

\*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.**

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 Bruce C Hurley

MUSICAL SELECTION

*The Shepherd's Psalm*  
Chancel Choir

John Carter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:8-12, Titus 2:11-15

One: The Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE



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 # 649

*Amazing Grace*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Jim Rowell

\*POSTLUDE

*Grand Choeur*

Gordon Young

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STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

Donald Hustad

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

One: When we enter this sanctuary, we gather to worship God alone! Let us set aside everything that distracts us from seeking God and loving God.

**All: O God, we are gathered to seek your presence. Fill our hearts with your Spirit! We are here to worship you!**

\*HYMN # 14

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Bruce C Hurley

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All knowing God, you know us better than we know ourselves, and you see through our attempts to deceive ourselves and others. You know how we justify our own comfort and desires, but find the needs of others burdensome. Forgive us. You know how often we excuse our own shortcomings, but harshly judge the mistakes of others. Forgive us. You know how we like to come to worship on Sundays, but resist changing our lives, hearts, or opinions to better reflect your love on weekdays. Forgive us. You know how we tell people that we are followers of Christ but map out our own paths without asking for your guidance. Forgive us. Enable us to live as the loved and redeemed people you know we can be. Amen.**

\*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

**All: Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

One: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven. This is our hope and our salvation, and the source of our greatest peace. Amen!

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

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**July 21, 2024**  
**Ninth 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!**

## Worship Elements

**Music Notes:** Both the prelude and the choir's anthem are based on Psalm 23.

**Forgiveness:** Presbyterians pray to ask God to, "forgive our debts, as we forgive our debtors," because that is the prayer that Jesus teaches his disciples in Matthew 6:12. Other Christian traditions use the phrase, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." In both cases, the intent of the prayer is to remind us that God's forgiveness of our sins is connected to our own commitment to be forgiving of others.

## Worship Assistants

### 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  
**Sunday, July 28th:**  
 Liturgist: Bruce C Hurley  
 Counters: Julie Bussells & John Carter  
 Ushers: Robert & Kitsie Miller  
 Greeters: Ben & Dallene Smith  
 Acolyte: TBD  
 Children's Message: Sue Kesterson  
 Children's Corner: Marion Watson-Wishart

## 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 21:

9:00 am - 11:00 am - The Well Church  
 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.  
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution  
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Fellowship Supper

### Monday, July 22:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Day Camp  
 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 23:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Day Camp  
 10:30 am - Youth Service Project  
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Staff Meeting  
 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Tutoring  
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Yoga  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA  
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

### Wednesday, July 24:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Day Camp  
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

### Thursday, July 25:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Day Camp  
 9:00 am - Coffee Talk with Pastor Jim at Loveland  
 1:30 pm - Book Group  
 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Tutoring  
 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Life Church

### Friday, July 26: OFFICE CLOSED

6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group  
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Day Camp  
 7:30 pm - 11:59 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

### Saturday, July 27:

7:00 am - 1:00 pm - Irmo Fire Dept. Foundation Yard Sale  
 9:30 am - 1:00 pm - Upper Room Church  
 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm - The Well Church

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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!  
 October: 1st Responders' Service  
 November: Harvest Fest & Community Thanksgiving Service



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...

Wilma Morris	Our Christian Friends in Ukraine
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	<b>Long Term Care -</b> Dave, Rich & Sam Allen Edith Blanchett
Al Charles	Kathie Cashion
Fran & Jeffrey Brannon	Barbara Fowler
Ira Leon	Bobby Sellars (Father of John Paul Sellars)
Myrna Gause	Patricia Williams
Kirk Wirth	
Barry Shatzer	
Kynslee Davis	

### 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:

We will have a churchwide **Fellowship Supper**, (pork loin & veggies,) **TONIGHT** at 6 pm. It's sure to be yummy & fun!

**Would you like a \$20 Amazon e-gift card AND the peaceful joy that comes from helping others?!** Make an appointment to **donate blood to the Red Cross on August 14th** here at SOPC...or just show up that day. To sign up, scan the QR code on the flyer or call the church office.

If you need something **posted on the church's social media, 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 **BOOK GROUP** is reading *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt this month. We will meet at Steve's Hamburgers THIS Thursday, July 25th, at 1:30 for an optional lunch followed by a book discussion. RSVP to Kitsie Miller at 803-463-6958.

This coming Saturday, July 27th, the **Irmo Fire Dept. Foundation will be holding a yard sale** in our front parking lots from 7:00 am - 1:00 pm. Money raised will go toward their, "mission to support the men and women of the Irmo Fire District and promote the safety and well-being of the community they serve." If you have electronics, clothing, small appliances, toys, household items, books, etc. to donate, you may bring them to the event! (No furniture or large appliances, please.) All leftovers will be donated to charity. For details, please visit [www.irmofirefoundation.org](http://www.irmofirefoundation.org).

**SOPC YOUTH:** Our "No Bummer Summer" continues THIS TUESDAY at 10:30 am. We'll meet in the Youth Room for a lesson titled *Secretly Serving Others*, then work on 2 service projects, deliver goodies to our SOPC family at Presbyterian Communities, and end the day with swimming and pizza! Please let the Bussells know if you are attending and/or have any questions.

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!

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 our Rally Day on the 8th! Please lift them in prayers as they prepare for the journey and during their travels!

**Exciting things are in the works at SOPC!!** Pending Session approval, there may be a weekly Bible study in the fall, a service for 1st Responders in October, a possible Harvest Festival in November, AND a Community Thanksgiving Service! Stay tuned!