

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 3:1-3; Hebrews 5:11-14

One: The Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE:

Peter Pan Christians

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 *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 #438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Jim Rowell

*POSTLUDE

Praise to God, Immortal Praise

Douglas Wagner



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



Welcome!

SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 20, 2024
The 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Eleanor Whitsett

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

One: When God comes, faithful love and truth will meet. Righteousness and peace will kiss.

All: **When God comes, truth will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from heaven. Come, O Lord, and live among us!**

*OPENING HYMN #409

God Is Here!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Bruce C Hurley

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, you are the Holy One of God. Even as we confess you are Lord, we admit that we struggle to follow you. Your teachings demand commitment, but we lack energy and imagination. We get lazy and do not work at learning your Word and truths that you have freely given us. We tire too easily in our commitment to you, O Lord. Sometimes we wish we could just go away from you. But to whom would we go? And from whom would we learn the truths of your Word? 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.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: from Psalm 103:10-12

One: God doesn't deal with us according to our sin or repay us according to our wrongdoing. Because, as high as heaven is above the earth, that's how large God's faithful love is for those who honor Him.

All: **As far as east is from west – that's how far God has removed our sin from us. God is merciful. We are grateful!**

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

*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

MUSICAL SELECTION

Sing Hallelujah
Chancel Choir

Stassen / arr. Phil Kristianson

Worship Elements

The Postlude is intended to provide worshipers with a transition from praise and worship into serving God. If you would like to sit, listen to the music, and pray, please feel free to do so. Sitting for the postlude is your signal to others that you want space and time to conclude your worship. If you prefer to stand, move around, and greet others, please feel free to do so.

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

Worship Assistants

Sunday, October 20th:

Liturgist: Bruce Hurley
 Counters: Ron Kesterson, Kitsie Miller
 Usher: John Carter
 Greeters: Janice Reiser, Brenda Turner
 Acolyte: Ellis Robinson
 Children's Message: Sue Kesterson
 Children's Corner: Marion Watson-Wishart
 Prayer Ad Volunteer: Pastor Jim Rowell

Sunday, October 27th:

Liturgist: Bruce Hurley
 Counters: Banks & Polly Robinson
 Ushers: Robert & Kitsie Miller
 Greeters: Robert & Kitsie Miller
 Acolyte: Abby Dempster
 Children's Message: Bruce Hurley
 Children's Corner: Emalee Dillard
 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!



IN PERSON



BY MAIL



ONLINE



BY TEXT



OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sunday, October 20:

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
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Churchwide Fellowship Supper

Monday, October 21:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 12:00 pm - Ladies' Luncheon at Travinia's
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Troop 91 & Court of Honor
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Session Meeting
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Tuesday, October 22:

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

Wednesday, October 23:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 11:00 am - 6:00 pm - Kairos Volunteers on Campus
 4:45 pm - 6:00 pm - Lesser Epistles Bible Study
 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, October 24:

7:00 am - 9:00 pm - Kairos Volunteers on Campus
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 10:30 am - 1st Thessalonians Bible Study
 11:45 am - 1:15 pm - Center Prayer Group
 1:30 pm - Book Group
 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church

Friday, October 25: OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday, October 26:

5:00 am - 5:00 pm - Regional Scouts' Event
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Kairos Volunteers on Campus

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 27: Reformation Sunday; SOPW Fall Drop-In

October 31: Celebration of Life for Kirk Wirth

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

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

November 24: Family Advent / Pre-Christmas 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.



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*

In Our Prayers:

Shelagh Wirth & Family	Kynslee Davis
Those reaching out through our Facebook Prayer Ad	SOPC's Homebound Members
Donna Moore	Our Christian Friends in Ukraine
Aletha Robinson	Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz, Cuba
Sandra Johnson's Parents	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)
John Carter	Long Term Care:
Alene Rogers	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
Barry Shatzer	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Churchwide Fellowship Supper TONIGHT at 6 pm! Menu: Lasagna, salad, dessert...yum!

The up-to-date **church calendar** is available at www.sopc.net by clicking the "Connect" tab. It shows all meetings, rentals, and which rooms they're in.

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 SOPC at 5:30 pm, have supper with the church family, and then paint pumpkins for homebound friends and church family members!

ALL **Presbyterian Women are invited to a Fall Drop-In** at Mary Johnson's home on Sunday, October 27th from 3-5 pm.

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.**

Our Fall Festival will be on Sunday, November 10th. You won't want to miss the fall fun, fellowship, food, games, and autumn activities! There are flyers in the Narthex. Or, contact Annah in the church office for a digital version to share! Please help us spread the word!

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

We will have a **FAMILY PRE-CHRISTMAS / ADVENT EVENT on Sunday, November 24th** after worship, starting in the Pavilion. There will be a quick lunch, family activities, and crafts. One of our crafts will be making an Advent Wreath for your homes! **To reserve your household's handmade, wooden, wreath candleholder frame, (limited quantity) 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 **70 pounds** so far!!

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

Poinsettia orders are due by Sunday, November 10th. See insert.

If you would like to write an entry, (or several,) for this year's **SOPC Advent Devotional** booklet, based on Pastor Jim's suggestions of *red letter (words of Jesus)* passages from the Gospels, please contact the church office before November 10th. We have 25 spots/days to fill as of the printing of this bulletin. If you would like to volunteer to help compile/edit/add graphics to the devotional booklets, please let Annah know.

Due to Hurricane Helene, **more neighbors than usual have come by the church office requesting food this month.** If you happen to be going by the store & would like to contribute any **non-perishable, individual size, easy prep. items to the shelves we use for the Blessing Box and to give to those who come to our door,** please bring them by the church office or leave them in the large baskets on either side of the main doors to the sanctuary. There is a list of suggested items that Annah would be happy to share if you'd like.