

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Bruce C Hurley

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

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

MESSAGE

*Holy Diversity*

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](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 #546

*Lord, Dismiss Us*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Elder Bruce C Hurley

\*POSTLUDE

*Praise To God, Immortal Praise*

Douglas Wagner

*Members of SOPC, please remain in the pews after the Postlude for our Congregational Meeting. The 2 purposes of our meeting are to present the 2024 Annual Report and to elect our Officer Nominating Committee for 2025.*

*Our Minute for Mission Speaker, Terri D. Pope, from Family Promise of the Midlands:*

I was born and raised in SC. I have a Masters of Social Work from USC. I have been working with Family Promise for 4 years. Previously, I worked at DSS with older youth preparing to graduate from foster care into independence. I love working with FP because we help families and I truly believe in our motto, "Every child deserves a home."

*Terri D. Pope, MSW*

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



**Welcome!**

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**January 26, 2025**

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Family Promise of the Midlands

Terri D. Pope

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

*God of Grace, and God of Glory*

Hudson / arr. Carolyn Hamlin

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

One: We praise you, God, for the diversity of your body.

**All: By God's Spirit, we are one.**

One: From Diverse backgrounds and diverse places,

**All: by God's Spirit, we are one.**

One: From diverse cultures and diverse generations,

**All: by God's Spirit, we are one.**

One: From diverse questions and diverse dreams,

**All: by God's Spirit, we are one.**

One: We celebrate our diversity. We celebrate our unity.

**All: By God's Spirit, we are one. Hallelujah!**

\*OPENING HYMN #33

*Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Jim Taylor

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we have wandered from your light. We follow paths of self-indulgence instead of focusing on our need for you. We passively accept the suffering of the world, expecting others to stand up and work for the change we would like to see. Lord, in your strength, renew us and compel us by your Spirit that we may work to pursue your justice and mercy for all people, sharing your light in ways great and small. Amen.**

\*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: May the God of mercy, the Lord of strength, forgive us of all our sins, and may the Holy Spirit keep us in new life.

**All: Amen!**

\*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

Mary Dempster

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

*Guide Us, Lord*  
Chancel Choir

Mark Patterson



Our opening hymn's lyrics are a setting of Psalm 150, whose closing verse commands everything that has breath to praise the Lord!



### Worship Assistants

#### 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

#### Sunday, February 2nd:

Liturgist: Bruce Hurley  
Counters: Kathy Keane, Jeanne LeBoeuf  
Usher: Mary Johnson  
Greeters: Jeanne LeBoeuf, Sue Kesterson  
Children's Message: Bruce Hurley  
Children's Corner: Kathy Keane  
Communion Preparation: Mary Johnson  
Communion Servers: Banks Robinson, Liz Harris, Kathy Keane, 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

### OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday; 10 am - 2 pm

#### Sunday, January 26:

9:00 am - 11:00 am - The Well Church  
9:45 am - Choir Rehearsal & 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.  
12:00 pm - Congregational Meeting  
3:00 pm - Clothing Closet Opens  
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution

#### Monday, January 27:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Worship Ministry Meeting  
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 28:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
11:00 am - Staff Meeting  
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 29:

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 30:

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 31: Office Closed

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

#### Saturday, February 1:



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**February 7:** Lifeline Screenings at SOPC

**Fall:** Confirmation Class

**November 18:** SOPC will host the stated meeting of Trinity Presbytery...volunteers needed!

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:

Melanie Mason & Father, Gary Mason  
Ed Keelen  
Patty Mullins  
Annie Moffatt & Jimmy Revell  
Donna Moore  
Aletha Robinson  
Sandra Johnson & Mother, Mary Johnson  
John Carter  
Alene Rogers  
Janet Jordan & Family  
Jane Blackwell  
Al & Margaret Charles  
Fran & Jeffrey Brannon  
Kynslee Davis  
SOPC's Homebound Members  
Dave Hiers  
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  
Charlaine Pilkington  
Virginia Martinez  
Nancy Humphreys  
Jim Wilhide  
Ira Leon

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**\*\*There will be a CONGREGATIONAL MEETING following worship today.** 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 stay.\*\*

- 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.
- Bruce C Hurley will begin leading a 6-lesson **Bible study on Thursday, February 13th**, at 5 pm in the Crossroads Classroom. The study is based on Dr. Bruce Metzger's **Revelation: A Symphony in Six Movements** and will meet each Thursday evening following. Please contact Bruce or the church office to sign up to attend...or put your name and contact information on the sign-up clipboard in the narthex.
- JANUARY IS OUR **FAMILY PROMISE** HOST MONTH. Family Promise serves families experiencing homelessness. SOPC hosted a basketball clinic for Family Promise/SOPC kids on the 18th led by the fantastic White Knoll Middle School basketball team and coaches. Monetary donations and donations of toilet paper, paper towels, and fragrance-free laundry detergent are appreciated as well. Contact Tish Lowe for information...OR contact Terri Pope, our MFM speaker today, directly.
- **Our Thursday morning Bible Study** was canceled due to snow this past Thursday (1/23rd) but will resume next Thursday (1/30th) at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Classroom with Pastor Jim leading the class in lecture and discussion on the book of 1 John.
- Our Dinners of 6, Movie & a Meal, and Small Town Adventures **Small Groups** will be gearing back up soon! Please contact Kathy Keane for more 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!

• **Our Youth** went to Generations Assisted Living Facility yesterday to play Bingo with the residents in place of their regular Sunday night meeting.

• **Our next Ladies' Luncheon** will be held at California Dreaming (401 Main St., Columbia) on February 17th at noon. Please notify Margaret Royals if you plan to attend. 803-957-0430; mroyals052@gmail.com. Thanks!

• **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 pm on February 27th. 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 highest 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.

