

SCRIPTURE Exodus 15:22-27; 1 Kings 19:4-8 Pastor Jim Rowell  
One: The Word of the Lord!  
All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE *The Shade of a Broom Tree*  
RESPONDING IN FAITH

OFFERING Elder Bruce C Hurley  
Tithes & offerings may be placed in the boxes with crosses at the main exit of the Narthex or given via [www.sopc.net](http://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

...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 #722 *Lord, Speak to Me*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Pastor Jim Rowell

\*POSTLUDE *Praeludium (from Liturgical Suite)* Gordon Young



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



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**January 12, 2025**  
Baptism of the Lord

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE *Spirit Song*

Wimber / arr. John Carter

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Abby Dempster

One: God is here! The Lord has gathered us into this place on this day...

All: **...to meet and offer praise and prayer.**

One: Come, O Spirit, into open minds and hearts...

All: **...and hear us as we give our thanks and praise! Let us worship God together!**

\*OPENING HYMN #81

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Bruce C Hurley

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Dew

**Almighty God, you walk with us in the deserts of life and observe our wicked sins against you. Because of our sins, we walk the dusty, rocky roads of life not knowing what is around the next bend. Our iniquity holds us hostage to this world's dry and parched lands. Even so Lord, you provide shade and nourishment for us when we least think we will receive anything. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions, and cleanse us from sin! Amen.**

\*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 103:10-12, *Common English Bible*)

Elder Bruce C Hurley

One: He 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. As far as east is from west— that's how far God has removed our sin from us.

All: **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

Pastor Jim Rowell

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

*We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Joe Cox

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell



*Spirit Song* was originally written as a hymn by John Wimber, pastor of Vineyard Christian Fellowship. The lyrics focus on the Holy Spirit's work of building an ever closer relationship between us as believers and Jesus Christ. Wimber's words remind us that as we surrender ourselves more fully to Christ, the Holy Spirit will descend on us, and make us whole.

## Worship Assistants

### Sunday, January 12th:

Liturgist: Bruce Hurley  
 Counters: Julie Bussells, John Carter  
 Usher: Ron Kesterson  
 Greeters: Jim & Elizabeth Taylor  
 Children's Message: Pastor Jim Rowell  
 Children's Corner: Dallene Smith

### Sunday, January 19th:

Liturgist: Bruce Hurley  
 Counters: Carol Griffith, Mary Johnson  
 Usher: John Carter  
 Greeters: Tom & Betty Shuler  
 Children's Message: Annie Moffatt  
 Children's Corner: Tracey Wilkes

## 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 am - 2 pm

### Sunday, January 12: Baptism of the Lord

9:00 am - 11:00 am - The Well Church  
 9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages  
 9:45 am - Choir Rehearsal  
 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 - Good News Ministry Meeting  
 3:00 pm - Clothing Closet Opens  
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution  
 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Youth Group

### Monday, January 13:

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, January 14:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
 11:00 am - Staff Meeting  
 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Rachel Circle  
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Yoga  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA  
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristian Elim Int'l.

### Wednesday, January 15:

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, January 16:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
 10:30 am - 1 John Bible Study  
 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church

### Friday, January 17: Office Closed

6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group  
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Mary Kay Training  
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

### Saturday, January 18:

11:00 am - 1:00 pm - Family Promise Basketball Camp



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**January 19:** Churchwide Fellowship Supper  
**January 20:** MLK, Jr. Day  
**January 25:** Session Retreat  
**January 26:** Congregational Meeting w/ Annual Report  
**February 7:** Lifeline Screenings at SOPC

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.

### 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:

Patty Mullins  
 Melanie Mason & Family  
 Annie Moffatt & Jimmy Revell  
 Donna Moore  
 Aletha Robinson  
 Sandra Johnson & Family  
 John Carter  
 Alene Rogers  
 Janet Jordan & Family  
 Jane Blackwell  
 Al & Margaret Charles  
 Fran & Jeffrey Brannon  
 Kynslee Davis  
 Dave Hiers  
 SOPC's Homebound Members  
 Our Christian Friends in Ukraine  
 Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz, Cuba  
 Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)  
 Those Less Fortunate

### Those in Retirement Communities, Assisted Living, & Nursing Facilities:

Nancy Taber  
 Dave, Rich & Sam Allen  
 Edith Blanchett  
 Kathie Cashion  
 Barbara Fowler  
 Bobby Sellars  
 Patricia Williams  
 Barry Shatzer  
 Mae Leviner  
 Charlene Pilkington  
 Virginia Martinez  
 Nancy Humphreys  
 Jim Wilhide  
 Ira Leon

## 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.

**Ministry Leaders, please submit your 2024 annual report** to Annah in the church office as soon as possible, (by this Wednesday, 1/15/25,) so that she can compile the church's 2024 annual report. Thank you!

JANUARY IS OUR **FAMILY PROMISE** HOST MONTH. Family Promise serves families experiencing homelessness. SOPC will host a basketball camp for Family Promise/SOPC kids on January 18th led by the fantastic White Knoll Middle School basketball team and coaches. We need volunteers! We also need cooks to provide one meal during January for our sponsored families. Monetary donations and donations of toilet paper, paper towels, and fragrance-free laundry detergent are appreciated as well. Contact Tish Lowe for information.

**Our Fellowship & Roads To Faith Adult Sunday School classes**, (who are currently meeting together,) will begin a study of the Gospel of John this week. We will be using William Barclay's *Daily Study Bible* commentary. All adults of the church --and friends--are welcome to join us!

**Next Sunday, 1/19/25, is our Churchwide Fellowship Supper at 6 pm.** Come enjoy *Breakfast for Supper* with your SOPC family...and bring a friend! Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the food.

**Our Youth** will resume regular meetings with Westminster PC's youth HERE tonight at 5:30. There will be dinner, fun, a devotion, and the completion of our blessing bags service project. Let's start 2025 off with a great group and a purpose!

**Our next Ladies' Luncheon** will be held at BJ's Restaurant on Harbison Blvd. on Monday, January 20th at noon. Please notify Margaret Royals if you plan to attend.

**SOPC BOOK GROUP** is meeting again! We'd love for you to join us and determine what books we will read! We have some suggestions and could use some more from you. Our first book is *James* by Percival Everett. We will meet at Snow's Ice Cream (next to Steve's Hamburgers) at 1:30 on February 27, 2025. Future meetings will be the last Thursday of the month. Contact Kitsie Miller at 803-463-6958 to let her know you're interested, or coming, or if you have any questions.

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

**Blessing Box Pantry:** We give thanks that we recently received a large donation of staple food items from KJ's! Take a look at the picture on the bulletin board. **If you are at the store and would like to augment our pantry** with pop-tarts, small jars or pouches of peanut butter, Nutri-grain bars, or cases of individually bottled waters, those are currently in high demand and lowest in stock.

**Thank you to all who continue to bring in used crayons for www.thecrayoneinitiative.org!** So far, we have collected **100 POUNDS** of used crayons that will be sorted, melted down, and made into new, ergonomic, free crayons for pediatric hospital patients.