

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Rodney E. Norris

FIRST NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:1-13

Rev. Rodney E. Norris

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

All: Thanks be to God!

MUSICAL SELECTION

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright
Chancel Choir

arr. L. Pilkington

SECOND NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:14-21

Rev. Rodney E. Norris

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

All: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

A Power That Cannot Be Contained

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.

OFFERING

Rev. Rodney E. Norris

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 #291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*CHARGE & BLESSING

Rev. Rodney E. Norris

*POSTLUDE

Thine Is the Glory

Brian Glyncannon



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Welcome!

SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, May 24, 2026 Pentecost



STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Banks Robinson

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire

Lyndell Leatherman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God says, "I will pour out my Holy Spirit upon all flesh."

People: Come Holy Spirit, come.

Leader: Through the Holy Spirit, your young will see visions, and your old will dream dreams.

People: Come Holy Spirit; come like a mighty rushing wind.

Leader: Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

People: Come Holy Spirit, come!

Leader: Let us worship God.

Elder Banks Robinson

*HYMN #289

On Pentecost They Gathered

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Banks Robinson

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Banks Robinson

Gracious God, by your Holy Spirit, you call us to live as members of one body, working together for the common good. Yet, we stir up discord and division, squandering your gifts, ignoring your wisdom, living in fear instead of love. Forgive us, we pray. Breathe on us again with the power of your Spirit, so that we may receive your mercy, live according to your way of grace and peace, and be sent forth in your mission to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

Music Notes:

The lyrics to the choir's anthem are, "O splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light; O light of Light, light's living spring, true Day, all days illumining. Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, rain down your radiance from above, and to our inward hearts convey the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray. O joyful be the passing day with thoughts as clear as morning's ray, with faith like noontide shining bright, our souls unshadowed by the night. O Lord, with each returning morn, your image to our heart is born; O may we ever clearly view our Savior and our God in you."

Worship Assistants

Sunday, May 24th: Pentecost

Liturgist: Banks Robinson

Counters: Banks Robinson & Sharon Staton

Usher: Mark Wishart

Greeters: Sharon Staton & Ellis Robinson

Children's Corner: Emalee Dillard

Announcement Slides: Mary Dempster

Sunday, May 31st: Trinity Sunday

Liturgist: Jim Taylor

Counters: Banks & Polly Robinson

Ushers: Robert & Kitsie Miller

Greeters: Carol Griffith & Mary Dempster

Children's Corner: Kathy Keane

Announcement Slides: Mary Dempster

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Rodney E. Norris;
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Director of Music Ministry: Dr. Lloyd Pilkington

Office Manager: Annah G. Hiers;
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Accompanist: Elder Sharon Watkins

Building Superintendent: Karl Thompson

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Elder Sharon Staton;
sharon@sopc.net

Nursery Coordinator: Amy Schwartz



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

Sunday, May 24th: Pentecost

9:45 am - 10:45 am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

9:45 am - 10:30 am - Sunday School

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

4:00 pm - The Well Church

4:30 pm - Confirmation Class

5:30 pm - Youth Group

Monday, May 25th: Memorial Day; Office Closed

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, May 26th:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Wednesday, May 27th:

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 28th:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School

3:00 pm - Book Group

5:00 pm - The Well Church

Friday, May 29th: 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.

Decorating in the FH for Saturday's Rental

Saturday, May 30th: Office Closed

FH Rental Graduation Celebration

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm - New Hope Church

Save the Date:

May 31: Trinity Sunday

June 7: Communion

June 14: Elder Ordination and Installation

June 21: Father's Day; Migrant Ministry Offering

June 30: Migrant Ministry Meal

July 21: SOPW Salad Luncheon

September 2: Blood Drive

October 17: Fall Festival

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:

Summer Travel Mercies

Steven Marshall, Molly

Jackson's Nephew

Zack Fuller

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:

- **Pastor Rodney's church email address** is up and running! Please make a note that it is rev.norris@sopc.net. If you need his cell phone number, feel free to reach out to him or to Annah by calling the church office at 803-772-1761.
- The church office will be closed tomorrow for **Memorial Day**.
- **Our Confirmation Class and Youth Group** will gather at 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm, respectively, here at SOPC today! We will enjoy fellowship, fun, food, worship, and discipleship.
- 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 **body wipes** and/or **bottles of water**.
- **Our SOPC Book Group** will meet THIS Thursday, May 28th at 3 pm at Loveland Coffee on Carlisle Street. They will be discussing *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See. They would love to have you join them! Contact Kitsie Miller if you have questions or would like to join them.
- We will ordain and install our **new class of Elders** on Sunday, June 14th.
- **Our Next Ladies' Luncheon** will be June 15th at noon. Location : TBA. If attending or interested, please notify Margaret Royals at mroyals052@gmail.com or 803-608-1434. Thanks!
- 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.
- Our next **churchwide fellowship meal** will be a cookout on July 19th.
- **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.