

MUSICAL SELECTION

Come To the Water
Chancel Choir

arr. Anna Laura Page

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 119:101-105, 127-128; Matthew 11:28-29

One: The Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

They Were Not Wandering

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.**

*The youth will collect our annual Soup-er Bowl of Caring offering to help
"tackle hunger" in our community immediately following worship.*

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: from *A Declaration of Faith* Chapter 1; *The Living God*—II.1-19.34-43

We believe in one true and living God. We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve and love. God is greater than our understanding. We do not fully comprehend who God is or how he works. God's reality far exceeds all our words can say. The Lord's requirements are not always what we think is best. The Lord's care for us is not always what we want. God comes to us on his own terms and is able to do far more than we ask or think. God makes himself known in Jesus Christ. Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement. His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion. His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand. His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness. Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love.

God is at work beyond our story. We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works his sovereign will among all people of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe. We acknowledge no other God. We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God.

*CLOSING HYMN #701

Lord, Prepare Me (sung twice)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Jim Rowell

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune on "Lyons"

Stephen Aber

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



Welcome!

**SEVEN OAKS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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February 9, 2025
5th Sunday After Epiphany

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

MINUTE FOR MISSION

M.O.R.E. Justice

Lizzy Van Harn

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Scouts' Sunday

Troop 91

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Soup-er Bowl of Caring

SOPC Youth

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Trust and Obey

Charles Callahan

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

One: When God comes, faithful love and truth will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss.

All: **When God comes, truth will spring up from the ground and righteousness will look down from heaven. Come, O Lord, and live among us!**

*OPENING HYMNS #459 & 458 *O Word of God Incarnate* followed by *Thy Word*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, Jesus has told us that our lives are made whole by loving you and loving our neighbors. We confess that love is hard for us. We are too selfish, too pessimistic, too hollow, too hardened, or just too tired to give ourselves to love's demands. So we make excuses, take shortcuts, and seek our own pleasure. Now we find ourselves far away from abundant life. Help us make our way back to you. Forgive our sins, and direct our hearts that we may find the strength to meet love's demands and the grace to receive love's gifts. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose love has no boundary. Amen.

*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: I John 4:9-10 (CEB)

One: This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him.

All: **This is love: it is not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins. God's love saves 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

Troop 91 & 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.



The choir's anthem combines a traditional hymntune with new lyrics inviting us to come to God, and receive the touch of His grace and renewing Spirit. Our opening hymns give praise to Jesus Christ, who is the source of light that helps us chart our way through life, and then calls us to walk in the way of God's Word. The postlude is based on the hymntune *Lyons*, which is best known as *O Worship the King*.

Worship Assistants

Sunday, February 9th:

Liturgist: Bruce C Hurley
 Counters: Ron Kesterson, Kitsie Miller
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Carol Griffith, Sue Kesterson
 Children's Message: Troop 91 & Pastor Jim Rowell
 Children's Corner: Marion Watson-Wishart

Sunday, February 16th:

Liturgist: Bruce C Hurley
 Counters: Banks & Polly Robinson
 Usher: John Carter
 Greeters: Robert & Kitsie Miller
 Children's Message: Annie Moffatt
 Children's Corner: Emalee Dillard



Church Staff

Interim Minister: Pastor Jim Rowell; jim@sopc.net
Director of Music Ministry: Dr. Lloyd Pilkington
Office Administrator: Mrs. Annah G. Hiers; socp@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 9: Scout Sunday; Soup-er Bowl of Caring

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.
 12:00 pm - Good News Ministry Meeting
 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - M.O.R.E. Justice 2025 Kick-off
 3:00 pm - Clothing Closet opens
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution
 5:00 pm - Youth Super Bowl Party at The Bussells' House

Monday, February 10:

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, February 11:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - DHEC
 11:00 am - Staff Meeting
 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Rachel Circle
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Missions Ministry Meeting
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristian Elim Int'l.

Wednesday, February 12:

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

Thursday, February 13:

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

Friday, February 14: Office Closed; Valentine's Day

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 15: Office Closed

Trinity Presbytery Meeting at Eastminster PCUSA



UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 5: Ash Wednesday Service at 5:30 pm.
April 17: Maundy Thursday Communion Service
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:

Mary Dempster
 Kelvin Murrell
 Melanie Mason & Father, Gary Mason
 Ed Keelen
 Patty Mullins
 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 & Elaine 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
 Charlene Pilkington
 Virginia Martinez
 Nancy Humphreys
 Jim Wilhide
 Ira Leon

Announcements:

- Let's get ready for a kick-off! Please join us in welcoming Lizzy Van Harn to worship with us today. **M.O.R.E. Justice 2025 Kick-Off** will be after worship in the fellowship classroom. Anyone interested please join us for great information and refreshments!
- It's Scout Sunday!** Please take a moment to let the members and leaders of our beloved Troop 91 here with us today know how glad we are to be their host church!
- 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. **IF YOU ARE COMING TO THE 1ST MEETING THIS WEEK, PLEASE READ CHAPTER 1 OF REVELATION TO PREPARE.**
- Sunday, February 16th, will be our next churchwide Fellowship Supper** at 6 pm! It will be a **spaghetti dinner and fundraiser for our youth ministry**. Come join us for an *"Italian Valentine's"* theme. All donations over covering the cost of the food will go toward sending our youth to summer camp and their various mission projects. Please give as generously as possible at the door.
- Consider signing up for our **Small Groups**: "Dinners of 6" "Movie & a Meal" and "Small Town Adventures!" See the table in the narthex for more information. Those who have already signed up do not need to do so again.
- 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!
- Our Youth** are collecting our annual Soup-er Bowl of Caring offering immediately following worship today to help "tackle hunger" in our community! Please give as your are able and feel led. **Later today**, the youth will meet at 5 pm at the Bussells' house for a Super Bowl party and to make Valentine's for some very special church members.
- 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.
- Be sure to read our new **Leaflet mini-newsletter via email each week!**
- 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 or small jars/pouches of peanut butter**, 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. **Since 2013, The Crayon Initiative has saved 432,00 pounds of crayons from landfills, and this quarter, they will give out their one millionth pack of crayons!**

