

MUSICAL SELECTION

You Are Almighty
Chancel Choir

Paul Tate

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:12; Mark 1:29-37

One: The Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE:

Altar Your Prayers

RESPONDING IN FAITH

OFFERING: Tithes & offerings may be placed in the boxes with crosses at the main exit of the Narthex or given via www.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 Heidelberg Catechism: 4.062-4.064*

One: Why can't our good works be our righteousness before God, or at least a part of our righteousness?

All: Because the righteousness which can pass God's judgment must be entirely perfect and must in every way measure up to the divine law. But even our best works in this life are imperfect and stained with sin.

One: How can our good works be said to merit nothing when God promises to reward them in this life and the next?

All: This reward is not earned; it is a gift of grace.

One: But doesn't this teaching make people indifferent and wicked?

All: No. It is impossible for those grafted into Christ through true faith not to produce fruits of gratitude.

*CLOSING HYMN #182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Jim Rowell

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Eleanor Whitsett



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Welcome!

**SEVEN OAKS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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October 27, 2024
The 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Matthew Limbaugh

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS: from Psalm 9 (CEB)

Elder Bruce C Hurley

One: We will thank you, Lord, with our whole heart.

All: We will talk about what you have done, and sing praises to your name!

*OPENING HYMN #439

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Bruce C Hurley

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of all and giver of every perfect gift, all that we are and all that we have comes from your hand. We say that we believe in your grace, but we don't like it when someone else gets what they have not earned. We say that we are grateful for your forgiveness, but we keep careful scorecards of times when we have been hurt or slighted. Subvert our smug and entitled hearts with gratitude and grace. Pry open our hearts to forgive others so that we might be open to receive your forgiveness ourselves. O Lord of all grace, forgive our sin, and save us. Amen.

*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: By God's grace we are forgiven of sin and saved.

All: We are grateful! We will receive God's grace and let it change us.

*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.

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



Our opening hymn is based on Psalm 103. The closing hymn reminds us of Jesus' invitation to come and rest in His care, to drink His living water, and to let His light shine in our lives. At the same time, the hymn provides us with the opportunity to sing our response to His gracious invitations.

Worship Assistants

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

Sunday, November 3rd:

Liturgist: Pastor Jim Rowell
 Counters: Elizabeth & Jim Taylor
 Usher: Mary Johnson
 Greeters: Jim Wilhide, John Carter
 Acolyte: N/A Communion
 Children's Message: Annie Moffatt
 Children's Corner: Mary Dempster
 Prayer Ad Volunteer: Julie Bussells
 Communion Preparation: Sue & Ron Kesterson
 Communion Servers: Pastor Jim Rowell, Bruce Hurley, Banks & Polly Robinson

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 am - 2 pm



Sunday, October 27: Reformation Sunday

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 - 9:00 pm - Liberty Church
 11:00 am - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.
 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - PW Fall Drop-In at Mary Johnson's
 3:00 pm - Clothing Closet Opens
 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Youth at St. Andrews Lutheran Church
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution

Monday, October 28:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Troop 91 Halloween Party
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Worship Ministry Meeting
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Tuesday, October 29:

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

Wednesday, October 30:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School & Costume Parade
 9:00 am - Small Town Adventures Group Meets to Go to Hendersonville, NC
 4:45 pm - 6:00 pm - Lesser Epistles Bible Study
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, October 31: Reformation Day / Halloween

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 10:30 am - 1st Thessalonians Bible Study
 11:45 am - 1:15 pm - Centering Prayer Group
 12:00 pm - Celebration of Life for Kirk Wirth
 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm - Live Oak Counseling
 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church

Friday, November 1: OFFICE CLOSED - All Saints' Day

6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Saturday, November 2:

9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Mary Kay Training

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 3: Rev. Dr. Jay Coker Preaching; Communion
November 10: All Saints' Sunday; Commitment Sunday; Veterans' Tribute; Fall Festival; Poinsettia Orders Due; Advent Devotions Due
November 17: Church-wide Fellowship Supper (Gobble, gobble!)
November 24: Thornwell Offering; Family Advent Event
December 1: Advent Begins; Communion
December 8: Special Music in Worship
December 15: Prime Rib Fellowship Supper
December 20: Church Christmas Party
December 22: Christmas Joy Offering
December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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

Those reaching out through our Facebook Prayer Ad

Donna Moore

Aletha Robinson

Sandra Johnson's Parents

John Carter

Alene Rogers

Janet Jordan & Daughter & Sister

Jane Blackwell

Al & Margaret Charles

Fran & Jeffrey Brannon

Ira Leon

Barry Shatzer

Kynslee Davis

SOPC's Homebound Members

Our Christian Friends in Ukraine

Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz, Cuba

Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)

The Lives & Families Transformed by Christ through Kairos Prison Ministry

Long Term Care:

Dave, Rich & Sam Allen

Edith Blanchett

Kathie Cashion

Barbara Fowler

Bobby Sellars (Father of John Paul Sellars)

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 **Clothing Closet** will open 30 minutes prior.

Our YOUTH will meet at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 1416 Broad River Road, along with the youth from Westminster PC, to help with a community Fall Festival today! Fun, Fellowship, Food, and Community Service!

ALL **Presbyterian Women are invited to a Fall Drop-In** at Mary Johnson's home TODAY 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 NEXT 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! **Liz & Ryan Harris will have their FOOD TRUCK (yum!) set up and ready to serve at noon if you can't stay for the festival but would like to grab lunch after worship!** 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!

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!!

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.

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 available from the church office.