

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S CORNER

We invite children ages 4k - 4th grade to go to the Children's Corner at this time. 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.

MOMENT FOR SCOUTING

Jerry Hilbish, Scoutmaster & Troop 91

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Tish Lowe

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-12

Elder Tish Lowe

MUSICAL SELECTION

Joy In The Morning Shall Be Mine
Chancel Choir

Douglas Wagner

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:13-20

Rev. Alice Odell

One: The Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

When Salt Loses Its Flavor

Rev. Alice Odell

RESPONDING IN FAITH

HYMN #69

I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Confession of 1967*)

Rev. Alice Odell

We believe: The life, death, resurrection and promised coming of Jesus Christ have set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgement on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So, to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

Rev. Alice Odell

Tithes and offerings may be placed in the boxes with crosses at the main exit of the Narthex or given via www.sopc.net/giving.

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

Rev. Alice Odell

...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.

*HYMN #757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Alice Odell

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Rev. Alice Odell & Elder Frank Sheppard

*POSTLUDE

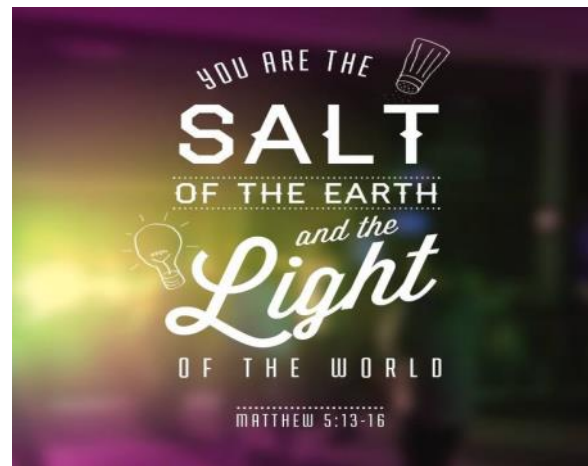
Postlude on "Ellacombe"

Jason Payne

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Welcome!

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Sunday, February 8, 2026
5th Sunday After Epiphany

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Tish Lowe

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Souper Bowl of Caring

The Youth of SOPC

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Limbaugh

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 112)

Elder Tish Lowe

One: People of God, praise the Lord!

All: **Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, those who greatly delight in his commandments.**

One: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

All: **Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.**

One: We who gather are broken yet holy; sinners at heart, yet fully redeemed. We are God's very own, called together here this day.

All: **Let us sing. Let us pray. Let us join together in worship. Praise the Lord!!**

*HYMN #395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Tish Lowe

The more we know God's holiness, the more we can sense our distance from our creator. The more we seek justice and faithful living, the more we understand our complicity in systems that oppress. With humble hearts, let us confess our brokenness, our selfishness, and our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Tish Lowe

Gracious God, we confess that it is harder to do than we expected, this life of faith. You call us to be salt of the earth and to live lives of justice and righteousness and love. But our lives become busy. Following what others do is just easier. And sometimes the cost for doing what is right seems too high. One day, perhaps, we will commit more fully, but the status quo works better for us right now.

Forgive us we pray. Startle our senses and disrupt our routines. Renew in us the passion for doing what is right in your eyes, and inspire us to be sources of your light in the world. May we, like the prophets and the saints, act by faith no matter how high the cost.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Tish Lowe

One: God, may our light shine forth. May we, through your grace and mercy, touch the troubled, heal the hurting, and make a difference in our troubled world. Through Christ, our sins are forgiven and we know new life.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*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.

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



Worship Assistants

Sunday, February 8th:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Alice Odell
 Liturgist: Tish Lowe
 Counters: Mary Johnson, Sharon Staton
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Janice Reiser & Sue Kesterson
 Children's Corner: Dallene Smith
 Announcement Slides: Mary Dempster

Sunday, February 15th:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Bob Brearley
 Liturgist: Jeanne LeBoeuf
 Counters: Ernie & Julie Bussells
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Patty Mullins, Betty Shuler
 Children's Corner: Kathy Keane
 Announcement Slides: Mary Dempster



Church Staff

We are praying for the person whom God is preparing and calling to be our new Pastor.

Director of Music Ministry: Dr. Lloyd Pilkington
Office Manager: Annah G. Hiers; sopc@sopc.net
Accompanist: Elder Sharon Watkins
Building Superintendent: Karl Thompson
Volunteer Financial Administrator:
 Elder Sharon Staton; sharon@sopc.net
Nursery Coordinator: Amy Schwartz

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

Sunday, February 8th: Scout Sunday; Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday; Congregational Meeting

9:45 am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 9:45 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School
 10:00 am - 3:00 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
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution
 4:30 pm - Confirmation Class at the Bussells'
 5:00 pm - Youth Group Super Bowl Party at the Bussells'

Monday, February 9th:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 7:00 pm - Troop 91
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Tuesday, February 10th:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 2:00 pm - Rachel Circle
 6:00 pm - Yoga
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Wednesday, February 11th:

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

Thursday, February 12th:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 5:00 pm - The Well Church
 5:30 pm - Hannah Circle

Friday, February 13th: 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, February 14th: Office Closed; Valentine's Day

10:00 am - GAI Sabbath Group
 10:00 am - Troop 91 Scouting for Food Sorting
 10:00 am - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.
 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Ladies' Hearts of Love Luncheon with Dawn Smith Jordan

Save the Date:

February 18: Ash Wednesday with Redeemer Lutheran &/or McGregor PC

February 22: First Sunday in Lent

February 23-27: Sanctuary Closed for Lighting Work

March 6: World Day of Prayer

March 8: Clocks Spring Forward an Hour

March 15: Deadline to Order Easter Lilies

March 21: Trinity Presbytery PW Annual Gathering with Rev. Brooklynn Smith at SOPC

March 29: Palm Sunday

April 2: Maundy Thursday

April 3: Good Friday

April 5: Easter Sunday

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 Musical Selection 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 2026:
 Liz Harris - Fellowship*
 Mary Johnson - Disciple Care*
 Kathy Keane - Christian Education*
 Banks Robinson - Buildings & Grounds*
Class of 2027:
 Jeanne LeBoeuf - Missions
 Kitsie Miller - Fellowship
 Elizabeth Taylor - Administration*
Class of 2028:
 Tish Lowe - Missions*
 Sharon Watkins - Worship*
Trustees: Carol Griffith, Molly Jackson, Robert Miller
Treasurer: Kathy Locklair
Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW):
 Julie Bussells*

In Our Prayers: God's Direction for SOPC Those Less Fortunate The Family of Alida Rawl Molly Jackson Myrna Gause Kirby Dempster Vicki Delesandro Asher Mellitz Jimmy Revell & Annie Moffatt Janet & Nealy Jordan Aletha & Derek Robinson John Carter Monroe Swearingen Al & Margaret Charles Fran & Jeffrey Brannon Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz, Cuba	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries) Those in Retirement Communities. Assisted Living, & Nursing Facilities: Dave, Rich & Sam Allen Edith Blanchett Kathie Cashion Barbara Fowler Bobby Sellars Barry Shatzer Charlaine Pilkington Virginia Martinez Jim Wilhide Ira Leon Willie Hale
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Announcements:

- TODAY we will have a congregational meeting immediately following worship for the purposes of: 1. electing an Elder Nominating Committee; 2. presenting the 2026 church budget; and 3. presenting the 2025 SOPC Annual Report.**
- We welcome our Troop 91** Scouts, leaders, and families to worship with us today, thank them for the lovely flowers in the sanctuary, and look forward to hearing from them during the worship service.
- Our Youth** will share a Minute for Mission with us today about the **Souper Bowl of Caring** and will be standing at the exits of the sanctuary with soup pots to collect monetary and non-perishable food donations to help **Tackle Hunger** in our area. Tonight, there will be a **youth Super Bowl Party at 5:00** at the Bussells' home.
- 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.
- All ladies and friends are invited to our February 14th PW ladies retreat which is a luncheon this year featuring Dawn Smith Jordan.** Seven Oaks PW is happy to give Dawn this opportunity to share her musical ministry and message to as many as possible! The cost for this event that includes lunch, is only \$20. You can RSVP and pay at the table in the narthex after worship **today**, at the church office, or through sopc.net/giving/. **There is a video from Dawn, sharing excitement about the event on our church's Facebook pages.**
- If anyone in our church family would benefit from **wheelchair service from the car into worship**, we would be happy to assist you! **When you arrive Sunday morning, have whoever is driving you enter the narthex and inform the usher that you are in the parking lot.** The usher will then bring a wheelchair out to your car to get you. The usher will also take you out to your car after worship. It is our pleasure to do this!
- Because we are in the process of searching for our new pastor at SOPC, we will not have an **Ash Wednesday** service here this year on 2/18/26. **However, we have been invited to participate with Redeemer Lutheran** (across the street from our church) **and/or McGregor PC** (toward Irmo on St. Andrews.) Redeemer Lutheran will have a drive-thru imposition of ashes and communion from 7:30 – 8:30 am, a 12:15 pm service, and a 7:00 pm service. McGregor PC will have a service at 6:00 pm.
- Are you like many who are cleaning out their house for the new year? When you get to your linen closets, please keep in mind that the **Hannah Circle is collecting new or gently used linens for Rapid Shelter.** They can use twin/full sheets, blankets, pillowcases, towels, etc.
- Please begin thinking about women in our congregation who are potential candidates for the PW Honorary Life Membership Award.** We will begin taking written recommendations starting next Sunday, February 15th.
- Our next churchwide Fellowship Luncheon will be NEXT SUNDAY, 2/15/26**, after worship in the Fellowship Hall. **The theme is Remembering Our Loved Ones, and the menu is an Italian Valentine's Treat:** salad, pasta, garlic bread, and cheesecake with topping for dessert!
- ATTENTION ALL BOOK LOVERS!** We have a new list of books to read. Come to our first meeting at Loveland Coffee on the last Thursday in February (2/26th) at 3:00 pm. In addition to getting your own list of what we may be reading in 2026-2027, we will discuss **The Frozen River** by Ariel Lawton. We'd love to see you just to catch up on what you've been doing! Questions? Call or text Kitsie Miller. 803-463-6958.
- Our 2026 Confirmation Class** is underway! **Today's meeting will be at 4:30 pm at the Bussells' home. Confirmation** is a time for young people to learn about what being a Christian and being a member of a PC(USA) congregation means. Any adult members who would consider being a **mentor to one of our confirmands** or who would like to know more about it, please call Julie/Ernie Bussells or Kathy Keane.
- The next Ladies' Luncheon will be on Monday, February 16th** at noon at La Fogata Mexican Restaurant, 1605 North Lake Drive, Lexington. Please let Margaret Royals know if you plan to attend. mroyals052@gmail.com or 803-608-1434
- Our Fellowship and Roads to Faith **Adult Sunday School Classes**, who are currently meeting together, are studying a **series of lessons by Max Lucado. The title is They Walked With God: 40 Bible Characters Who Inspire Us. Join us** Sunday morning at 9:45 in the Fellowship Classroom!