

MUSICAL SELECTION

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
Chancel Choir

Gordon Young

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:27-38, James 3:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE:

Bridling the Beast

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.

One: May these gifts, given in gratitude and love,

All: **...Change us and the world to serve your purpose!**

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: *Confession of 1967 – Part 1: 9.13 – 9.15 – God's Work of Reconciliation*
(Inclusive Language Version)

Wise and virtuous men and women through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God's love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All people, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without God's forgiveness. Thus, everyone falls under God's judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than those who assume that they are guiltless before God or morally superior to others.

God's love never changes. Against all who oppose the divine will, God expresses love in wrath. In the same love, God bore judgment and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring all people to repentance and new life.

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

*CLOSING HYMN #718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Jim Rowell

*SENDING SONG - HYMN #543

O Christ, Surround Me

verse 1

God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice; God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

*POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress

David Cherwien

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James 3:1-12

Welcome!

Taming
the Tongue



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 22, 2024, The 18th Sunday After Pentecost

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

On Eagles' Wings

Joncas / arr. Carter

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS: Psalm 19

Elder Bruce C Hurley

One: The Lord's instruction is perfect, reviving the soul. The Lord's judgments are true; more valuable than gold and sweeter than honey.

All: **Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

*OPENING HYMN #17

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Bruce C Hurley

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: James 3

O Lord of wisdom and righteousness, we want to be disciples of Jesus, but we have a hard time being followers. We prefer to be in control and chafe at being told what to do. Forgive our self-centered certainty and self-justifying excuses. Bring our heads, our hearts, and our hands under your control. Stop our tongues before we speak words that are not kind, necessary or true. Soften our harsh and judgmental hearts. Grant us wise heads, humble hearts and tongues that speak only words of love, truth, wisdom and peace. Amen.

*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: Not because of who we are, but because of who God is, and not because of what we have done, but because of what God has done in Christ, our Sin is forgiven!

All: **Not because we are able, but because God has sent the power of the Holy Spirit upon us, we are able to live as disciples of Christ: free, forgiven and renewed! Thanks be to God!**

*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 Bruce C Hurley

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.

Worship Elements

Music Notes: The lyrics of our opening hymn are a paraphrase of Psalm 148. *Come Ye Sinners* reminds us that no matter what our burden, pain, sickness or sin might be, Jesus stands ready to save us. He is full of pity, love and power! The closing hymn is being sung to the tune: *O Waly, Waly*.

Offering: We give out of gratitude. The work of the church depends on our 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. You may also give by texting 73256 to SEVENOAKS.

Worship Assistants

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: Mary Dempster
 Prayer Ad Volunteer: Frank Sheppard

Sunday, September 29th:

Liturgist: Bruce Hurley
 Counters: Carol Griffith, Mary Johnson
 Usher: Banks Robinson
 Greeters: Jim & Elizabeth Taylor
 Acolyte: Ellis Robinson
 Children's Message: Annie Moffatt
 Children's Corner: Mary Johnson
 Prayer Ad Volunteer: Julie Bussells

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

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Building Superintendent: Mr. Karl Thompson

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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 22: First Day of Autumn

9:00 am - 11:00 am - The Well Church
 9:30 am - Choir
 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.
 3:00 pm - Clothing Closet
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution
 5:30 pm - Youth Group

Monday, September 23: Laurel Crest Anniversary Event

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Live Oak Counseling
 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 24:

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, September 25:

8:00 am - 4:00 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 26:

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

Friday, September 27: OFFICE CLOSED

6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 9:30 am - 4:00 pm - Mary Kay Training
 7:30 pm - 11:59 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Saturday, September 28:

9:30 am - 1:00 pm - Upper Room Church
 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Chin Community Outdoor Event
 4:00 pm - 10:30 pm - ANKUR Community Event

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Now - December 5: 1st Thessalonians Thursday Morning Bible Study led by Pastor Jim at 10:30 in the Fellowship Classroom

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

October 27: Reformation Sunday AND a Blessing of the Badges to Honor & Thank 1st Responders

November 3: All Saints' Sunday; Tour of the 7 Churches Interest Meeting

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 the gift 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)

Treasurer: Kathy Locklair

Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW):
 Julie Bussells*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy Fall to All!



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. So far, we have collected **55 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 THIS 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!

In Our Prayers:

The Family of Janna Simon	Kynslee Davis
Those reaching out through our Facebook Prayer Ad	SOPC's Homebound Members
Aletha Robinson	Our Christian Friends in Ukraine
PRAISE: Carly Carp	Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz in Cuba
Sandra Johnson's father, George Sr. & mother, Mary	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)
Brenda Turner	Long Term Care: Dave, Rich & Sam Allen
Tricia Dillon Thomas	Edith Blanchett
John Carter	Kathie Cashion
Alene Rogers	Barbara Fowler
Janet Jordan & Daughter & Sister	Bobby Sellars (Father of John Paul Sellars)
Jane Blackwell	Patricia Williams
Al & Margaret Charles	
Fran & Jeffrey Brannon	
Ira Leon	
Kirk Wirth	
Barry Shatzer	

