

*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

There's Power In the Blood
Piano, 4-Hand

arr. John Turner

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE

John 6:51-58, Ephesians 5:15-21

One: The Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

The Christian Life 101

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 #727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Jim Rowell

*POSTLUDE

Grand Plain Jeu (from Suite One)

Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

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**August 25, 2024
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

WELCOME!

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Diane Bish

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS: from Psalm 34:1-2

Elder Bruce C Hurley

One: I will extol the Lord at all times;

All: **His praise will always be on my lips.**

One: My soul will boast in the Lord;

All: **Let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

*HYMN #299

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Holy One of God. Even as we confess that you are Lord, we admit that we struggle to follow you. Your teachings demand commitment, but we lack energy and imagination. Sometimes we wish we could just go away from you. But to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life. Risen Christ, have mercy on us. Choose us yet again. Send your Spirit to empower our witness and work. 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: **In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent his son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

One: Brothers and sisters, through faith in Christ our sin is forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

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

Worship Elements

Music Notes: *There's Power In the Blood* came into use just before the turn of the 20th century. The verses pose a series of questions: "Would you be free from the burden of sin? Would you o'er evil a victory win? Would you be free from your passion and pride? Would you be whiter, yes brighter than snow? Would you do service for Jesus, your King? Would you live daily His praises to sing?" The answer to each question follows in the refrain: "There is power, power, wonder-working power in the precious blood of the Lamb!"

Prayer of Confession: A prayer of confession invites us to reflect on God's purpose for our lives. When we do this, we realize how we have missed the mark. This confession of our failures is not to make us feel bad, but to speak the truth about ourselves. The truth is that we sin. But the greater truth is that when we confess our sin, God's nature is to forgive so that we are free to try again to live up to His Word.

Worship Assistants

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 Ad Volunteer: Kathryn Morganelli

Sunday, September 1st:

Liturgist: Bruce C Hurley
 Counters: Banks & Polly Robinson
 Usher: Mary Johnson
 Greeters: Robert & Kitsie Miller
 Acolyte: Abby Dempster
 Children's Message: Bruce C Hurley
 Children's Corner: Emalee Dillard
 Prayer Ad Volunteer: Ed Keelen

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 25:

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 Opens
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution

Monday, August 26:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 12:00 pm - Ladies' Luncheon at California Dreaming
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Cub Scouts
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Worship 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, August 27:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 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 28:

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

Thursday, August 29:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 9:00 am - Coffee Talk w/ Pastor Jim @ Loveland
 1:30 pm - Book Group
 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Life Church

Friday, August 30: OFFICE CLOSED

6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm - The Well Church
 7:30 pm - 11:59 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Saturday, August 31:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 5 - December 5: 1st Thessalonians Bible Study led by Pastor Jim at 10:30 am; pre-registration open!

September 8: Rally Day & The Pastor & an elder from our sister church in Cuba, Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz, will be visiting, worshipping with us, and sharing Communion with us. (No Communion September 1st.)

October 6: World Communion Sunday / Peace & Global Witness Offering

October 27: Reformation Sunday AND a Blessing of the Badges to honor and thank community 1st Responders.

November 1-2: All Saints' & All Souls' Days

November 9: Harvest Family Festival

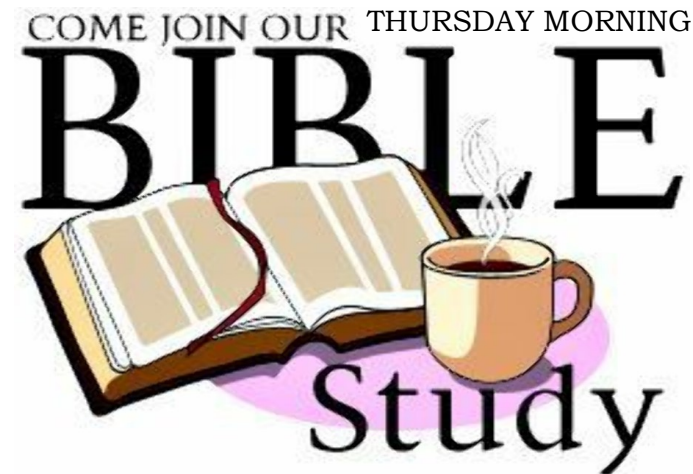
November 10: Stewardship Sunday

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.



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:

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.

Don't forget to bring your used crayons to the donation boxes in the Narthex & church 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 office with any questions or to request flyers &/or donation boxes.

Our **BOOK GROUP** is reading *Big Trouble on Sullivan's Island* by Susan M. Boyer in August. We will meet at Steve's Hamburgers THIS 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 TOMORROW, 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!

In our Prayers:

Melanie Mason	Barry Shatzer
Those reaching out through our Facebook Prayer Ad.	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)
Pastor Jim & the family of Wilma Morris	Long Term Care:
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	