

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE

Luke 17:11-19

One: The Word of the Lord!
All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE:

The Ultimate Thanksgiving

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 AND 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 #643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Jim Rowell

*POSTLUDE *Lead On, O King Eternal*

Joshua Evanovich



Today, we will collect our annual Thanksgiving offering for Thornwell's ministry of, "providing safe and nurturing environments where [we] educate, equip, and support children & families to thrive." Donation envelopes are available in the narthex, or you may give via www.sopc.net.

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Welcome!

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**November 24, 2024
Christ the King Sunday**

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

John Innes

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

One: Give thanks to the Lord because he is good! Let the redeemed say, "God's faithful love lasts forever!"
All: **The wise pay attention to the way God works, and remember God's steadfast love! Let us praise and worship only God!**

*OPENING HYMN #36

For the Fruit of All Creation

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Bruce C Hurley

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Source of light and life! From you comes every good and perfect gift. For all of the good that you have poured into our lives, O Lord, accept our thanks. When things do not go the way we want them to go, or when we are suffering, we struggle to see You at work in our lives. We believe that Your purposes are life, growth, and fruitfulness, but we do not like the challenge, suffering, or loss that is required for us to grow. Forgive our resistance, and help us to trust You to lead us through gifts and losses--joys and sorrows. Teach us to give You thanks for all that has brought us to this place and help us to hear Your voice in the tough times, calling us forward into love and gratitude. For all that has been, "Thanks!" For all that shall be, "Yes."

*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: When God wipes away our wrongdoings, they are completely gone, and we are saved.
All: **We are now freed to try again. 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.

MUSICAL SELECTION

Autumn Carol
Chancel Choir

Russell Schulz-Widmar

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



Along with our celebration of Thanksgiving, this Sunday is **Christ the King** Sunday. The prelude and postlude are chosen in celebration of Jesus' reign as our eternal King.

Please see December 8th and 24th in the *Upcoming Events* section below.

Worship Assistants

Sunday, November 24th:

Liturgist: Bruce Hurley
 Counters: Carol Griffith, Mary Johnson
 Ushers: Robert & Kitsie Miller
 Greeters: Jim & Elizabeth Taylor
 Acolyte: Abby Freeman
 Children's Message: Bruce Hurley
 Children's Corner: Mary Johnson
 Prayer Ad Volunteer: Pastor Jim Rowell

Sunday, December 1st:

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: Kathy Keane
 Prayer Ad Volunteer: Frank Sheppard
 Communion Elements Preparation: Sharon Watkins
 Communion Servers: John Carter, Elizabeth Taylor, Sharon Watkins, Bruce Hurley

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, November 24: Christ the King Sunday; Thornwell Offering

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.
12:15 pm - Advent Event for Adults, Youth, and Children!
 3:00 pm - Clothing Closet Opens
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution

Monday, November 25:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Worship Ministry 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, November 26:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
10:00 am - Deck the SOPC Halls!
 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Live Oak Counseling
 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, November 27:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, November 28: Happy Thanksgiving! OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church

Friday, November 29: OFFICE CLOSED

6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Saturday, November 30:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 1: Advent Begins; Communion
December 8: Special Music of the Season in Worship
December 10: Rachel Circle's Christmas Luncheon at Miyo's at 12:30 pm
December 13: Joint Adult Sunday School Classes' Christmas Dinner Party at Carol Griffith's Home
December 15: Prime Rib Fellowship Supper
December 20: Church Christmas Party at Chestnut Hill Plantation Clubhouse
December 22: Christmas Joy Offering
December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; Music Begins at 5 pm; Worship Begins at 5:30 pm.
January 19: Churchwide Fellowship "Breakfast for Supper" at 6 pm

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 - Disciple 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:

Whitton Marshall	Kynslee Davis
Kathy Morganelli	SOPC's Homebound Members
Ed Keelen	Our Christian Friends in Ukraine
Ernie & Julie Bussells & family	Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz, Cuba
Donna Moore	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)
Aletha Robinson	Those Less Fortunate
Sandra Johnson's Parents	Thornwell
John Carter	Those reaching out through our Facebook Prayer Ad
Alene Rogers	Long Term Care:
Janet Jordan & Daughter & Sister	Dave, Rich & Sam Allen
Jane Blackwell	Edith Blanchett
Al & Margaret Charles	Kathie Cashion
Fran & Jeffrey Brannon	Barbara Fowler
Ira Leon	Bobby Sellars (Father of John Paul Sellars)
Barry Shatzer	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** opens 30 minutes prior.

A Season of Gratitude: During the month of November, those signed up for our church email list will receive **daily devotions** on gratitude based on relevant passages of Scripture. The **Thankfulness calendar** for November, courtesy of our Christian Education Ministry, is available in the narthex.

Anyone who would like to **help us decorate the sanctuary and narthex for Advent & Christmas** is invited to join us THIS Tuesday at 10 am.

Please Save the Date of December 20th for our **SOPC Christmas Party** at Chestnut Hill Plantation Clubhouse at 6pm. RSVP to Liz Harris. There will be an optional White Elephant gift exchange with a \$10 limit, (no gift cards.)

Our annual **Thanksgiving Offering for Thornwell** will be collected today.

Please look for the Providence Home table in the narthex on December 1, 8, and 15. SOPC will provide **Christmas gifts for the men at Providence Home** again this year. Our goal is to provide 60 men with a \$25 gift card each. These men are striving to improve their lives as they renew their faith. Some are new Christians, trusting Jesus for the first time. Let's show them that we care! The gift cards will be delivered December 16th. Please give prayerful consideration to helping with this Christmas mission. Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Tara Whitfield.

What makes SOPC special?! If you are willing to share a few sentences about what makes SOPC special to you, personally, for our church website, please contact Mark Dillard, Ed Keelen, or Annah in the church office. Personal stories and experiences make all the difference when inviting new friends to journey with us!

Rachel Circle's Christmas Luncheon will be Tuesday, December 10th, at Miyo's on Columbiana Drive at 12:30 pm.

Each week of Advent, our Worship / Music Ministry will share a video story and musical meditation about the history and meaning of a specific Christmas carol. Links to the videos will be sent out via email from the church office.

Both adult Sunday School classes will have a joint Christmas Dinner at the home of Carol Griffith on Friday, December 13th at 6:30 pm.

We will have a **CHURCHWIDE ADVENT EVENT TODAY** after worship, starting in the Pavilion. There will be a quick lunch, activities for all ages, and crafts. One of our crafts will be making an Advent Wreath for your home!

There are 2 Advent wreath candleholder frames and candle sets still available, please sign up in the narthex or contact the church office. Cost is \$8, payable to SOPC, but please don't let \$ stop you. These are beautifully made by some of our siblings in faith at Forest Lake PC.

We hope that you are making plans to join us for the churchwide **Prime Rib Fellowship Supper on December 15th** at 6 pm! **Tickets are \$15** per person aged 13 and up. Donations will be accepted for children 12 and under.

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

If you have **pictures of Christmases past at SOPC** for our Advent Booklet, please email them to sopc@sopc.net or bring them by the church office this week to be scanned in. Thanks!

If you happen to be going by the store & would like to contribute any **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. Did you know that 10-20 individuals come to our door looking for help each week?