

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE

John 12:1-11, 20-36

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

MESSAGE

Seeking Before Hiding

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.**

MUSICAL SELECTION

O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Organ

arr. Mark Hayes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Elder Bruce C Hurley

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.)

*CLOSING HYMN #175

Seek Ye First

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Jim Rowell

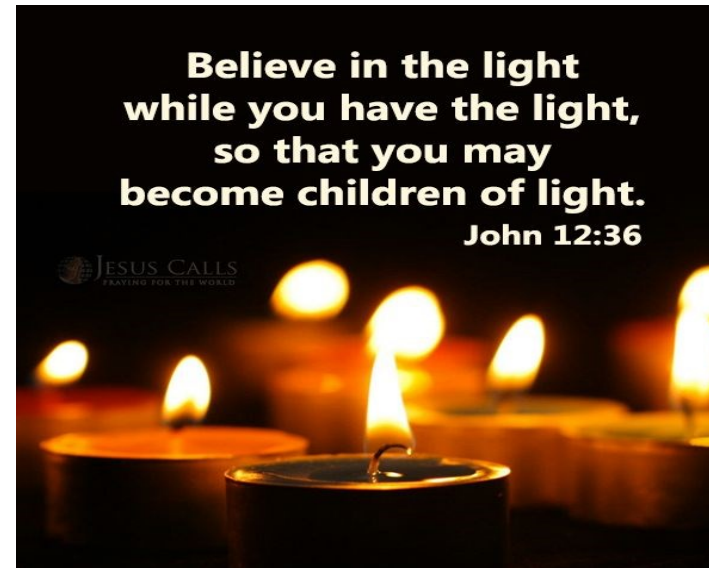
*POSTLUDE

Pipings

James Southbridge

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Welcome!

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April 6, 2025
5th Sunday in Lent

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Bruce C Hurley

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Ruth Elaine Schram

*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 HYMN #630

Fairest Lord Jesus

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Bruce C Hurley

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: from the *Book of Common Worship*—p. 236
God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and as great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Not because of who we are, but because of who God is, and not because of what we have done, but because of what God has done in Christ, our sin is forgiven!
All: **Not because we are able, but because God has sent the power of the Holy Spirit upon us, we are able to live as disciples of Christ; free, forgiven and renewed! Thanks 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.

MUSICAL SELECTION

Man of Sorrows, What a Name

arr. Brad Nix

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



The choir's anthem includes a Latin phrase, *Kyrie eleison*, which means, *Lord, have mercy on us*. The phrase represents an important prayer commonly used in the liturgy of Christian worship. The lyrics to *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* were written by Samuel Trevor Francis, who after contemplating suicide had a renewal of his faith, and went on to author many poems and hymns.

Worship Assistants

Sunday, April 6th:

Liturgist: Bruce C Hurley
 Counters: Ron Kesterson, Kitsie Miller
 Usher: Mary Johnson
 Greeters: Carol Griffith, Brenda Turner
 Children's Message: Bruce C Hurley
 Children's Corner: Marion Watson-Wishart
 Communion Preparation: Kitsie & Robert Miller
 Communion Servers: Pastor Jim Rowell, Bruce C Hurley, Kitsie Miller, John Carter
Sunday, April 13th: Palm Sunday
 Liturgist: Bruce C Hurley
 Counters: Banks & Polly Robinson
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Robert & Kitsie Miller
 Children's Message: Pastor Jim Rowell
 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; 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, April 6: Office Closed; Communion

9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages
 9:45 am - Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - The Well Church
 11:00 am - Worship
 11:00 am - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.
 12:00 pm - Congregational Meeting
 3:00 pm - Clothing Closet Opens Prior to Love Revolution
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution
 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Youth at SOPC

Monday, April 7:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 5:30 pm - Admin. Ministry Meeting
 6:30 pm - Fellowship Ministry 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, April 8:

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

Wednesday, April 9: Small Town Adventures to Lake City!

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

Thursday, April 10: Family Promise Gala

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

Friday, April 11: Office Closed

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, April 12:

10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.
 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Rowell Family Gathering in Pavilion

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 13: Palm Sunday - Hosanna!

April 17: Maundy Thursday Prayer Stations, Communion Service, & Light Meal

April 20: Easter Sunday - Alleluia!; One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

May 11: Mothers' Day Offering for PCSC

May 13: PW Birthday Dinner

May 18: PW Honorary Life Member Presentation

June 8: Pentecost

June 15: Fathers' Day Offering for Migrant Ministry

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.



Parents of Young Children: Please grab a "Wiggle Bag" from the Narthex / lobby before worship starts and remember that the little ones go to the Children's Corner after the Children's Message during the service. Thanks!



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:

God's Direction for SOPC & Our Steering Committee
 Our Officer Nominating Committee

Tara Whitfield's Mother, Beneva
 The Family of Jane Norris
 Bruce Hurley
 Jimmy Revell & Annie Moffatt
 Mary Dempster
 Melanie Mason & Father, Gary Mason

Ed Keelen
 Donna Moore
 Aletha Robinson
 Sandra Johnson & family
 John Carter
 Brenda Turner
 Alene & Vern Rogers
 Janet Jordan & Family
 Jane Blackwell
 Al & Margaret Charles
 Fran & Jeffrey Brannon

Kynslee Davis
 SOPC's Homebound Members
 The People of Ukraine
 Aleksey & Liidia Bazan

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 TODAY following the worship service for the purpose of hearing a report from the Officer Nominating Committee and voting on the slate of nominees.
- Our next Churchwide Fellowship Meal will be an Easter Sunday BREKAFAST on April 20th at 9 am.
- 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.
- The Missions ministry needs you! Each year, we partner with Migrant Ministries to help provide a meal for migrant workers in the Ridge Spring area. One Tuesday in the summer, we prepare a supper, take it to the camp, and serve it to the workers. We need volunteers willing to assist with meal preparation, delivery, set up, and serving. Possible dates for us to choose from are: July 1, July 8, July 22, and August 5. If you are available and willing, please contact Jim Taylor at 803-960-2956. We need to commit to a date as soon as possible. Thank you!
- 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 gather here at SOPC at 5:30 pm today. If you would like more information about our youth ministry, please contact Julie Bussells at 803-622-9509.
- Our Small Town Adventures group will be heading to Lake City, SC THIS Wednesday, April 9th. Contact Julie or Ernie Bussells if you are not on their list of "Adventurers" and would like to attend! All are welcome!
- Our next Ladies Luncheon will be Monday, April 21st, at noon at Tupelo Honey, 2138 Pickens Street, Columbia. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals at 803-608-1434, 803-957-0430 or mroyals052@gmail.com. Thanks.
- 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!
- Our SOPC BOOK GROUP is reading *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi in April and meeting to discuss it on Thursday, April 24th at 1:30 pm at Snow's Ice Cream. The group would love to greet new faces! Contact Kitsie Miller, 803-463-6958, if you plan to attend or would like more information.
- TODAY is the last day to order Easter Lilies in honor and/or in memory of loved ones to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. They are \$16 each. A copy of the order form is included in this bulletin.
- THIS THURSDAY, April 10th, is the Family Promise of the Midlands' annual Night of Promise Gala with guest speaker, Craig Melvin. You can purchase tickets by visiting: <https://familypromisemidlands.org/events/>.
- Our SOPW will host the ladies from other local Presbyterian churches and from Presbyterian Communities on Tuesday, May 13th at 6 pm for the annual PW Birthday Dinner. This year's speakers will be from Love Revolution and from Columbia Rapid Shelter. Join us for a garden party!
- If you would like to volunteer in the sanctuary's sound booth occasionally, please contact the church office. Training provided!

