

*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.

INSTALLATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S OFFICERS

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Jim Rowell

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

Under His Wings
Elders Ernie & Julie Bussells

Ira Sankey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:1-13 & James 1:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE:

Troubles That Hang Around

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 #318

In Christ There Is No East or West

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Jim Rowell

*POSTLUDE

Postludium

Gordon Young

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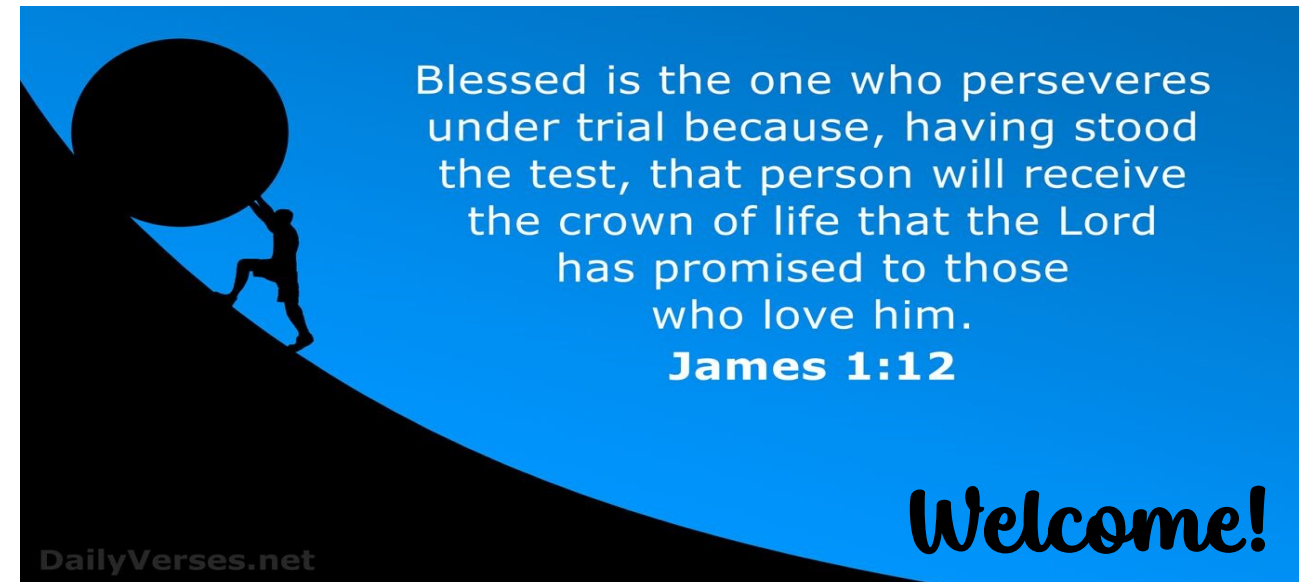
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*Please stand in body or in spirit. **When items are in bold, you are invited to join aloud.**



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 15, 2024, The 17th Sunday After Pentecost

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Almighty King

arr. Mark Hayes

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS: Psalm 146:1-2

Elder Bruce C Hurley

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Let us worship God together!**

*HYMNS #620 & #701 *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven and Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)* sung twice
Elder Ernie Bussells, Guitar

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Bruce C Hurley

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Adapted from Mark 7:24-37

Holy God, there are times when our words, thoughts, and actions are unclean. We tell ourselves they go unnoticed, but when we remember your constant presence, we accept that we cannot escape your watchful eyes. We are often deaf to hear your Word and instructions for us and mute for justice in a hurting world. We often consume more than we need, and we fail to offer any crumbs of our food, time, money, or other possessions to those who need it the most. Forgive us, Lord. Have mercy on us, and wash us thoroughly from our iniquities. Amen.

*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Titus 2:11-14, Common English Bible

One: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people. It educates us so that we can live sensible, ethical, and godly lives right now by rejecting ungodly lives and the desires of this world. At the same time, we wait for the blessed hope and the glorious appearance of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us in order to rescue us from every kind of lawless behavior, and cleanse a special people for himself who are eager to do good actions. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

Worship Elements

Music Notes: The lyrics for *Under His Wings* echo the sentiment from Psalm 91:1, "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostle's Creed* is the most widely used confessional statement in the Western Christian Church, and next *Nicene Creed* is the most universally accepted doctrinal statement in Christendom. It has its roots in the questions asked of candidates for the Sacrament of Baptism. A new believer would be asked, "Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?" and the new Christian would respond, "I believe." (From *Presbyterian Creeds* by Jack Rogers)

Worship Assistants



Sunday, September 15th:

Liturgist: Bruce Hurley
 Counters: Sharon Watkins, Jim Wilhide
 Usher: John Carter
 Greeters: Janice Reiser, Mary Johnson
 Acolyte: Ellis Robinson
 Children's Message: Pastor Jim Rowell
 Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson
 Prayer Ad Volunteer: Pastor Jim Rowell

Sunday, September 22nd:

Liturgist: Bruce Hurley
 Counters: Julie Bussells, John Carter
 Ushers: Robert & Kitsie Miller
 Greeters: Sue Kesterson, Mary Dempster
 Acolyte: Abby Dempster
 Children's Message: Bruce Hurley
 Children's Corner: Dallene Smith
 Prayer Ad Volunteer: Frank Sheppard

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, September 15:

9:00 am - 11:00 am - The Well Church
 9:30 am - Choir Rehearsal
 9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages
 11:00 am - Worship
 11:00 am - 3:00 pm - Liberty Church
 11:00 am - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.
 12:15 pm - Hannah Circle Housewarming Shower for Melanie Mason
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution
 5:30 pm - Youth Group
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Churchwide Fellowship Supper

Monday, September 16:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 12:00 pm - Ladies' Luncheon at Blue Marlin
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Cub Scouts
 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, September 17:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 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, September 18:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 10:30 am - 1:00 pm - PW Bible Study Field Test
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, September 19:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 10:30 am - 1st Thessalonians Bible Study
 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church

Friday, September 20: OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday, September 21: International Day of Peace

9:30 am - 1:00 pm - Upper Room Church
 10:00 am - Soup Kitchen at Centennial ARP Church

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Now - December 5: 1st Thessalonians Thursday Morning Bible Study led by Pastor Jim at 10:30 in the Fellowship Classroom
September 23: Laurel Crest Anniversary Celebration
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: Fall Family Festival
November 10: Stewardship Sunday

A **nursery** is available in Building A during Sunday School & 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.



The Good News Ministry is pleased to announce that it has met our "digital church" goals! We have a new website that allows direct interaction via a "Plan A Visit" button; we have an automated text system that sends immediate acknowledgement to interested guests; we have a Prayer Request system on Facebook where we pray for those who message us with their concerns; we have a Search Engine Optimization system that assures we are "find-able" online, and we have a program that links Google keyword searches directly to the appropriate section of the SOPC webpage. Now, our job is to pray fervently that our efforts, with the help of the Holy Spirit, will result in more visitors to our church who enter into relationships with Jesus Christ and with our church family. See any Good News team member if you'd like to learn more about our digital initiatives.

--Ed Keelen

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: Kathy Locklair

Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW): Julie Bussells*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The beautiful, fresh flowers in the sanctuary this morning were given in loving memory of **Phil Byrd by Janet Jordan**.

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!

TONIGHT, we will have a church-wide FELLOWSHIP SUPPER at 6 pm in the Pavilion, weather permitting. It will be in the Fellowship Hall in case of rain. The menu is: fish fry, low country boil, hush puppies, slaw, and dessert. Yum!

The **Hannah Circle will host a Housewarming Shower** for Melanie Mason in the Room of Acts after worship today. Please see Kathy Keane for more information.

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. So far, we have collected 50 pounds of old crayons

Our **BOOK GROUP** HAS CHANGED their September book selection to *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. They will meet at Steve's Hamburgers on Thursday, September 26, at 1:30 for an optional lunch followed by a book discussion and fellowship. RSVP to Kitsie Miller at 803-463-6958.

If you would like to volunteer in the sanctuary's **sound booth** occasionally, please contact the church office. Training provided!

SOPC Youth will have a joint meeting with Westminster PC's youth in our SOPC Youth Room at 5:30 pm today.

Our next **Ladies' Luncheon** will be held TOMORROW, Monday, September 16th at noon at the Blue Marlin restaurant. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals. 803-608-1434

In our Prayers:

Those reaching out through our Facebook Prayer Ad
 Aletha Robinson
 PRAISE: Carly Carp
 Sandra Johnson's father, George Sr. & mother, Mary
 Brenda Turner
 Tricia Dillon Thomas
 John Carter
 Alene Rogers
 Janet Jordan & Daughter & Sister
 Jane Blackwell
 Al & Margaret Charles
 Fran & Jeffrey Brannon
 Ira Leon
 Kirk Wirth

Barry Shatzer

Kynslee Davis

SOPC's Homebound Members

Our Christian Friends in Ukraine

Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz in Cuba

Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)

Long Term Care:

Dave, Rich & Sam Allen

Edith Blanchett

Kathie Cashion

Barbara Fowler

Bobby Sellars (Father of John Paul Sellars)

Patricia Williams