

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

*Who At My Door Is Standing*  
Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Bruce C Hurley

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; John 6:51-58

One: The Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

*An Offer We Shouldn't Refuse*

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 #306

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Elder Bruce C Hurley

\*POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune*

Gordon Young



**SEVEN OAKS  
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**August 18, 2024  
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**WELCOME!**

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

*Blessed Assurance*

John Innes

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS: from Psalm 111

Elder Jeanne LeBoeuf

One: I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

All: **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.**

\*HYMN #385

*All People That On Earth Do Dwell*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and merciful Lord, you have offered to us food for the journey. You remind us that your very life will sustain us as we witness to your love, but sometimes we let those reminders slip from our consciousness. We wallow in our difficulty, make excuses for not living the kind of life that you would have us live, and treat others in ways which are not healthy or loving. Please forgive us, Lord. Stop us in our tracks and help us to examine the many ways in which we have not served you well and the callous things we have done to others. Cleanse our spirits and our souls from these unrighteous acts, and cause us to follow you more closely. Sustain us and encourage us in our service. These things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Even though we turn our backs on God, God is ready to forgive and heal our spirits.

All: **God's love never fails, and we can rejoice in the power of that eternal love. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are healed and forgiven. Amen.**

\*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.**

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

## Worship Elements

**Music Notes:** The opening hymn is set to the tune *Old Hundredth*, which is the tune most often used for *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*. The choir's anthem is a dialogue with Jesus, who is standing at the door of our hearts, waiting to be invited in, so that he might enter and abide with us.

**Liturgical Colors:** During the majority of the church year, which is commonly called "ordinary time," the color of the paraments in the church will be green. Because the color green is so often associated with life, the use of green during the seasons and the times when there is "nothing special" going on in the life of the church (no big festivals or holidays) reminds us that God is present among us, breathing life into us and into the church.

## Worship Assistants

### 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  
 Prayer Ads Volunteer: Frank Sheppard

### Sunday, August 25th:

Liturgist: Bruce C Hurley  
 Counters: Ron Kesterson, Kitsie Miller  
 Ushers: Robert & Kitsie Miller  
 Greeters: Carol Griffith, Sue Kesterson  
 Acolyte: TBD  
 Children's Message: Bruce C Hurley  
 Children's Corner: Marion Watson Wishart  
 Prayer Ads Volunteer: TBD

## 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!



IN PERSON



BY MAIL



ONLINE



BY TEXT

### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

### Sunday, August 18:

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, August 19:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Children Back  
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Session 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, August 20:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings  
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Staff Meeting  
 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, August 21:

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

### Thursday, August 22:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings  
 9:00 am - Coffee Talk w/ Pastor Jim @ Loveland  
 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm - Live Oak Counseling  
 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Life Church

### Friday, August 23: OFFICE CLOSED

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

### Saturday, August 24: Trinity Presbytery Meeting

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 8:** Rally Day & The Pastor & an elder from our sister church in Cuba, Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz, will be visiting!

**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!



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:

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

### 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:

*The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today were given by Bruce Hurley in loving memory of his daughter, Rebecca Sue Hurley. She joined the church triumphant on August 10, 2010 at the age of 24.*

**Thank you to everyone who supported our Blood Drive Wednesday!** They were able to collect 18 usable units of blood products to help those in need! This brings our total for all years since the Red Cross started keeping count to 114! Way to go, SOPC!

**TONIGHT 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.

**The Presbyterian Women would like to thank all those who supported the mission projects of the Triennial Gathering in St. Louis recently. They collected \$17,000 in gift cards** for charity, \$11,000 for PW missions, \$20,000 for Frontera De Cristo, (fair trade coffee,) and 500 bags and boxes of period products for LifeWise STL.

**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!

**Don't forget to bring your used crayons** to the donation boxes in the Narthex & office! They will be shipped to a charity who melts them down to make free new crayons for pediatric hospital patients. Contact Annah in the church office with any questions or to request flyers &/or a donation box.

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!