

MUSICAL SELECTION *Lift High the Name of Jesus* Keith & Kristyn Getty
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE *Luke 9:28-36*
One: The Word of the Lord!
All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE *A Communication Problem?*

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.**

*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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Pastor Jim Rowell

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Elder Bruce C Hurley
One: Lift up your hearts!
All: **We lift them up to the Lord!**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**
One: Let us pray to the Lord.

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION Pastor Jim Rowell / Elder Bruce C Hurley

*ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT
COMMUNION HYMN #525: *Let Us Break Bread Together*
verse 1 (Sing prior to eating the bread.)
verse 2 (Sing prior to drinking the cup.)
verse 3 (Sing after drinking the cup.)

PRAYER Pastor Jim Rowell

*CLOSING HYMN #192 *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Pastor Jim Rowell

*POSTLUDE *The Church's One Foundation* arr. David Cherwien

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March 2, 2025
Transfiguration of the Lord

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE *Speak, Lord, In the Stillness* Penny Rodriguez

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS Elder Bruce C Hurley
One: May this time of worship be for each of us a mountaintop experience in which we behold the glory of the Lord.
All: **Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. Come in today; come in to stay.**
One: Remember, when we come down from the mountain the world and all its problems await us.
All: **May we be so inspired and strengthened by this worship experience that we will go from this place to serve our Lord by ministering to his people. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN #156 *Sing of God Made Manifest*

*CALL TO CONFESSION Elder Bruce C Hurley

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
O God, when we should be praying, our minds and spirits are often sleeping. We know that when this happens, we are out of touch with you and cannot hear you speaking to us. Keep us alert at all times, O Lord, that we may be led by you in the way you would have us go. Lord Jesus, like those disciples who went with you to the mountaintop, we wish we could dwell with you in the euphoria of this experience forever. May we use this time together to renew our faith that you are with us wherever we go and to become so filled with your Holy Spirit that everywhere we go, people will know we have been with the Lord. Amen.

*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
One: In Christ, God offers us the Cup of Salvation and welcomes us into his family.
All: **This gift of grace and reconciliation is from God! We accept your gift, Oh God, and will live in gratitude! Praise 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 Elder Bruce C Hurley
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.

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

To All of My Friends and Church Family,
I want to thank each and every one of you who reached out to me during my recent recovery! I appreciate the meals, gift cards, and lunch dates as well as the phone calls, get-well cards, and words of encouragement.
I feel so blessed to be surrounded by so many caring people. It means so much to have such good friends who you know you can depend on in times of need. Thank you again.
Love, Patty Mullins

Music Notes:

The Prelude includes the hymn, *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak.*

Worship Assistants

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
Sunday, March 9th:
Liturgist: Bruce C Hurley
Counters: Julie Bussells, John Carter
Usher: Ron Kesterson
Greeters: Jim & Elizabeth Taylor
Children's Message: Pastor Jim Rowell
Children's Corner: Dallene Smith

Church Staff

Interim Minister: Pastor Jim Rowell;
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Accompanist: Elder Sharon Watkins
Building Superintendent: Mr. Karl Thompson
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Elder Sharon Staton; sharon@sopc.net
Nursery Coordinator: Mrs. Amy Schwartz



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

Sunday, March 2: Transfiguration of the Lord; Communion
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
5:30 pm - Youth at SOPC
Monday, March 3:
8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
4:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Cub Scouts & Troop 91 Together
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Admin. Ministry Meeting
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Worship Ministry Meeting
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Tuesday, March 4: Shrove Tuesday / Mardi Gras
8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
11:00 am - Staff Meeting
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm - PW Coordinating Team Meeting
6:00 pm - Yoga
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Missions Ministry Meeting
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Wednesday, March 5: Ash Wednesday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
5:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Worship Service
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, March 6:
8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
10:30 am - 12:00 pm - 1 John Bible Study
1:00 pm - Christian Education Ministry Meeting
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm - Live Oak Counseling
5:00 pm - Revelation Bible Study
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church

Friday, March 7: World Day of Prayer
6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group
8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
10:30 am - CWU World Day of Prayer Service
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Saturday, March 8: International Women's Day
9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Mary Kay Training
10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.



UPCOMING EVENTS:
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
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!
 - Ladies of SOPC**, mark your calendar for THIS **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.
 - Our next **churchwide Fellowship Meal** will be Sunday, March 16th--an Irish luncheon after worship! Come join the shenanigans!
 - Bruce C Hurley will continue leading a 6-lesson **Bible study on Thursday, March 6**, 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 Administrator. **Tonight, we will meet at 5:30 pm here at SOPC** for a lesson about Lent & faith-filled fellowship, fun, and a pancake supper!
 - The SOPC **Ladies Luncheon** will be held the third Monday of March, which is March 17th, at the Olive Garden on Harbison Blvd. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals at 803 608 1434 or mroyals052@gmail.com.
 - 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 in the Fellowship Classroom on Sunday mornings at 9:45!
 - Be sure to read our **Leaflet mini-newsletter via email each week!**
 - We will hold an **Ash Wednesday** service THIS WEDNESDAY, 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 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 **cans' pop-tops** that you have been collecting, Annah would be happy to deliver them to **Ronald McDonald House** periodically.
 - 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 via www.thecrayoninitiative.org. Thank you!
 - The church will be taking **orders for Easter Lilies March 9 - April 6**. They will be \$16 each this year.
 - Save the Date: April 10th will be **Family Promise of the Midlands' annual Night of Promise Gala**. You can purchase tickets by visiting: https://familypromisemidlands.org/events/ .
 - Our **Small Town Adventures** group traveled to Summerville, SC on Wednesday. Contact Julie or Ernie Bussells if you would like to join the next outing!