

MUSICAL SELECTION

*Sing Hallelujah*  
Chancel Choir

Stassen / arr. Phil Kristianson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:38-50, James 5:13-20

One: The Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE:

*The Tender Touch*

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).

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

*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.**

\*CLOSING HYMN #432

*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Jim Rowell

\*POSTLUDE

*Plein Jeu (from Suite Two)*

Louis Claude Clerambault



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**Welcome!**

**SEVEN OAKS  
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**September 29, 2024**  
**The 19th Sunday After Pentecost**

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

*O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing*

Jason Payne

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

One: Our help is in the strength of God, who created all that is.

All: **Who are we, that God remembers us?**

One: Our blessings come from God, giver of all good gifts.

All: **Who are we, to be graced by God's bounty?**

One: Our salvation comes from God, the light in our darkness.

All: **Who are we, to be redeemed by God's love?**

One: Our calling as servants and friends comes from God, whose image we reflect.

All: **Who are we, that God's Spirit shines out from us? All praise to the living God!**

\*OPENING HYMN #625

*How Great Thou Art*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Bruce C Hurley

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace, God of glory, we live in difficult times. We confess that we do not ask for the help of others — to pray for us. We do not seek the wisdom of older people — to advise us. Worst of all, we do not seek your power — to uphold us. In your great mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage, for the living of these days. Amen.**

\*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 130

One: Lord, if you kept track of our sins, no one would have a chance!

All: **But, God's nature is to forgive. We give thanks for God's grace!**

\*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

Annie Moffatt

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.

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

## Worship Elements

**Music Notes:** The choir's anthem is a choral setting of a late 20th century worship song.

**The Lord's Prayer:** Presbyterians pray to ask God to, "forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors," because that is the prayer that Jesus teaches his disciples in Matthew 6:12. Other Christian traditions use the phrase "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." In both cases, the intent of the prayer is to remind us that God's forgiveness of our sin is connected to our own commitment to being forgiving of others.

## Worship Assistants



### 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

### Sunday, October 6th:

Liturgist: Bruce Hurley  
 Counters: Bruce Hurley, Liz Harris  
 Usher: Mary Johnson  
 Greeters: Tom & Betty Shuler  
 Acolyte: N/A Communion  
 Children's Message: Mary Dempster  
 Children's Corner: Tracey Wilkes  
 Prayer Ad Volunteer: Ed Keelen  
 Communion Preparation: Robert & Kitsie Miller  
 Communion Servers: Kitsie Miller, Ed Keelen, 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



**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**Monday - Thursday**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**



### Sunday, September 29:

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.  
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution  
 5:30 pm - Youth Group

### Monday, September 30:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
 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, October 1:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Staff Meeting  
 4:30 pm - PWCT Meeting  
 6:30 pm - Missions Ministry Meeting  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA  
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

### Wednesday, October 2:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
 11:00 am - 1:00 pm - PW Bible Study Field Test  
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

### Thursday, October 3:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
 10:30 am - 1st Thessalonians Bible Study  
 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm - Live Oak Counseling  
 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church

### Friday, October 4: OFFICE CLOSED

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

### Saturday, October 5:

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**October 6:** World Communion Sunday; Peace & Global Witness Offering

**October 25-26:** Kairos Prison Ministry Volunteers

**October 26:** Regional Scout Jamboree at SOPC

**October 27:** Reformation Sunday; 1st Responders' Sunday; SOPW Fall Drop-In

**November 3:** Rev. Dr. Jay Coker Preaching; Communion; Tour of the 7 Churches Interest Meeting

**November 10:** All Saints' Sunday; Stewardship Sunday; Veterans' Tribute; Fall Festival

**November 24:** Family Advent Event

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.



*The single rose on the communion table is in honor of the birth of Whitton Tyler Marshall, son of Adam and Cassandra Marshall and grandson of Chris and Sharon Staton. Whitton Tyler was born on September 22, 2024.*

### 4 WAYS TO GIVE!



IN PERSON



BY MAIL



ONLINE



BY TEXT

### In Our Prayers:

The Family of Janna Simon	Kirk Wirth
Those reaching out through our Facebook Prayer Ad	Barry Shatzer
Donna Moore	Kynslee Davis
Aletha Robinson	SOPC's Homebound Members
Sandra Johnson's Parents	Our Christian Friends in Ukraine
Brenda Turner	Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz, Cuba
John Carter	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)
Alene Rogers	<b>Long Term Care:</b> Dave, Rich & Sam Allen
Janet Jordan & Daughter & Sister	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

## 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 YOUTH** will meet here at 5:30 pm for dinner, games, devotional, and an outreach project.

ALL **Presbyterian Women are invited to a Fall Drop-In** at the home of Mary Johnson on October 27th. Contact Julie Bussells for details!

**SOPC will observe All Saints' Sunday on November 10th** this year. Please submit the names, relationships, and dates of passing of **those loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant since last November** to the church office by Sunday, November 3rd.

**The date of our Fall Festival has changed to Sunday, November 10th.** You won't want to miss the fall fun, fellowship, food, games, and autumn activities!

Our next **Ladies' Luncheon** will be held October 21st at noon at Travinia Italian Restaurant, located at 5074 Sunset Blvd. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals at 803-608-1434.

We will have a **FAMILY ADVENT EVENT** on Sunday, November 24th after worship in the Pavilion. There will be a quick lunch, family activities, and crafts. One of our crafts will be making an Advent Wreath! To reserve your household's handmade, wooden, candleholder frame, please sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office. Cost is \$8 for the frame, payable to SOPC, but please don't let \$ stop you.

**Don't forget to bring your used crayons** to the church office! They will be melted down by www.thecrayoninitiative.org to make free, new crayons for pediatric hospital patients. We have collected **55 pounds** so far!!

Our **BOOK GROUP** will read *All Creatures Great & Small* by James Herriot in October. They will meet at Steve's Hamburgers on Thursday, October 24th, 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!

### SESSION (\*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\*