

MUSICAL SELECTION

Come, Ye Sinners
Chancel Choir

Kathryn Bonner

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:1-11; Luke 6:12-16

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

MESSAGE

When the Rabbi says, "Come!"

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 #169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Jim Rowell

*POSTLUDE

Chromatic Fugue

Johann Pachelbel



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Welcome!

SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 9, 2025 1st Sunday in Lent



STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

Albert Zabel

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

One: We gather in worship to refocus our vision and realign our hearts, so that we can worship God.
All: **We live by faith and not by sight. Holy God, accept our worship and praise.**

*OPENING HYMN #618

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Bruce C Hurley

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you beckon us to take refuge in you, trusting you to preserve us from trouble. You call us to service, and instead, we hide from you not wanting you to see our ingratitude, our guilt—the sinfulness that drives us to choose lack of service over serving you. We wander from your ways and disregard your love. We get lazy in our service to you. Instill in us a hunger for service so that we will heed your call. Forgive us, we pray. Surround us with the abundance of your grace and the free gift of righteousness, so that we may be happy, hidden in you. Amen.

*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In Christ, God destroyed the record of the debt we owed, and cancelled it by nailing it to the cross.
All: **This gift of grace and reconciliation is from God! We accept it, and we are grateful!**

*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

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.

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



The choir's anthem is based on a spiritual tune, whose lyrics echo Jesus' invitation in Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to me, all that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Worship Assistants

Sunday, March 9th:

Liturgist: Bruce C Hurley
 Counters: Julie Bussells, Carol Griffith
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Jim & Elizabeth Taylor
 Children's Message: Pastor Jim Rowell
 Children's Corner: Kathy Keane

Sunday, March 16th:

Liturgist: Bruce C Hurley
 Counters: Carol Griffith, Mary Johnson
 Usher: John Carter
 Greeters: Tom & Betty Shuler
 Children's Message: Annie Moffatt
 Children's Corner: Tracey Wilkes

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, March 9: Clocks Spring Forward 1 Hour; Office Closed

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.
 12:15 pm - Good News Ministry Meeting
 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm - The Well Church
 3:00 pm - Clothing Closet Opens
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution
 5:30 pm - Youth at SOPC

Monday, March 10:

Peaceful Gatherings Nature School Week Off
 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, March 11:

Peaceful Gatherings Nature School Week Off
 11:00 am - Staff Meeting
 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Rachel Circle
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Wednesday, March 12:

Peaceful Gatherings Nature School Week Off
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, March 13:

Peaceful Gatherings Nature School Week Off
 10:30 am - 12:00 pm - 1 John Bible Study
 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 14: Office Closed

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

Saturday, March 15: Office Closed

8:00 am - 6:00 pm Scout Events



UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 9: Last Sunday to Order Easter Lilies

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:

Bill & Karin Salter in the loss of his brother, James Salter

Bruce Hurley
 Mary Dempster
 Melanie Mason & Father, Gary Mason
 Ed Keelen
 Donna Moore
 Aletha Robinson
 Sandra Johnson's 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
 Charlene 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**, 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 am and join us for the worship service in the sanctuary @ 11:00 am. There is 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 13**, 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 will meet tonight at 5:30, here at SOPC** for food, fun, fellowship, and a lesson about "planting seeds," / Lent! If you would like more information about our youth ministry, please contact Julie Bussells at 803-622-9509.
- 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!**
- 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. A copy of the order form is included in this bulletin.
- 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 and had lots of fun! Contact Julie or Ernie Bussells if you would like to join the next outing!
- Our **SOPC Book Group** is back in full swing. They meet the last Thursday of each month. If you have questions about this month's book or about what their gatherings are like, please contact Kitsie Miller at 803-463-6958.
- If you would like to **volunteer in the sanctuary's sound booth** occasionally, please contact the church office. Training provided!

