Sabbath Group
- 3:30 pm - Rivas Family Birthday Party

Save the Date:

March 29: Palm Sunday

April 2: Maundy Thursday; 5:30 pm Service at Trinity Presbyterian Church

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 young ones (4k - 4th grade) go to the Children's Corner after the *Time with Children* 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

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
- Andy Robosky
- 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
- Charlaine 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.
- **The deadline to order lilies for Easter is TODAY, March 15th.** Order forms are available in the narthex and from the church office.
- **Our churchwide Fellowship Luncheon is TODAY, 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!*
- **To our awesome SOPC WOMEN:** We will be hosting the **Trinity Presbytery PW ANNUAL GATHERING at SOPC on Saturday, March 21 from 10:00-2:00.** There will be a time of worship with our PW sisters from all over Trinity Presbytery. **Rev. Brooklynn Smith**, Chaplain at Presbyterian Community, will deliver a message about loving our neighbors. We'll also have a "Minute for Mission" from **Love Revolution and Clothing Closet.** WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please call Julie Bussells, 803-622-9509, or church office to find out ways you can help. Also, please fill out the registration form (available in the narthex) that will also reserve your spot for continental breakfast and a delicious lunch!
- **Maundy Thursday:** The Session of **Trinity Presbyterian Church** cordially invites you (SOPC & friends) to worship and partake in the sacrament of Communion with them on Maundy Thursday, **April 2, at 5:30 pm.** Your favorite Stated Supply Pastor, Bruce C Hurley, will be leading the service. Attire is casual, and the address is 1000 Greenlawn Dr., Columbia, SC 29209.
- **Our youth group** will meet here at 5:30 pm for a continuation of our Lenten study, food, fun, fellowship, worship, service, and discipleship.
- **Confirmation Class** will meet in the youth room at 4:30 pm today.
- **Spring Small Groups have begun!** There is a brochure on the table in the narthex with information about each of the following: *Discipleship Bible Study, Church History Study, Movie Group, Trinity Meditation Class, and Small Town Adventures.* You're still welcome to join in! Contact either the group's leader, the church office, or Kathy Keane.
- 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.**
- The next gathering of the **SOPC Book Group will be Thursday, March 26th at 3 pm at Loveland Coffee. We will be discussing *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore.** 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 is TOMORROW, 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
- **Flowering the Cross:** Please remember to bring some flowers with you to church on Easter morning, **Sunday, April 5th.** They can be from your yard or from the store. We will continue our tradition of **Flowering the Resurrection Cross** outside the sanctuary beginning at 10:30 am. There will be refreshments!

Worship Assistants

Sunday, March 15:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Alice Odell
 Liturgist: Tish Lowe
 Counters: Ron Kesterson, Kitsie Miller
 Usher: Mary Johnson
 Greeters: Carol Griffith, Brenda Turner
 Children's Corner: Marion Wishart
 Announcement Slides: Mary Dempster

Sunday, March 22:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Alice Odell
 Liturgist: Frank Sheppard
 Counters: Jim & Elizabeth Taylor
 Ushers: Robert & Kitsie Miller
 Greeters: Robert & Kitsie Miller
 Children's Corner: Dallene Smith
 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