

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE

John 21:15-25

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

MESSAGE

*Do You Love Me?*

RESPONDING IN FAITH

OFFERING

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.**

\*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

COMMUNION HYMN #525

*Let Us Break Bread Together* (verses 1 & 2)

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

\*ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

COMMUNION HYMN #525

*Let Us Break Bread Together* (verse 3)

PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #238

*Thine Is the Glory*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

James Mansfield

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

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**Welcome!**

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**Sunday, May 4, 2025**  
3rd Sunday of Easter

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Ernie Bussells

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Communities*

Marion Watson-Wishart

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

*Jesus Lives and So Shall I*

Larry Shackley

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS: based on Psalm 30

Elder Ernie Bussells

One: You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
All: **You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,**  
One: That my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.  
All: **O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever**

\*OPENING HYMN #239

*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and loving God, we came to church this morning in order to worship you, but we have come ill-prepared. We are tired and stressed and distracted as we sit and try to listen. We can sit for hours in a movie theater but are restless in a church pew. We have not listened for your voice all week, but we are impatient that you do not speak to us in this hour we have set aside. We have not always done what is right, but we believe that our sin is hidden from your sight. We speak of loving you, but cannot bring ourselves to love our own family and friends. Look upon us with love and compassion. Do not hold our stubbornness and sin against us! Forgive our self-importance. May the meager acts of worship that we offer be made acceptable by your grace. Amen.**

\*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

MUSICAL SELECTION

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*  
Chancel Choir

Robert E. Kreutz





Many thanks to Dallene Smith who is accompanying the Chancel Choir today. The choir's anthem is based on hymn #523 whose refrain is, "You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat; come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat."



**OFFICE HOURS: M-Th; 10 am - 2 pm**

**Sunday, May 4: Communion; Office Closed**  
 9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages & 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.  
 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 "May the 4th Be With You" at Westminster PC

**Monday, May 5:**  
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Admin. Ministry Meeting  
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Troop 91 Court of Honor  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA  
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

**Tuesday, May 6:**  
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Staff Meeting  
 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm - PWCT  
 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, May 7:**  
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

**Thursday, May 8: Hannah Circle Mothers' Day Tea at PCSC**  
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm - Live Oak Counseling

**Friday, May 9: 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, May 10: Office Closed**  
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Troop 91 Annual Planning Meeting  
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- May 11:** Mothers' Day Offering for PCSC; Rev. Rachel Fitch
- May 13:** PW Birthday Dinner
- May 18:** PW Honorary Life Member Presentation & Fellowship Luncheon; Dr. Danny Murphy
- June 1:** Officer / Elder Installation in worship; Congregational Meeting to elect a PNC
- June 8:** Pentecost (Wear "fiery" colors if you'd like.)
- June 15:** Fathers' Day Offering for Migrant Ministry
- June 15-21:** Karl's vacation
- July 1:** Migrant Ministry Meal
- October 17-19:** PW Synod Triennial Gathering
- November 18:** SOPC will host the meeting of Trinity Presbytery...volunteers needed!

**Worship Assistants**

**Sunday, May 4th:**

Liturgist: Ernie Bussells  
 Counters: Julie Bussells, John Carter  
 Usher: Mary Johnson  
 Greeters: Jim & Elizabeth Taylor  
 Children's Message: Pastor Jim Rowell  
 Children's Corner: Dallene Smith  
 Communion Preparation: Kitsie & Robert Miller  
 Communion Servers: John Carter, Liz Harris, Kitsie Miller, Ernie Bussells

**Sunday, May 11th:**

Guest Preacher: Rev. Rachel Fitch  
 Counters: Carol Griffith, Mary Johnson  
 Usher: Ron Kesterson  
 Greeters: Tom & Betty Shuler  
 Children's Message: Rev. Rachel Fitch  
 Children's Corner: Marion Watson-Wishart

**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

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\*  
 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	Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz, Cuba
Carolyn Gillis	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk
Tara Whitfield's Mother,	(Missionaries)
Beneva Bruce Hurley	Those Less Fortunate
Jimmy Revell & Annie Moffatt	
Mary Dempster	<b>Those in Retirement</b>
Janet Jordan	<b>Communities, Assisted</b>
Melanie Mason & Family	<b>Living, &amp; Nursing Facilities:</b>
The Keelen Family	Nancy Taber
Donna Moore	Dave, Rich & Sam Allen
Aletha Robinson	Edith Blanchett
John Carter	Kathie Cashion
Brenda Turner	Barbara Fowler
Alene & Vern Rogers	Bobby Sellars
Jane Blackwell	Patricia Williams
Al & Margaret Charles	Barry Shatzer
Fran & Jeffrey Brannon	Mae Leviner
Kynslee Davis	Charlaine Pilkington
SOPC's Homebound Members	Virginia Martinez
The People of Ukraine	Nancy Humphreys
Aleksey & Liidia Bazan	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.
- Our next **churchwide fellowship meal** will be a luncheon after worship on Sunday, May 18th. Please plan to join us!
- **Ladies, the PW Synod Triennial Gathering will be October 17-19th this year at Epworth By The Sea**, St. Simon's Island. The theme is *Finding Our Joy*. Registration forms are available in the narthex. You can register online or via hard copy mail. More information and online registration can be found at <https://pwsosa.com>.
- **Volunteers Needed** in several key areas. **Training is provided** for each, and if multiple people volunteer, **the same person would not need to do it each week**. Please contact the church office for information regarding the following:
  1. We need folks to **stream our adult Sunday School meetings on Zoom** so that our homebound members and friends can participate. Contact Jeanne LeBoeuf, Banks Robinson or the church office.
  2. We need volunteers to **make our weekly announcements into slides each week to be projected before worship**.
  3. Would you like to learn to help in the **sanctuary's sound booth on Sunday's**? We need folks in case Karl is on vacation, etc.
  4. We are hosting the meeting of **Trinity Presbytery in November**. We need members to greet, register, feed, serve food, etc.
  5. 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 on July 1st. If you are available and willing, please contact Jim Taylor at 803-960-2956**. Thank you!
- **Our Youth will gather at Westminster PC tonight at 5:30 for a "May the 4th Be With You"** event. There will be fun, food, fellowship, and a devotional / Biblical lesson. Please feel free to contact Julie Bussells for more information about our active youth ministry: 803-622-9509.
- **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 and meeting to discuss it Thursday, May 29th 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.
- Our SOPC 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--Come Join the Garden Party, Ladies!**
- If you are already at the store and are able and feel led to pick up some **easy-prep canned items with pop-tops, our food pantry** could use them. For example: Chef Boyardee and non-condensed soups with pop tops. Many folks who are in need do not have can openers. We can always use **pop-tarts and/or individual-sized bottled waters**, too. Thanks!
- We are still collecting **discarded crayons & can's pop tops** in the church office for charity.