

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

Mary Dempster

MUSICAL SELECTION

*Be Thou My Vision*  
4-Hand Piano

Joel Rainey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 35:3-7; John 4:1-6, 7:37-38*

One: The Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

*Hope in Living Water*

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 #375

*Shall We Gather At the River*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Jim Rowell

\*POSTLUDE

*He Who Will Suffer God To Guide Him*

J.S. Bach



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

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STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Gilbert Martin

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

*Zechariah 14:8-9*

Abby Dempster

One: On that day living waters shall flow out of Jerusalem,

All: **Half of them to the eastern sea,**

One: And half of them to western sea;

All: **It shall continue in summer and in winter.**

One: And the Lord will become king over all the earth;

All: **On that day the Lord will be one and his name one. Praise be to God!**

\*OPENING HYMN #610

*O For a Thousand Tongues*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Bruce C Hurley

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hadessah Wright

One: The Good Shepherd calls to us.

All: **We know our shepherd's voice, but fail to heed it.**

One: Merciful God, to walk paths of righteousness and enjoy your life abundant, we must follow you in trust and obedience.

All: **Though you beckon us, we go our own way. Though you defend us, we are filled with fear.**

One: You spread the table before us. Our cup overflows.

All: **We judge those whom with we are seated. We worry there will not be enough.**

One: In your mercy, forgive us, Lord. Take us by the hand, and guide us in your ways.

All: **Help us to rest in your company, and there learn to be grateful and generous. Amen.**

\*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Belonging to God: A First Catechism – Q 4 & 5*

Elder Bruce C Hurley

One: Don't you have to be good for God to love you?

All: **No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.**

One: How do you thank God for this gift of love?

All: **I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.**

\*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.**



The closing hymn comes from the hand of Robert Lowry, an American poet and gospel music composer. The lyrics reference the themes in Revelation 22:1-2. The words also remind us of Acts 16:13, where Paul spoke with Lydia and the women gathered at the river outside the city of Phillipi.

### Worship Assistants

#### Sunday, February 23rd:

Liturgist: Bruce C Hurley  
 Counters: Jim & Elizabeth Taylor  
 Ushers: Robert & Kitsie Miller  
 Greeters: Jim Wilhide & John Carter  
 Children's Message: Mary Dempster  
 Children's Corner: Mary Dempster

#### Sunday, March 2nd:

Liturgist: Bruce C Hurley  
 Counters: Sharon Watkins, Jim Wilhide  
 Usher: Mary Johnson  
 Greeters: Janice Reiser, Mary Dempster  
 Children's Message: Bruce C Hurley  
 Children's Corner: Kathy Keane  
 Communion Preparation: Sue & Ron Kesterson  
 Communion Servers: Pastor Jim Rowell, Bruce C Hurley, Jeanne LeBoeuf, Liz Harris, Kathy Keane



### 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, February 23:

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.  
 3:00 pm - Clothing Closet Opens  
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution  
 5:30 pm - Youth at Westminster PC

#### Monday, February 24:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
 6:30 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, February 25:

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 Cristiana Elim Int'l.

#### Wednesday, February 26:

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

#### Thursday, February 27:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
 10:30 am - 12:00 pm - 1 John Bible Study  
 1:30 pm - Book Group  
 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm - Live Oak Counseling  
 5:00 pm - Revelation Bible Study  
 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church

#### Friday, February 28:

**CWU Annual Meeting & Luncheon**  
 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, March 1:



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**March 5:** Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday Service at 5:30 pm.

**March 9 - April 6:** Easter Lily Orders

**April 17:** Maundy Thursday Communion Service

**April 20:** Easter Sunday!

**November 18:** SOPC will host the 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:

Bruce Hurley  
 Mary Dempster  
 Melanie Mason & Father, Gary Mason  
 Ed Keelen  
 Patty Mullins  
 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  
 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:

- 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.
- Ladies of SOPC**, please consider joining your Sisters in Christ @ the **CWU Annual Meeting, Friday, February 28** @ Brookland Baptist Conference Ctr on Hwy 378. Send your check to Pat Gilyard, 2801 Wales Rd, Columbia 29223 in the amount of \$30 and join us @ 10:30 for registration & fellowship, then lunch @ 11:00 am. Also ladies, mark your calendar for **Friday, March 7 as SOPC will host CWU for the World Day of Prayer** gathering in the Fellowship Hall @ 10:30 and join the worship service in the sanctuary @ 11:00 am. No cost for the day, although there will be an offering collected.
- Bruce C Hurley will continue leading a 6-lesson **Bible study on Thursday, February 27**, at 5 pm in the Fellowship Classroom. The study is based on Dr. Bruce Metzger's **Revelation: A Symphony in Six Movements** and will meet each Thursday evening following.
- Our 1 John Bible study**, led by Pastor Jim, continues to meet on Thursday mornings at 10:30 in the Fellowship Classroom.
- Our Youth** would like to thank everyone who participated in the churchwide Fellowship Supper & Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser last week! **If you were unable to make it to the fundraiser supper but would like to contribute** to the youth's efforts, feel free to place a donation, marked for the youth, in the offering baskets. Or you can always give via www.sopc.net or hand your donations directly to Sharon Staton, our Volunteer Financial Coordinator. **Tonight, we will meet at 5:30 pm at Westminster PC** for a lesson & faith-filled fellowship, fun, food, and to finalize our calendar of upcoming events!
- Our Fellowship & Roads To Faith Adult Sunday School classes**, (who are currently meeting together,) are studying the Gospel of John. All adults of the church--and friends--are welcome to join us!
- SOPC BOOK GROUP** is meeting again! We'd love for you to join us and determine what books we will read! 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 THIS THURSDAY, 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.
- Be sure to read our new **Leaflet mini-newsletter via email each week!**
- We will hold an **Ash Wednesday** service on March 5th at 5:30 pm. Please use the enclosed flyer to invite a friend!
- If you would like to **volunteer in the sanctuary's sound booth** occasionally, please contact the church office. Training provided!
- Our **2025 Elder Nominating Committee** is: Liz Harris, Chair; Jeanne LeBoeuf, Vice-Chair; Cathy Keelen; Frank Sheppard; and Jim Taylor, with Julie Bussells representing SOPW. **Nomination forms** are available in the narthex, in this bulletin, and from the church office. What faithful disciples at SOPC do you know who would make great Elders and additions to our Session?
- If you have **drink cans' pop-tops** that you have been collecting, Annah would be happy to deliver them to **Ronald McDonald House** charities periodically.
- Blessing Box Pantry:** If you are at the store and would like to augment our pantry with **pop-tarts**, those are currently in highest demand and lowest in stock.
- So far, we have collected **125 POUNDS** of used crayons that will be sorted, melted down, and made into new, ergonomic, free crayons for pediatric hospital patients. Thank you!