

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

MUSICAL SELECTION

Man of Sorrows, What a Name
Chancel Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Excerpts from John 11:1-45

MESSAGE

New Life from Unexpected Places

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*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.

*HYMN #286

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

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.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
Chancel Choir

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 #718

Take Up Your Cross
(sung to the tune of #675 Tallis' Canon)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Alice Odell

POSTLUDE

Chorale from Suite Gothique

Elder Frank Sheppard

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Hannibal / arr. Brad Nix

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STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Frank Sheppard

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Gilbert Martin

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 130)

Elder Frank Sheppard

One: Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord.

All: **Let your ears hear our supplication.**

One: We wait for you, O God. In your Word is our hope.

All: **We wait for you, O Lord, for with you there is mercy.**

One: Come Let us worship God.

*HYMN #385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Frank Sheppard

Psalm 130 reminds us that our God is a loving and merciful God. Let us come before God now, together, and then privately and silently, to confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Frank Sheppard

God, we are a busy people. We become pre-occupied with the demands of work, our relationships, and our communities. We tend to focus on our own needs and fail to see the needs of those around us. We do that which we should not and fail to do that which we should. We ask for your forgiveness and for your guidance in following the path you have set before us. Hear us now as we humbly come before you silently and privately to confess our sin.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & PERSONAL CONFESSION

Elder Frank Sheppard

...In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Psalm 130, *The Message*)

Elder Frank Sheppard

"If you God, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance? As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that's why you're worshiped." Friends, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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.

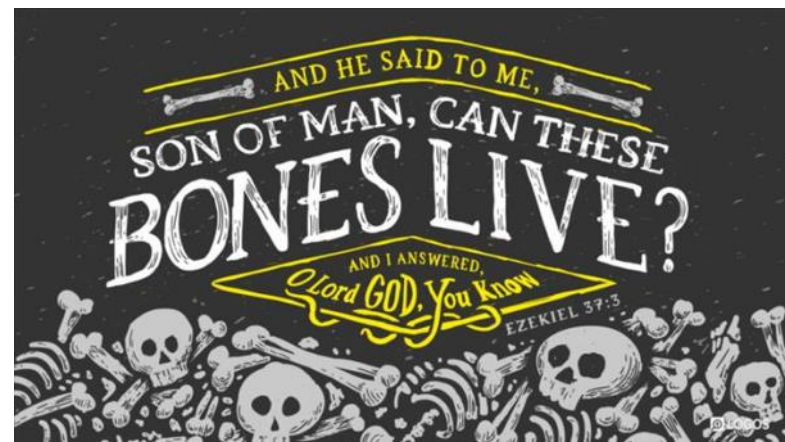
TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Alice Odell

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.



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



Our closing hymn's lyrics were written by a 19 year-old, and they highlight Jesus' teaching found in Matthew, Mark and Luke that His disciples must take up their cross and follow Him.



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

Sunday, March 22nd: 5th Sunday in Lent

9:45 am - 10:45 am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 9:45 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School
 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
 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm - The Well Church
 4:30 pm - Confirmation Class
 5:30 pm - Youth Group

Monday, March 23rd:

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, March 24th:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 12:00 pm - Trinity Meditation Small Group
 3:00 pm - Tuesdays at the Movies
 6:00 pm - Yoga
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Wednesday, March 25th:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 10:30 am - Church History Bible Study
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, March 26th:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 10:30 am - Discipleship Bible Study
 3:00 pm - Book Group
 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm - The Well Church

Friday, March 27th: Office Closed

6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School
 7:00 pm - Global Outreach Ministries
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Saturday, March 28th: Office Closed

10:00 am - Global Outreach Ministries

Save the Date:

March 29: Palm Sunday; Congregational Meeting
April 2: Maundy Thursday; 5:30 pm Service at Trinity Presbyterian Church
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 young ones (4k - 4th grade) go to the Children's Corner after the *Time with Children* 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

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
 Molly Jackson
 Myrna Gause
 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
 Barbara Fowler
 Bobby Sellars
 Barry Shatzer
 Charlaine Pilkington
 Virginia Martinez
 Jim Wilhide
 Ira Leon
 Willie Hale

Announcements:

- NEXT SUNDAY (3/29) we will have a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship to elect new Elders and a Trustee.**
- NEXT SUNDAY is PALM SUNDAY!** Please obtain a palm frond from the narthex as you enter for worship. Everyone will wave their branches as we sing the first hymn and remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- 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.
- Tuesdays at the Movies begin THIS WEEK, March 24th!** From Ron Kesterson: "We have looked at the movies for March and the 'pickings were slim'. So we decided to try two, a romance and a sci fi. On Tuesday March 24th, let's meet at AMC at a bit before 3pm. *Remembering Him* is at 3 and *Project Hail Mary* is at 3:15. Let us know if you want to join in and which movie. Tickets are \$6.

Project Hail Mary follows schoolteacher-turned-astronaut Ryland Grace, who wakes alone on a spacecraft with no memory, only to learn he's on a desperate mission to stop a cosmic threat [RK1] that's dimming the sun.

Reminders of Him: After prison, a woman attempts to reconnect with her young daughter but faces resistance from everyone except a bar owner with ties to her child."

- Maundy Thursday:** The Session of **Trinity Presbyterian Church** cordially invites you (SOPC & friends) to worship and partake in the sacrament of Communion with them on Maundy Thursday, **April 2, at 5:30 pm**. Our very own Bruce C Hurley, will be leading the service. Attire is casual, and the address is 1000 Greenlawn Dr., Columbia, SC 29209.
- Flowering the Cross:** Please remember to bring some flowers with you to church on Easter morning, **Sunday, April 5th**. They can be from your yard or from the store. We will continue our tradition of **Flowering the Resurrection Cross** outside the sanctuary beginning at 10:30 am. There will be refreshments!
- Our youth group** will meet here at 5:30 pm for a continuation of our Lenten study, food, fun, fellowship, worship, service, and discipleship.
- Confirmation Class** will meet in the youth room at 4:30 pm today.
- Spring Small Groups have begun!** There is a brochure on the table in the narthex with information about each of the following: Tuesdays at the Movies, *Discipleship* Bible Study, *Church History* Study, Movie Group, *Trinity Meditation* Class, and Small Town Adventures. You're still welcome to join in!
- The next gathering of the **SOPC Book Group will be THIS Thursday, March 26th at 3 pm at Loveland Coffee. We will be discussing *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore.** 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 next churchwide fellowship luncheon** will be after church on Sunday, April 19th, in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is chicken alfredo, broccoli, salad, and dessert. Yum!
- The next Ladies' Luncheon** will be Monday, April 20th at noon at Tupelo Honey, 2138 Pickens St., Columbia. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals at mroyals052@gmail.com or 803-608-1434. Thanks!

Worship Assistants

Sunday, March 22:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Alice Odell
 Liturgist: Frank Sheppard
 Counters: Jim & Elizabeth Taylor
 Ushers: Robert & Kitsie Miller
 Greeters: Robert & Kitsie Miller
 Time With Children: Rev. Alice Odell
 Children's Corner: Dallene Smith
 Announcement Slides: Mary Dempster

Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday; Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers

Guest Preacher: Rev. Joey Byrd
 Liturgist: Jim Taylor
 Counters: Tish Lowe, Sharon Staton
 Ushers: Robert & Kitsie Miller
 Greeters: Banks & Ellis Robinson
 Time With Children: Kathy Keane
 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