

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Rodney E. Norris

FIRST OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 71:1-6

Rev. Rodney E. Norris

MUSICAL SELECTION

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another
Chancel Choir

Pepper Choplin

SECOND OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Rev. Rodney E. Norris

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Who's Ready to Jump?

Rev. Rodney E. Norris

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Rodney E. Norris

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MINISTRY MINUTE

Elder Julie Bussells

OFFERING

Rev. Rodney E. Norris

Today, there are special envelopes in the narthex for our annual **Mother's Day Offering** for the residents of Columbia's Presbyterian Communities. 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. Rodney E. Norris

...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 #761

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

*CHARGE & BLESSING

Rev. Rodney E. Norris

*POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Paul Manz



Welcome!

SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 St. Andrews Road, Columbia, SC 29210;
803-772-1761; www.sopc.net;
email: sopc@sopc.net

Sunday, May 10, 2026
6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day;
Rev. Rodney E. Norris' First Sunday

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Banks Robinson

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Fanfare on "Old Hundredth"

Fred Bock

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Banks Robinson

Leader: Our hope is in God all of our lives.

People: God is our rock and our refuge.

Leader: God has held us since birth.

People: Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!

Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Banks Robinson

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Banks Robinson

Before we were formed in the womb, O God, you knew us and you loved us. Before we have uttered a prayer, O God, you hear us and you love us. You call us to reflect your love, to be Love for one another. Too often, we are clanging symbols, aiming for volume rather than love. Too often, we are greedy beings, searching for success rather than love. Too often, we are shallow followers, content with comfort rather than love. Forgive us, God of mercy, and love us into wholeness. Hear now our personal confessions and the mediations of each of our hearts...

*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 we 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.**

*The fresh flowers adorning the sanctuary this morning were given to the glory of God,
in appreciation for all of our Mothers and Mother-Figures,
and in honor of the Norris Family on Rev. Rodney's first Sunday in the pulpit with us,
by Jim & Elizabeth Taylor.*

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The lyrics to the choir's anthem are:
 "Beloved, let us love one another, with love that comes from God. For love is from God, and everyone who loves is born of God. For love is from God and everyone who loves surely knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love." These lyrics are based on 1 John 4:7-8.



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

Sunday, May 10th: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day; PCSC Offering; Welcome, Rev. Rodney & Mrs. Nina Norris & Family!

9:45 am - 10:45 am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 9:45 am - 10:30 am - Sunday School
 10:00 am - The Well Church
 11:00 am - Worship
 11:00 am - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.
12:00 pm - Cookies & Conversation on the Front Lawn
 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, May 11th:

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

Tuesday, May 12th:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 12:00 pm - Trinity Meditation Small Group
 1:00 pm - Tuesday at the Movies
 4:30 pm - New Elder Examination Conversations
 6:00 pm - PW Birthday Dinner at Westminster PC
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Wednesday, May 13th:

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, May 14th: Ascension of the Lord

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm - The Well Church

Friday, May 15th: 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, May 16th: Office Closed; Trinity Presbytery Meeting in Clinton

2:00 pm - New Hope Church

Save the Date:

May 17: Ascension Sunday; Graduate Recognition Sunday; Fellowship Luncheon

May 24: Pentecost-Wear "fiery" colors!

May 25: Memorial Day

May 31: Trinity Sunday

June 7: Communion

June 21: Father's Day; Migrant Ministry Offering

June 30: Migrant Ministry Meal

July 21: SOPW Salad 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 *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

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:

Rev. & Mrs. Norris
 All Moms & Mother Figures
 Jeremy Mason
 Myrna Gause
 JoAnne Merritt's Sister
 Vicki Delesandro
 Asher Mellitz
 Janet & Nealy Jordan
 Aletha & Derek Robinson
 John Carter
 Monroe Swearingen
 Al & Margaret Charles
 Fran & Jeffrey Brannon
 Annie Moffatt & Jimmy Revell
 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 are thrilled to welcome Rev. Rodney E. Norris and family back to SOPC & into the pulpit! He will be recognized & approved at the Presbytery meeting on 5/16/26. There will be an Installation service and reception at a later date. We thank God for you.

- **We will have Cookies & Conversation after worship TODAY.** It will be a sweet treat for all our Moms & a meet-and-greet with the Norris family.
- We collect our annual **Mother's Day offering for the residents of Columbia's Presbyterian Communities today.** There are special envelopes in the narthex. Donations may also be designated for the Mother's Day Offering online. For information about where the money goes, feel free to contact Marion Watson-Wishart or glance at the flyers/posters in the narthex.
- **Ladies, please join us on Tuesday, May 12th at 6 pm at Westminster PC for the annual Birthday Offering Celebration Dinner.** The speaker will be Kevin Cartee of Camp Fellowship.
- **Our Confirmation Class & Youth** will not meet tonight so that our young ones can spend time with their moms and mother-figures.
- **Our Elders-Elect will have** examination conversations **THIS TUESDAY**, May 12th, from 4:30—6:00 pm in the Session Room.
- **Tuesday at the Movies Small Group has scheduled our next time for THIS Tuesday May 12** at AMC for the 1PM showing of "The Devil Wears Prada #2". All are welcome. Reserved tickets are \$6. Contact Sue Kesterson, skesterson@sc.rr.com to be included in reservation. It is easy to cancel later if needed.
- If you are at the store and are able & feel led to pick up a few items for our **Blessing Box / Food Pantry/Clothing Closet**, we could use some **packs of crackers** and/or **bottles of water**.
- **Our Next Ladies' Luncheon** will be Monday, May 18th, at noon at Tupelo Honey, 2138 Pickens St., Columbia, 29201. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals at mroyals052@gmail.com or 803-608-1434. Thanks!
- **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.** Order forms are available in the narthex and church office. **THANK YOU** to our church family for supporting this effort!
- We will be preparing, delivering, and serving our annual **Migrant Ministry Meal on Tuesday, June 30**. Please contact Jim Taylor or Tish Lowe if you would like to help.
- **We will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, September 2**, from 10 am - 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **Contact Tish Lowe** if you would like to volunteer to help. To sign up to give blood or blood products, visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org> enter our 29210 zip code in the "make an appointment" section, scroll down to September, and select our drive to see the available time slots. Contact Annah in the church office if you would like assistance in signing up. 803-772-1761.
- **Please plan to wear "fiery" colors to worship on Pentecost, 5/24/26:** red, orange, gold, yellow, etc. This symbolizes the arrival of the Holy Spirit, Christians' companion, guide, empowerment, and direct connection to the Divine! In Acts 2:23, the Holy Spirit is described as appearing to the Disciples as flames above their heads.
- **We will recognize our high school graduate, Sawyer Creighton, in worship on 5/17/26.** Please be sure to let him know how proud we are of him and that we are praying for his next chapter.

Worship Assistants

Sunday, May 10th: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day; Welcome, Rev. Rodney & Mrs. Nina Norris & Family!

Liturgist: Banks Robinson
 Counters: Kitsie Miller & Ron Kesterson
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Janice Reiser & Brenda Turner
 Children's Corner: Mary Dempster
 Announcement Slides: Mary Dempster

Sunday, May 17th: Ascension Sunday; Graduate Recognition Sunday; Fellowship Luncheon

Liturgist: Jim Taylor
 Counters: Jim & Elizabeth Taylor
 Usher: Mark Wishart
 Greeters: Robert & Kitsie Miller
 Children's Corner: Mary Johnson
 Announcement Slides: Mary Dempster

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Rodney E. Norris
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