MUSICAL SELECTION — *Let the Praise Go 'Round* — Boyce / arr. Hal Hopson
Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — Ephesians 4:1-16 — Rev. Rodney E. Norris
Leader – The Word of the Lord.
People – Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE — *C.H.U.R.C.H.* — 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.

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING — Rev. Rodney E. Norris

OFFERTORY HYMN #300 — *We Are One in the Spirit*
(Please remain seated during the Offertory Hymn.)

*DOXOLOGY #606 — *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Rev. Rodney E. Norris
Holy God, we offer these gifts to you. May your favor be upon them and prosper the labor of our hands, that your glorious power may be manifest in all, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #306 — *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION — Rev. Rodney E. Norris

POSTLUDE — *God the Almighty* — Gary Davidson
(Please remain seated during the Postlude.)

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

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Welcome!

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Sunday, October 18, 2026
21st Sunday After Pentecost

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Rodney E. Norris

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE — *He Leadeth Me* — arr. Jason Payne

*CALL TO WORSHIP — Elder Frank Sheppard
Leader – Today we give thanks for God's goodness through all the years of worship and witness at Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church. For God's grace in calling us to be this congregation,
People – We give you thanks, O God.
Leader – For those who established this congregation in 1966, for their faith and vision, for their gifts and talents,
People – We give you thanks, O God.
Leader – For all those who have been members of this congregation, for those who have given freely and joyfully, for those whose wisdom guided this congregation,
People – We give you thanks, O God.
Leader – For all who have preached and taught here, for all who have confessed here that Jesus Christ is Lord,
People – We give you thanks, O God.
Leader – Let us do what we have done for the past 60 years, let us worship God.

*HYMN #239 — *Come Sing, O Church in Joy!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION — Elder Frank Sheppard

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION — Elder Frank Sheppard
Holy God, forgive us when we forego peace for easy resolution; when we trade justice for convenience; when we doubt whether you are real enough, whether we are good enough, whether your love is strong enough to overcome the destructive powers of our world. Forgive us, O God, and move us to know your transformative grace.

*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & PERSONAL CONFESSION — Elder Frank Sheppard
…in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON — Elder Frank Sheppard
Leader - Hear the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
People - Praise and thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI #581 — *Glory Be to the Father*

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.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Rev. Rodney E. Norris

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Psalm 100 — Rev. Rodney E. Norris
Leader – The Word of the Lord.
People – Thanks be to God!

Music Notes:

The choir's anthem is a joyful anthem of praise based on a canon (round) consisting of three phrases that move between the three choral parts. Our middle hymn was written by a parish priest from Chicago for his youth group that was to sing at a series of ecumenical and interracial events.

Worship Assistants

Sunday, October 18:
Liturgist: Frank Sheppard
Counters: Betty Cheung-Shuler, Mark Wishart
Head Usher: Mark Wishart
Greeters: Betty Cheung-Shuler; Mark Wishart
Children's Corner: Emalee Dillard
Announcement Slides: Ash Shuler

Sunday, October 25:
Liturgist: Banks Robinson
Counters: Carol Griffith; Kitsie Miller
Head Ushers: Robert & Kitsie Miller
Greeters: Sue Kesterson; Patty Mullins
Children's Corner: Marion Wishart

Pastor: Rev. Rodney E. Norris; rev.norris@sopc.net
Director of Music Ministry: Dr. Lloyd Pilkington
Office Manager: Annah G. Hiers; sopc@sopc.net
Accompanist: Sharon Watkins
Building Superintendent: Karl Thompson; 803-237-4519
Volunteer Financial Administrator: Sharon Staton; sharon@sopc.net
Nursery Coordinator: Amy Schwartz

Monday – Thursday
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Sunday, October 18:
- 9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:45 am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am – The Well Church
- 11:00 am - Worship
- 1:00 pm – Mision Cristiana
- 2:00 pm - ShowerUp & Clothing Closet Open
- 3:30 pm – Gathering in the Pavilion for "60/5" Celebration Fish Fry Churchwide Fellowship Meal & Love Revolution
- 4:00 pm – Fish Fry "60/5" Meal Served

Monday, October 19: Karl Off
- 8:00 am – Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
- 10:00 am – Church History Bible Study
- 12:00 pm – Ladies' Luncheon at Carolina Wings
- 6:00 pm – Troop 91 Court of Honor
- 6:30 pm – Session Meeting
- 7:30 pm – NANA
- 8:00 pm – Mision Cristiana

Tuesday, October 20:
- 8:00 am – Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
- 10:30 am – Live Oak Counseling
- 11:00 am – Bible Talk with Pastor Rodney
- 12:00 pm – Trinity Meditation & Qi Gong
- 2:00 pm – St. Andrews Care Collective
- 6:00 pm – Yoga
- 7:30 pm – NANA
- 8:00 pm – Mision Cristiana

Wednesday, October 21:
- 8:00 am – Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
- 7:30 pm – NANA

Thursday, October 22:
- 8:00 am – Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
- 10:30 am – Live Oak Counseling
- 12:00 pm – *The Artist's Way*

Friday, October 23:
- **SOPC was chartered this day in 1966!**
- 6:45 am – Lanterns Men's Prayer Group
- 8:00 am – Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
- 7:30 pm – Mision Cristiana

Saturday, October 24:
- 2:00 pm – New Hope Outreach Church

Our Church Family in Care Communities:

Dave, Rich, & Sam Allen; Edith Blanchett; Barbara Fowler; Barry Shatzer; Charlaine Pilkington; Virginia Martinez; Jim Wilhide; Ira Leon; Willie Hale

Cherished guests, we invite you 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 plate. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

A nursery is available in Building A during Sunday School & Worship for children ages 0 - 4. Parents with children staying with you during worship, please feel free to grab a "Wiggle Bag" from the Narthex / lobby's coat rack before worship starts. You'll find crayons, activity pages, a clipboard, etc. inside. Remember that young ones (4k - 4th grade) go to the *Children's Corner* of the sanctuary after the *Gloria Patri* is sung during the service. If you have any questions, an usher or greeter will be happy to assist you.

There are ramps leading into all buildings on campus & wheelchair accessible restrooms. If you would benefit from: mobility assistance getting to your seat, or after worship getting out to your vehicle, a hearing assistance device, a large print hymnal, or a paper print out of the hymn lyrics rather than holding a hymnal, please notify an usher. When we partake in Holy Communion, if you would prefer a gluten-free option, please alert the Elders serving the elements. All are welcome in God's family and at SOPC!

(*indicates ministry chair):

Clerk of Session: Polly Robinson
Session Class of 2027:
- Jeanne LeBoeuf - Missions
- Kitsie Miller - Fellowship
- Frank Sheppard - Administration*
- Elizabeth Taylor - Administration*

Session Class of 2028:
- Mark Dillard - Buildings & Grounds
- Mary Johnson - Disciple Care*
- Tish Lowe - Missions*
- Sharon Watkins - Worship*

Session Class of 2029:
- Betty Cheung-Shuler - Fellowship
- Liz Harris - Fellowship*
- Sharon Staton - Christian Education*
- Mark Wishart - Buildings & Grounds*

Trustees: Molly Jackson, Robert Miller, Brenda Turner
Treasurer: Kathy Locklair
Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW): Marion Wishart*

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **October is Clergy Appreciation Month**! There is a box in the narthex that says, "Grateful & Blessed" on the top. **You are invited to write notes/cards to Pastor Rodney and Nina letting them know how thankful we are for them** and place the notes/cards in that box.
- **This afternoon, we will celebrate 60 years of ministry and mission as Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church AND 5 years serving our community with Love Revolution. It's a churchwide Fish Fry & Love Revolution meal all rolled into one**! **We will gather** along with LR volunteers from other churches and our LR guests **at 3:30 pm. The meal will be served at 4 pm**. Please join us as we give thanks and praise to God and share joyful fellowship with one another, with our siblings in faith/service, and with our neighbors in need.
- We are taking orders **for poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary at Christmas time and to glorify God by honoring and remembering our loved ones**. Order forms are available in the narthex and from the church office. The plants are $14 each, and orders are due by Sunday, November 8th.
- All are invited to attend **the Adult Sunday School Class' study of the Book of Acts**! The class meets each week at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Classroom. Acts is about the birth and growth of the Christian church following Christ's ascension.
- **Siblings in faith at our sister church in Nueva Paz, Cuba are unable to buy much needed over-the-counter medicines and vitamins. We will be collecting items in a marked basket located in the narthex**. A list of items needed is also available in the narthex.
- Our Christian Education ministry would like **to thank all who helped at our annual Fall Festival yesterday**. Special thanks go to Ash Shuler who 3D printed toys to be given to the children who participated.
- **Our next Ladies' Luncheon will be TOMORROW, Monday, October 19th at Carolina Wings,** 1000 Marina Rd., Irmo. It's Dutch treat. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals at 803-608-1434.
- **SOPC's Book Group will gather at Loveland Coffee on Thursday, October 29, at 3 pm** for fellowship and to discuss *How the One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House* by Cherie Jones. Contact Kitsie Miller for more information or to let her know you're coming.

Jeanne LeBoeuf; Myrna Gause; Sue Kesterson; Aletha Robinson; Scott Wishart; Donna Moore; Asher Mellitz; Janet & Nealy Jordan; John Carter; Monroe Swearingen; Al & Margaret Charles; Fran & Jeffrey Brannon; Dan & Elizabeth Turk, missionaries in Madagascar; Nueva Paz, our partner church in Cuba