

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.

*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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor Jim Rowell

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder Bruce C Hurley

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer: ...**"Our Father, who are in Heaven, hallowed it 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

The congregation is invited to come forward, receive the elements, and return to their seats.

COMMUNION HYMN #525: verse 1

Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

This is Christ's body broken for you. **(Partake)**

COMMUNION HYMN #525: verse 2

Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

This is Christ's blood shed for you. **(Partake)**

COMMUNION HYMN #525: verse 3

Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun. O Lord, have mercy on me.

Prayer

HYMN #722

Lord Speak to Me

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Jim Rowell

*POSTLUDE

All Praise to Jesus' Hallowed Name

J.S. Bach

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August 4, 2024
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME!

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

And Can It Be

Anna Laura Page

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

Elder Bruce C Hurley

All: **To God belong all the people who live on the earth. Let us begin with songs of praise and invite the world to join us!**

*HYMN #667

When Morning Guilds the Skies

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **This is our hope, our salvation, and the source of our greatest peace. Alleluia and 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.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Mark Johnson

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.

MUSICAL SELECTION

Break Forth Into Joy

Dave & Jean Perry

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:17-24, Romans 12:1-2

One: The Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

How to Get Dressed

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

Worship Elements

Music Notes: *And Can It Be* was a hymn written by Charles Wesley, one of the great hymn-writers of all time. That hymn's simple refrain is, "Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me!"

Offering: We give out of gratitude. And the work of the church depends on your gifts. Offerings may be placed in the wooden boxes with crosses at the main lobby. You may give online with the following link: <https://onrealm.org/SevenOaksPresby/-/give/now>.

Worship Assistants

Sunday, August 4th:

Liturgist: Bruce C Hurley
 Counters: Carol Griffith, Mary Johnson
 Usher: Mary Johnson
 Greeters: Jim & Elizabeth Taylor
 Acolyte: N/A Communion
 Children's Message: Mark Johnson
 Children's Corner: Tracey Wilkes
 Communion Preparation: Kitsie & Robert Miller
 Communion Servers: Jim & Elizabeth Taylor, John Carter

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

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 4:
 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

Monday, August 5:
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Teachers Return
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Admin. Ministry Meeting
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Troop 91
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Tuesday, August 6:
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Teachers
 10:00 am - 3:00 pm - Craft Supply Sorting at Friarsgate Park
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Staff Meeting
 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm - PWCT Meeting
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Missions Ministry 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 7:
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Teachers
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, August 8:
District 5 Students Back to School
PW Gathering Begins in St. Louis, MO
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Teachers
 9:00 am - Coffee Talk w/ Pastor Jim @ Loveland
 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Christian Education Ministry Meeting
 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Life Church

Friday, August 9: 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 10:
 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Mary Kay Training
 9:30 am - 1:00 pm - Upper Room Church
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.
 11:00 am - 4:00 pm - Eagle Scout Court of Honor

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 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.



In our prayers...	SOPC's Homebound Members
The 2024-2025 School Year	Our Christian Friends in Ukraine
Ed Keelen	
Brenda Turner	Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz in Cuba & their safe travels here in September
Tricia Dillon	
Wilma Morris	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)
John Carter	
Alene Rogers	Long Term Care - Dave, Rich & Sam Allen Edith Blanchett
Janet Jordan & Daughter	
Jane Blackwell	Kathie Cashion
Al Charles	Barbara Fowler
Fran & Jeffrey Brannon	Bobby Sellars (Father of John Paul Sellars)
Ira Leon	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:

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 below or call the church office.

Please join us for Love Revolution in the Pavilion today from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm and help Ashland UMC serve food to our neighbors in need!

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

Thank you to everyone who donated **school supplies to Seven Oaks Elementary School** via our Mission Ministry's drive! We were able to collect 4 medium-large boxes FULL of items for the children and teachers!

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!

SOPC YOUTH, CHILDREN, & EDUCATORS/SCHOOLSTAFF: As you prepare to head back to school, please know that your church family's prayers go with you! Make this your best year yet, and let us know how we can support your journey!

Service Opportunity for Youth & Others: Hundreds of boxes of craft supplies have been donated to an organization that Julie Bussells is connected to. They are being sorted, organized, and donated to schools, churches, etc. Could you HELP ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 6th, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM? LUNCH, BEVERAGES, & SNACKS WILL BE SERVED. We can help with your transportation if needed. We'll meet at Friarsgate Park where all the items have been stored Thank you!! You are the "hands and feet" of Jesus.

Blood Drive

8/14/24

Sign Up

