

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 17:7-8; Psalm 1:1-4 Pastor Jim Rowell
One: The Word of the Lord!
All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE *Help Is Here*
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.
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.

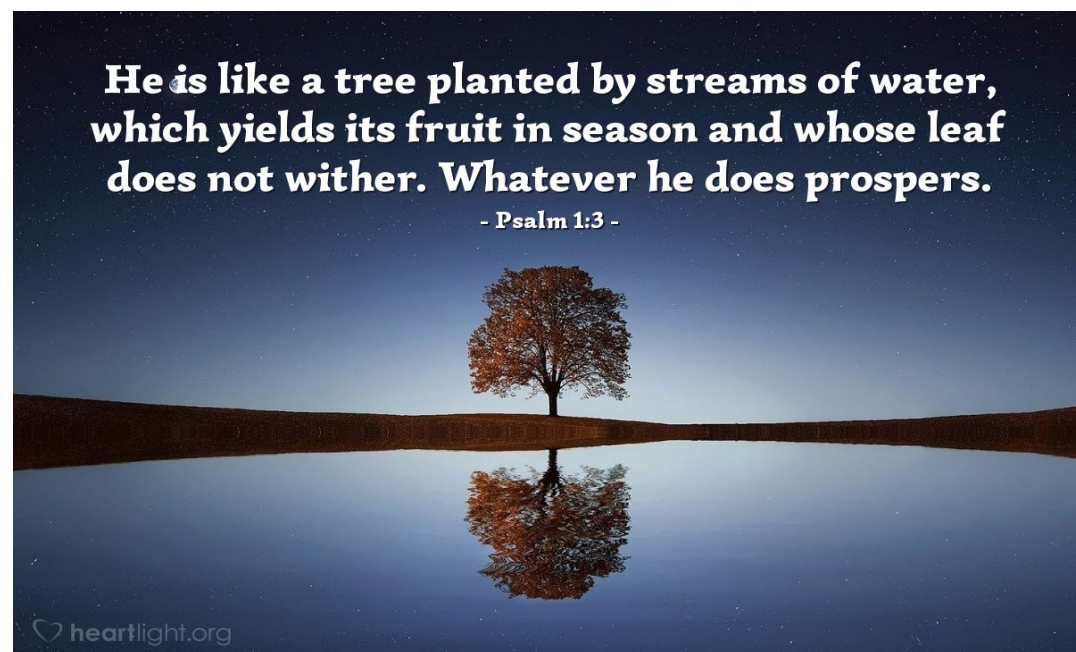
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

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 #816 *If Thou But Trust in God*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING Pastor Jim Rowell

*POSTLUDE *Triumphal Procession* Carolyn Gillespie Hamlin



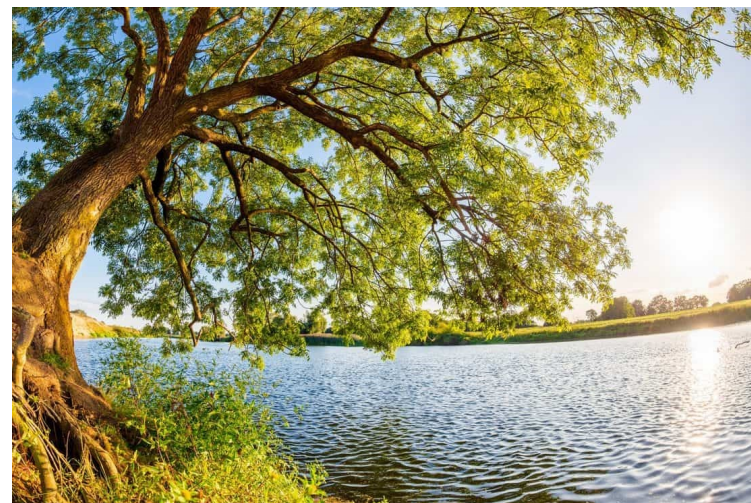
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Welcome!
**SEVEN OAKS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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January 19, 2025
2nd Sunday After Epiphany

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE *Come, Christians Join To Sing* Jeff Bennett

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS (from Psalm 96) Elder Bruce C Hurley
One: O sing to the Lord a new song;
All: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth!**
One: Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
All: **Tell of his salvation from day to day.**
One: Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations...
All: **His marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

*OPENING HYMN #260 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

*CALL TO CONFESSION Elder Bruce C Hurley

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Triune God, you dance among us in joy, inviting us into the mystery that you are, yet we want understanding; we want answers. Forgive our thickness. Encircle us in your oneness, and teach us to trust you with abandon, as we invite others to join the dance. 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 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.

MUSICAL SELECTION *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Lloyd Larson
Piano & Organ Duet

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Pastor Jim Rowell

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



Our closing hymn's lyrics came from the pen of a 20-year-old, who wrote these words after a long period of deprivation and unemployment. The hymn was written in thanksgiving to God for employment that he finally secured with the help of a pastor friend.

Worship Assistants

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

Sunday, January 26th:

Liturgist: Jim Taylor
 Counters: Bruce Hurley, Liz Harris
 Ushers: Robert & Kitsie Miller
 Greeters: Myrna Gause, Patty Mullins
 Children's Message: Mary Dempster
 Children's Corner: Mary Johnson
 Congregational Mtg. Moderator: Pastor Jim Rowell

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 19:

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.
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution
 6:00 pm - Churchwide Fellowship "Breakfast for Supper"

Monday, January 20: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 12:00 pm - Ladies' Luncheon
 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Session 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, January 21:

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

Wednesday, January 22:

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 23:

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

Friday, January 24: Office Closed

6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm - Liberty Church Revival Meeting
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Saturday, January 25:

9:00 am - Session Retreat
 10:00 am - Soup Kitchen at Centennial ARP Church



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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:

Ed Keelen
 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
 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:

****There will be a CONGREGATIONAL MEETING following worship next week.** The 2 purposes of the meeting will be to elect our nominating committee and to present the 2024 annual report. All members are encouraged to attend in person if possible.**

- 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!

- JANUARY IS OUR **FAMILY PROMISE** HOST MONTH. Family Promise serves families experiencing homelessness. SOPC hosted a basketball camp for Family Promise/SOPC kids yesterday led by the fantastic White Knoll Middle School basketball team and coaches. We 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,) are currently studying the Gospel of John. All adults of the church --and friends-- are welcome to join us!

- **TONIGHT at 6 pm is our Churchwide Fellowship Supper!** 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** are invited to join their church family tonight at the Fellowship Supper!

- **Our Ladies' Luncheon** will be held at BJ's Restaurant on Harbison Blvd. TOMORROW 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:** 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.

