

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 Julie Bussells

MUSICAL SELECTION

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand
Chancel Choir

arr. L. Pilkington

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 15:20-28, Ephesians 1:15-23

One: The Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

The Spiritual Power of Prayer

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.

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 # 451

Open My Eyes

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Jim Rowell

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Flourish

Leon Nelson



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**July 14, 2024
Eighth 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

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

Faye Lopez

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

One: When God comes, steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

All: When God comes, faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. Come, O Lord, and live among us!

*HYMN # 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Bruce C Hurley

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Lord, for we know our guilt; our sin is before us. In our hearts, seeds of discord grow: fear, covetousness, anger. We exercise power without humility & knowledge without wisdom. Merciful God, teach us obedience and faith. Help us to see your hand at work in the world: guiding us to wholeness, tending us in love. Amen.

*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's mercy is everlasting and faithful.

All: All who repent of their sin and seek this mercy shall be forgiven.

One: Through the sacrifices of Jesus Christ, our savior, our sin is forgiven.

All: In Jesus Christ we are 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

Music Notes: Our opening hymn has been sung by Christ's followers across all denominations. It directs us to join our voices with the angels, prophets, apostles and martyrs as we praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostle's Creed* is the most widely used confessional statement in the Western Christian Church, and the Nicene Creed is the most universally accepted doctrinal statement in Christendom. It has its roots in the questions asked of candidates for the Sacrament of Baptism. A new believer would be asked, "Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?" and the new Christian would respond, "I believe." (From *Presbyterian Creeds* by Jack Rogers)

Worship Assistants

Sunday, July 14th:

Liturgist: Bruce C Hurley
 Counters: Jim & Elizabeth Taylor
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Jim Wilhide, John Carter
 Acolyte: Abby Dempster
 Children's Message: Julie Bussells
 Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson

Sunday, July 21st:

Liturgist: Bruce C Hurley
 Counters: Sharon Watkins, Jim Wilhide
 Usher: John Carter
 Greeters: Janice Reiser, Sue Kesterson
 Acolyte: Ellis Robinson
 Children's Message: Bruce C Hurley
 Children's Corner: Dallene Smith

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, July 14:
 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.
 3:00 pm - Clothing Closet
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution

Monday, July 15:
 12:00 pm - Ladies' Luncheon
 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm Summer Sensational Scuba Adventure
 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 16:
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Staff Meeting
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Wednesday, July 17:
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, July 18:
 9:00 am - Coffee Talk with Pastor Jim at Loveland
 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Life Church

Friday, July 19: 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 20:
 9:00 am - 8:00 pm - Mary Kay Training
 9:30 am - 1:00 pm - Upper Room Church
 10:00 am - Soup Kitchen at Centennial ARP Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 21: Churchwide Fellowship Supper, 6-8 pm
 July 22/23: Youth SCDNR Cleanup Service Project
 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 & The Pastor & an elder from our sister church in Cuba, Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz, will be visiting!
 November: Harvest Fest

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...

Bruce Hurley	Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz in Cuba & their safe travels here in September
John Carter	
Alene Rogers	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)
Janet Jordan & Daughter	
Jane Blackwell	Long Term Care -
Al Charles	Dave, Rich & Sam Allen
Fran & Jeffrey Brannon	Edith Blanchett
Ira Leon	Kathie Cashion
Myrna Gause	Barbara Fowler
Kirk Wirth	Bobby Sellars (Father of John Paul Sellars)
Barry Shatzer	Patricia Williams
Kynslee Davis	
Tina Pilkington	
Our Ukraine Family	

SESSION MEMBERS (*indicates chair)

Clerk of Session: Polly Robinson

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 has changed to 1 night this week--Monday the 15th--from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm. It will be our Summer Sensational Scuba Adventure! There will be fun, games, (including some splashy ones,) Bible learning, music, science experiments, an art project, and supper! The VBS Committee is excited about this opportunity for our young ones to grow in their understanding of Christ and in fellowship with one another!

We will have a churchwide **Fellowship Supper**, (pork loin & veggies,) next **Sunday, 7/21/24**, at 6 pm. It's sure to be fun!

If you or your ministry needs something **posted on the church's social media**, rather than emailing it to Josie, as I (Annah) mistakenly originally suggested, **please TEXT it to Josie Wilkes at 803-360-1206**. She gets A LOT of emails and doesn't want any requests to get lost in the mix!! Thanks so much!

Buildings & Grounds will continue fixing our **lawn sprinkler system** for the next few weeks. If you have an hour or two to volunteer to help, please call or text Karl Thompson at 803-237-4519. Thanks!

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.

Our **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. RSVP to Kitsie Miller at 803-463-6958.

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**, 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!

Would you like to be an SOPC Host? Let's welcome visitors by establishing relationships with them so that they become familiar with and involved in our church as they grow in their relationships with Christ. We will equip you with a handbook and training. Contact Ed Keelen or Polly Robinson if interested.

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

If you have **plastic grocery bags** to donate, our Missions ministry could use them. We use them to pack snacks for students in need at Seven Oaks Elementary School.

The Pastor and an elder from our sister church in Cuba, Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz, will be visiting in early September. They will even be here for Rally Day! Please lift them in prayers as they prepare for the journey and during their travels!