

## 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.

MUSICAL SELECTION *A Gaelic Easter Celebration* Patti J. Drennan  
*Chancel Choir*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Bob Brearley

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:1-10 Rev. Bob Brearley

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE *God's Amazing Amen* Rev. Bob Brearley  
RESPONDING IN FAITH

OFFERING Rev. Bob Brearley

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](http://www.sopc.net/giving).

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* Rev. Bob Brearley

**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.**

\*MUSICAL SELECTION *Hallelujah Chorus* George Frideric Handel  
Organ

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Rev. Bob Brearley

COMMUNION HYMN #525 *Let Us Break Bread*  
(vs. 1 & 2 sung after the Invitation to the Lord's Table; vs. 3 sung after drinking the cup)

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Bob Brearley

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 Rev. Bob Brearley

**...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 Rev. Bob Brearley

\*ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT Rev. Bob Brearley & Elders

PRAYER Rev. Bob Brearley

\*HYMN #248 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Bob Brearley

\*POSTLUDE *Tocatta from Symphony V* Charles Marie Widor

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STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Banks Robinson

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE *Tocatta from Suite Gothique* L.N. Boellemann

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Banks Robinson

Leader: Call on the name of the Lord in praise; make known God's acts among the nations.

**People: Sing to God with joyful songs; tell of God's wonderful deeds!**

Leader: Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised from death to life.

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

\*HYMN #232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Elder Banks Robinson

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Elder Banks Robinson

**God of all worlds and all time, we gather voicing thanks for this season of resurrection. May our worship be as an Easter tide. Wash over us and seep into us to refresh and to cleanse. Dissolve the prejudices that cling to us like barnacles, the jealousies that lodge in crevices of memory. Move toward us with power and might when we are rock-rigid in our views and when we are as unforgiving as granite. Let us hear the thunderous sound of good news as it breaks upon our hardness of heart. Bid us, God, to dare to journey upon the sea of the Spirit. May the waves of an Easter tide buoy us up and beckon us to the adventure of resurrection living. Hoping in you alone, O God, we offer our sins and our burdens in prayer...**

\*MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION & PERSONAL CONFESSION Elder Banks Robinson  
**...In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Elder Banks Robinson

Leader: The Lord's unfailing love and mercy never cease; fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise is the grace of God. The good news of Easter is our hope: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and loved forever.

**People: May the God of hope fill us with peace through the power of the Holy Spirit. 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.**

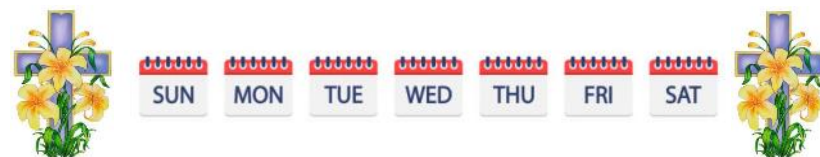
TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Bob Brearley

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

## Music Notes:

The lyrics to our choir's anthem are: "That East day with sun was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light when, to their longing eyes restored, the glad apostles saw their Lord. His risen flesh with radiance glowed; His wounded hands and feet He showed. The scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave. O Jesus, strong in gentleness, come now Yourself, our hearts possess, that we may give You all our days the tribute of our grateful praise. From every weapon death can wield Your own redeemed forever shield. O Lord of all, with us abide in this, our joyful Eastertide. Alleluia!"



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

#### Sunday, April 5th: Easter Sunday—Hallelujah! He is Risen!

9:45 am - 10:45 am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 9:45 am - 10:30 am - Sunday School  
 10:00 am - The Well Church  
 10:30 am - Flowering the Resurrection Cross & Refreshments  
 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

#### Monday, April 6th: Easter Monday; Office Closed

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 - Troop 91  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA  
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

#### Tuesday, April 7th:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
 12:00 pm - Trinity Meditation Small Group  
 4:30 pm - PWCT  
 6:00 pm - Yoga  
 6:30 pm - Missions Ministry Meeting  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA  
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

#### Wednesday, April 8th:

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, April 9th:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Peaceful Gatherings Nature School  
 10:30 am - Discipleship Bible Study  
 5:00 pm - The Well Church  
 5:30 pm - Hannah Circle

#### Friday, April 10th: 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 11th: Office Closed

10:00 am - Sandwiches for Oliver Gospel Mission  
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.  
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Troop 91 Eagle Scout Court of Honor

### Save the Date:

**April 19:** Churchwide Fellowship Luncheon

**April 22:** Caring for God's Creation—Earth Day

**May 10:** Mother's Day; PCSC Offering

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  
 Rev. Alice Odell  
 Jeremy Mason  
 Molly Jackson  
 Myrna Gause  
 Vicki Delesandro  
 Asher Mellitz  
 Janet & Nealy Jordan  
 Aletha & Derek Robinson  
 John Carter  
 Monroe Swearingen  
 Al & Margaret Charles  
 Fran & Jeffrey Brannon  
 Annie Moffatt & Jimmy Revell  
 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  
 Charlaire Pilkington  
 Virginia Martinez  
 Jim Wilhide  
 Ira Leon  
 Willie Hale



## Announcements:

- Today, we will collect our annual **One Great Hour of Sharing offering**. Informational pamphlets and special offering envelopes are available in the narthex.
- Please note that, as is SOPC's tradition, the **church office will be closed tomorrow for Easter Monday**.
- Our youth are taking orders for casseroles and sweet treats (that they will help prepare) for you to either take home and enjoy or donate to Love Revolution. All proceeds will help defray their cost of attending Montreat and Camp Fellowship this summer.** Order forms are available in the narthex and church office. Or, you may obtain a form from and place your order with any youth or with the Bussells. **THANK YOU** to our church family for supporting this effort!
- Attention YOUTH & Parents:** Confirmation Class & Youth Group will NOT meet this week (4/5) or next (4/12), but watch for texts and emails regarding **fundraiser cooking sessions!**
- 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!
- 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, *Trinity Meditation* Class, and *Small Town Adventures*. You're still welcome to join in!
- The next gathering of the **SOPC Book Group will be Thursday, April 30th, at 3 pm at Loveland Coffee. We will be discussing *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones.** 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
- 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, April 5: Easter Sunday—He is Risen! Hallelujah!

Guest Preacher: Rev. Bob Brearley  
 Liturgist: Banks Robinson  
 Counters: Ernie & Julie Bussells  
 Usher: Mary Johnson  
 Greeters: Mary Dempster, Janice Reiser  
 Time With Children: Rev. Bob Brearley  
 Children's Corner: Kathy Keane  
 Announcement Slides: Mary Dempster  
 Communion Preparation: Kitsie & Robert Miller

Communion Servers: Mark Johnson, Kathy Keane, Tish Lowe, Banks Robinson

### Sunday, April 12: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher: Rev. Bob Brearley  
 Liturgist: Jeanne LeBoeuf  
 Counters: Mary Johnson, Sharon Watkins  
 Usher: Ron Kesterson  
 Greeters: Jim & Elizabeth Taylor  
 Children's Corner: Emalee Dillard  
 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](mailto:sopc@sopc.net)

**Accompanist:** Elder Sharon Watkins

**Building Superintendent:** Karl Thompson

**Volunteer Financial Administrator:**

Elder Sharon Staton; [sharon@sopc.net](mailto:sharon@sopc.net)

**Nursery Coordinator:** Amy Schwartz

