

MUSICAL SELECTION *What Wonderful Love Is This* Trevor Manor
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Joey Byrd

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:1-11 Rev. Joey Byrd

MESSAGE *Palm Sunday Passion* Rev. Joey Byrd

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* 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.

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S 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.

HYMN #213 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Joey Byrd

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT NEW ELDERS & A TRUSTEE Rev. Joey Byrd

POSTLUDE *Chorale Prelude: In Death's Strong Grasp the Savior Lay* J.S. Bach

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

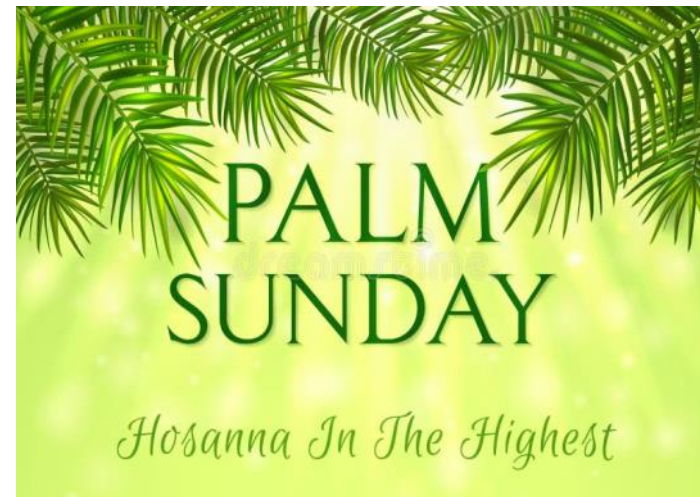


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Welcome!

**SEVEN OAKS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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March 29, 2026

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Jim Taylor

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

Elder Jim Taylor

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Hosanna to the King

Gene Clark

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Jim Taylor

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!

People: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them & give thanks to the LORD.

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Leader: Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

ALL: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

*HYMN #196

All Glory, Laud and Honor

(All are invited to wave their palm branch during the first hymn.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Jim Taylor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Jim Taylor

O God of humble king Jesus, have mercy upon me. With our lips we worship you - "Hosanna to the Son of David. Hosanna in the highest heaven." With our resources we worship you as we gather to wave palm branches. With our time and dedication we serve you as we gather to see you enter Jerusalem. Help us dear LORD, to be faithful, courageous, kind, and gentle in all our interactions with our family, friends, neighbors and enemies. Help us to pray for those who persecute us and to forgive those who sin against us. Forgive us for all our sins. Give us the courage to hand over our past sins to you, the courage to let them go, and the grace to walk as your children. Help us to be more like you each day. Hear now my personal prayer of confession...

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & PERSONAL CONFESSION

Elder Jim Taylor

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Jim Taylor

Leader: Friends, through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Praise and 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.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Elder Kathy Keane

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.



Our closing hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14. The postlude is based on a hymn by Martin Luther, which focuses on the crucifixion of Jesus and on his victory over death. The words are filled with themes of hope, redemption, and the promise of eternal life.



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

Sunday, March 29th: Palm Sunday—Hosanna in the highest!

- 9:45 am - 10:45 am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School
- 11:00 am - Worship & Congregational Meeting
- 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
- 4:00 pm - The Well Church
- 4:30 pm - Confirmation Class
- 5:30 pm - Youth Group

Monday, March 30th:

- 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
- 6:30 pm - Worship 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 31st:

- 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, April 1st: April Fools!

- 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
- 10:30 am - Church History Bible Study
- 12:30 pm - Christian Education Ministry Meeting
- 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, April 2nd: Maundy Thursday

- 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
- 10:30 am - Discipleship Bible Study
- 5:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship at Trinity PC

Friday, April 3rd: Good Friday; 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, March 28th: Office Closed

Save the Date:

- April 5:** Easter Sunday; Flowering the Cross & Refreshments; Communion
- April 6:** Easter Monday—Office closed.
- April 19:** Churchwide Fellowship Luncheon

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
- Jeanne LeBoeuf
- 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:

- We will have a **Congregational Meeting** immediately following worship today to elect new Elders and a Trustee.
- **Today is PALM SUNDAY!** Please obtain a palm frond from the narthex as you enter for worship. Everyone will wave their branches as we sing the first hymn and remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- 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.
- **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, THIS THURSDAY, **April 2, at 5:30 pm**. Our very own Bruce C Hurley, will be leading the service. Attire is casual, and the address is 1000 Greenlawn Dr., Columbia, SC 29209.
- **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!
- **Our youth are taking orders for casseroles and sweet treats (that they will help prepare) for you to either take home and enjoy or donate to Love Revolution. All proceeds will help defray their cost of attending Montreat and Camp Fellowship this summer.** These camps are wonderful opportunities for them to grow in their faith and to strengthen the bonds of fellowship with one another and with other Presbyterian young people. Order forms are available in the narthex and church office. Or, you may obtain a form from and place your order with any youth or with the Bussells. **Youth group** will meet here tonight at 5:30 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.
- Special thanks go to Patty Mullins for the lovely **spring flower arrangements** in the sanctuary.
- **Spring Small Groups have begun!** There is a brochure on the table in the narthex with information about each of the following: Tuesdays at the Movies, *Discipleship* Bible Study, *Church History* Study, *Trinity Meditation* Class, and Small Town Adventures. You're still welcome to join in!
- The next gathering of the **SOPC Book Group** will be **Thursday, April 30th, at 3 pm at Loveland Coffee. We will be discussing An American Marriage by Tayari Jones.** 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
- **Our next churchwide fellowship luncheon** will be after church on Sunday, April 19th, in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is chicken alfredo, broccoli, salad, and dessert. Yum!
- **The next Ladies' Luncheon** will be Monday, April 20th at noon at Tupelo Honey, 2138 Pickens St., Columbia. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals at mroyals052@gmail.com or 803-608-1434. Thanks!

Worship Assistants

Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday—Hosanna!; Congregational Meeting

- Guest Preacher: Rev. Joey Byrd
- Liturgist: Jim Taylor
- Counters: Tish Lowe, Sharon Staton
- Ushers: Robert & Kitsie Miller
- Greeters: Banks & Ellis Robinson
- Time With Children: Kathy Keane
- Children's Corner: Kathy Keane
- Announcement Slides: Mary Dempster
- Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday—He is Risen! Hallelujah!**
- Guest Preacher: Rev. Bob Brearley
- Liturgist: Banks Robinson
- Counters: Ernie & Julie Bussells
- Usher: Mary Johnson
- Greeters: Mary Dempster, Janice Reiser
- Time With Children: Rev. Bob Brearley
- Children's Corner: Kathy Keane
- Announcement Slides: Mary Dempster
- Communion Preparation: Kitsie & Robert Miller
- Communion Servers: Mark Johnson, Kathy Keane, Tish Lowe, Banks Robinson

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