

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.

Mary Dempster

MUSICAL SELECTION

*Hear My Words*  
Chancel Choir

Stephen Paulus

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:6-14, John 12:46, 8:12

One: The Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

*This Little Light*

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 #744

*Arise! Your Light Is Come*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Jim Rowell

\*POSTLUDE

*O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing* Glasser/arr. Tom Birchwood

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**August 11, 2024  
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**

**WELCOME!**

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

*Take Time To Be Holy*

arr. Charles Callahan

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

One: Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light for our journey. Accept our praise and teach us how to live.

All: **Teach us to live in ways that praise you!**

\*HYMN #12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

\*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Lord, if you kept track of our sins, no one would have a chance!

All: **But, God's nature is to forgive. We give thanks for God's grace!**

\*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:** *Take Time To Be Holy* is a hymn by William D. Longstaff. Each verse encourages us to live lives patterned after 1 Peter 1:16 "Be holy, for I am holy." The opening verse is, "Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord. Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word. Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek." *Immortal, Invisible* first appeared as one of ten "Hymns of the Holy Trinity." Its lyrics include echoes of John 1:14, Daniel 7:9, Psalm 36:6 and 2 Corinthians 3:15. The tune is based on a Welsh folk song.

**The Postlude** is intended to provide worshipers a transition from praise and worship to serving God. If you like to listen to the music, and pray, please feel free to do so. Sitting for the postlude is your sign that you want space and time to conclude your worship. If you prefer to stand, move, and greet other worshipers, please feel free to do so.

## Worship Assistants

### Sunday, August 11th:

Liturgist: Bruce C Hurley  
 Counters: Bruce C Hurley, Liz Harris  
 Usher: Ron Kesterson  
 Greeters: Tom & Betty Shuler  
 Acolyte: Abby Dempster  
 Children's Message: Mary Dempster  
 Children's Corner: Mary Johnson

### Sunday, August 18th:

Liturgist: Jeanne LeBoeuf  
 Counters: Kathy Keane, Jeanne LeBoeuf  
 Usher: John Carter  
 Greeters: Marion Wishart, Sue Kesterson  
 Acolyte: Ellis Robinson  
 Children's Message: Julie Bussells  
 Children's Corner: Kathy Keane

## 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, August 11:

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 - Good News Ministry Meeting  
 3:00 pm - Clothing Closet Open Prior to Love Revolution  
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution

### Monday, August 12:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Teachers  
 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, August 13:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Teachers  
 8:45 am - 3:30 pm - DHEC  
 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, August 14:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Teachers  
 Morning - Ron Kesterson's Group  
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Blood Drive  
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

### Thursday, August 15:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Teachers  
 9:00 am - Coffee Talk w/ Pastor Jim @ Loveland  
 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Life Church

### Friday, August 16: OFFICE CLOSED

6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group  
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Teachers  
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

### Saturday, August 17:

9:30 am - 1:00 pm - Upper Room Church



### UPCOMING EVENTS

August 18: Churchwide Fellowship Supper  
 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 Festival & 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.



Sign-Up

### 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:

**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 THIS WEDNESDAY**, here at SOPC...or just show up! To sign up, scan the QR code below or call the church office.

**Next Sunday, August 18th, will be our churchwide Fellowship Supper** from 6-8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Carol McGuinnis Kay from The Shepherd's Center will be sharing their Fall programs with us, and the menu is: loaded potato bar, extensive salad bar, and dessert! Yum! Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the food.

**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 *Big Trouble on Sullivan's Island* by Susan M. Boyer in August. We will meet at Steve's Hamburgers Thursday, August 29th, at 1:30 for an optional lunch followed by a book discussion and fellowship. RSVP to Kitsie Miller at 803-463-6958.

Our next **Ladies' Luncheon** will be held August 26th at noon at California Dreaming restaurant downtown. Please notify Margaret Royals if you plan to attend. 803-608-1434

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!

### In our prayers...

The 2024-2025 School Year	Barry Shatzer
Those Affected by Recent Storms	Kynslee Davis
Sharon Watkins' sister, Susan	SOPC's Homebound Members
Sandra Johnson's mother, Mary	Our Christian Friends in Ukraine
Brenda Turner	Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz in Cuba & their safe travels here next month
Tricia Dillon Thomas	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)
Wilma Morris	<b>Long Term Care -</b>
John Carter	Dave, Rich & Sam Allen
Alene Rogers	Edith Blanchett
Janet Jordan & Daughter	Kathie Cashion
Jane Blackwell	Barbara Fowler
Al & Margaret Charles	Bobby Sellars (Father of John Paul Sellars)
Fran & Jeffrey Brannon	Patricia Williams
Ira Leon	
Kirk Wirth	