

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We invite children ages 4k - 4th grade to sit in the Children's Corner after the Children's Message. 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.

Elder Mark Johnson

MUSICAL SELECTION

*The Mighty Power of God*  
Chancel Choir

Glenn Eernisse

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Megan Shuler, Dutch Fork High School

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 13:18-19; Ephesians 6:11-20

One: The Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

*Butterflies in Battlefields*



RESPONDING IN FAITH

OFFERING: Tithes & offerings may be placed in the boxes with crosses at the main exit of the Narthex or given via [sopc.net](http://sopc.net).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder Bruce C Hurley

**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.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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 # 331

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Jim Rowell

\*POSTLUDE

*Festival Piece on "Marion"*

Gilbert M. Martin

**TODAY, WE BEGIN 2 COURSES OF STUDY & REFLECTION. PASTOR JIM WILL PREACH A SERIES OF SERMONS BASED ON THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1ST. THE COMBINED ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS STARTS A 5 WEEK ADVENTURE BASED ON *GOD HEARD THEIR CRY* BY RAY VANDER LAAN. BOTH ARE SURE TO GUIDE US DEEPER INTO OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH CHRIST AND WITH ONE ANOTHER.**

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**June 30, 2024**  
**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

**WELCOME!**  
We pray that you will truly experience the presence of the Holy Spirit and God's gracious love as you worship with us today!

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

*America, the Beautiful*

Eleanor Whitsett

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

One: God has searched us and knows us. God knows when we sit down and when we rise up.

**All: God discerns our thoughts from far away and is acquainted with all our ways.**

One: Such knowledge is too vast and wonderful.

**All: God knows us deeply and loves us endlessly. Praise God!**

\*HYMN # 337

*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and God of glory, we live in difficult times. We confess that we do not ask for the help of others—to pray for us. We do not seek wisdom of older people—to advise us. Worst of all, we do not seek your power—to uphold us. In your great mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom. Grant us courage for the living of these days. Amen.**

\*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

**All: By God's grace through the love and sacrifice of Christ, our Sin is forgiven. 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.**

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

## Worship Elements

**Children's Message:** Learning to worship takes time, and we include our youngest members in worship by inviting them to the front for the children's message. We are patient with young disciples learning to worship because God is patient with those of us who are older who are also learning to worship God.

**Music Notes:** Thanks to Dallene Smith for providing the handbell part with the choir's anthem. The postlude is based on the hymntune *Marion* which is most often sung to the text, "Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!"

## Worship Assistants

### Sunday, June 30th:

Liturgist: Bruce Hurley  
 Counters: Ron Kesterson, Jeanne LeBoeuf  
 Usher: Banks Robinson  
 Greeters: Sue Kesterson, Brenda Turner  
 Acolyte: Ellis Robinson  
 Children's Message: Mark Johnson  
 Children's Corner: Emalee Dillard

### Sunday, July 7th:

Liturgist: Banks Robinson  
 Counters: Banks & Polly Robinson  
 Usher: Mary Johnson  
 Greeters: Robert & Kitsie Miller  
 Acolyte: n/a Communion  
 Children's Message: Mary Dempster  
 Children's Corner: Mary Dempster  
 Communion Preparation: Sue & Ron Kesterson  
 Communion Servers: Kitsie Miller

## Church Staff

**Interim Minister:** Pastor Jim Rowell; jim@sopc.net

**Director of Music Ministry:** Dr. Lloyd Pilkington

**Office Administrator:** Mrs. Annah G. Hiers; sopc@sopc.net

**Accompanist:** Elder Sharon Watkins

**Building Superintendent:** Mr. Karl Thompson

**Volunteer Financial Administrator:**

Elder Sharon Staton; sharon@sopc.net

**Nursery Coordinator:** Mrs. Amy Schwartz

### 4 WAYS TO GIVE!



**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**Monday - Thursday**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Sunday, June 30: Graduate Recognition**  
 9:45 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School for Adults  
 10:30 am - Choir Rehearsal  
 11:00 am - Worship  
 11:00 am - 3:00 pm - Liberty Life Church  
 11:00 am - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.  
 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm - Advocate Training  
 3:00 pm - Clothing Closet opens prior to Love Revolution  
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution

**Monday, July 1:**  
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Fellowship Ministry Meeting  
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Troop 91  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA  
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

**Tuesday, July 2:**  
 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Tutoring  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA  
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

**Wednesday, July 3:**  
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

**Thursday, July 4: Independence Day**  
 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Tutoring  
 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Life Church

**Friday, July 5: OFFICE CLOSED**  
 6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group  
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

**Saturday, July 6:**  
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Troop 91 Planning Meeting  
 9:30 am - 1:00 pm - Upper Room Church

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 9: SOPW Salad Luncheon  
 July 15-18: Joint VBS with Liberty Church: "Scuba-: Diving Into Friendship with God!"  
 July 21: Churchwide Fellowship Supper, 6-8 pm  
 July 27: Irmo Fire Department Foundation Yard Sale at SOPC  
 August 8-11: Churchwide Gathering of PW in St. Louis & Women's Connection at Montreat  
 August 14: Blood Drive  
 September 8: Rally Day

Connect with Us!

A **nursery** is available in Building A during worship for children ages: 0 - 4. If you have any questions, please see an usher for help.



**Guests are invited to stop by the welcome table** in the narthex/lobby. Please take a goody bag with you as a reminder of God's love. Also, please leave your information for us on the yellow card and place it in the offering baskets. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

If you would like to place **fresh flowers in the sanctuary for worship** on a specific Sunday, please call the church office at 803-772-1761.



### In our prayers...

Warner Wells' Family	Alida Rawl
Alene Rogers	Our Ukraine Family
Janet Jordan & Daughter	Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz in Cuba
Jane Blackwell	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)
Al Charles	
Fran & Jeffrey Brannon	<b>Long Term Care -</b>
Ira Leon	Dave, Rich & Sam Allen
Myrna Gause	Edith Blanchett
Kirk Wirth	Kathie Cashion
Barry Shatzer	Barbara Fowler
Kynslee Davis	Bobby Sellars (Father of John Paul Sellars)
Willie Hale	Patricia Williams
Mae Leviner	

### SESSION MEMBERS (\*indicates chair)

**Clerk of Session:** Polly Robinson

**Membership Secretary:** Shelagh Wirth

#### Class of 2025:

John Carter - Buildings & Grounds\*

Ed Keelen - Good News\*

Sharon Staton - Missions\*

Sharon Watkins - Worship\*

#### Class of 2026:

Liz Harris - Fellowship

Kathy Keane - Christian Ed\*

Banks Robinson - Fellowship\*

#### Class of 2027:

Bruce Hurley - Congregational Care\*

Jeanne LeBoeuf - Missions

Kitsie Miller - Fellowship

Elizabeth Taylor - Administration\*

#### Trustees:

Frank Sheppard (Administration\*), Carol Griffith

(Fellowship,) Hal Bowman (Administration)

**Treasurer:** Hal Bowman

**Presbyterian Women Moderators (SOPW):**

Mary Johnson & Julie Bussells

## Announcements:

**VBS is almost here! Join us July 15-18 from 5 - 7:30 pm.**

**Registration** is live! You can scan the QR code on the flyer to register or call the church office! Please invite family, friends, co-workers, and teammates! Contact the church office if you would like some flyers to hand out.

The first phase of our **new church website is LIVE** at www.sopc.net! Please be patient as we iron out any kinks & add more information. Thanks go out to our Good News Ministry for all their hard work!

**SOPW Salad Luncheon** will be July 9th at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are trying LUNCHTIME this year in hopes that more ladies of the church can join us. No need to RSVP. Just bring your favorite salad to share and maybe a friend! This is sure to be great fellowship!

Buildings & Grounds will begin addressing issues with our **lawn sprinkler system this Wednesday & Thursday** from 9 am - lunchtime. If you have an hour or two to spare on these days (or any days following as this will be an ongoing project,) please call or text Karl Thompson at 803-237-4519. Thanks!

There are **hearing assistance** devices located in the Narthex. Please see an usher or greeter, and they will point them out and instruct you on their operation.

**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 at 3 pm.

Our wonderful **BOOK GROUP** is reading *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt this month. We will meet at Steve's Hamburgers Thursday, July 25th, at 1:30 for an optional lunch followed by a book discussion. Let Kitsie Miller (803-463-6958) know if you are coming.

All men are invited to **Lanterns Men's Group** on Friday mornings from 6:45 - 7:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

**SOPC YOUTH:** Our "No Bummer Summer" is underway! We would love to have you (youth & adults) join us July 22nd and/or 23rd for a SCDNR "registered cleanup." There will be water play after!

If you are available to **volunteer in the Clothing Closet** from time to time, either to sort donations or to staff the closet on Sunday afternoons, please contact Sharon Staton or Loretta Demko.

If you would like to volunteer in the sanctuary's **sound booth** occasionally, please contact the church office. Training provided!

Shelagh Wirth is **collecting gift cards \$10+ to Lowes, Amazon, Target, or Walmart and/or packages of period products to take to the Churchwide Gathering of PW in St. Louis** in August for the charities they are supporting. Please bring your donations to the church by July 30th.

**Would you like to be an SOPC Advocate?** Let's welcome visitors by establishing relationships with them so that they become familiar and involved with our church. We will equip you with an instructional handbook and training TODAY after worship in the Fellowship Classroom.

July's **Ladies' Luncheon** will be held Monday the 15th at noon at The Bistro, 1085 Lake Murray Blvd., Irmo. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals, 803-608-1434.