

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Franklin Fant

SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 3: 12-27

MESSAGE

"If Our God Whom We Serve Is Able..."

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

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.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S 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.**

\*HYMN # 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Hughes / Fosdick

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Franklin Fant

\*POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Carter



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**February 18, 2024**

**1st Sunday in Lent**

**WELCOME!**

**We pray that you will truly experience God's love and grace as you worship!**

PRELUDE

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Mason / Larson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bruce C Hurley

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

One: God has set this day before us,

**All: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.**

One: God has set our lives before us,

**All: A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.**

One: God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

**All: So that we might live fully in deep love.**

One: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN # 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Prichard / Wesley

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Bruce C Hurley

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, though You should guide us, we inform ourselves; though You should rule us, we control ourselves; though You should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think Your truth too high, Your will too hard, Your power too remote, Your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Now heal our confused minds with Your word, heal our divided wills with Your law, heal our troubled consciences with Your love, heal our anxious hearts with Your presence, all for the sake of Your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Bruce C Hurley

We invite children ages 4k - 4th grade to sit in the "Children's Corner" after the "Children's Message." One Adult will be sitting with the children, and age appropriate activities will be provided for children that go along with worship. Parents will pick up their children after the service.

HYMN # 696

"O God, You Are My God Alone"

Beall / Iona Community

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

# Worship Assistants

## Sunday, February 18th:

Counters: Elizabeth Taylor, Jim Taylor  
 Usher: Ron Kesterson  
 Greeters: Elizabeth Taylor, Jim Taylor  
 Acolyte: Ellis Robinson  
 Children's Message: Bruce Hurley  
 Children's Corner: Mary Dempster

## Sunday, February 25th:

Counters: Hal Bowman, Jim Wilhide  
 Usher: Fred Holbrook  
 Greeters: Tom Shuler, Betty Shuler  
 Acolyte: Usher  
 Children's Message: Sue Kesterson  
 Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson

### THE STAFF OF SOPC

**Office Administrator:** Mrs. Annah G. Hiers  
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**Nursery Coordinator:** Mrs. Amy Schwartz

### SESSION MEMBERS (\* indicates chair)

**Clerk of Session:** Polly Robinson

#### Class of 2024:

Hal Bowman - Administration  
 John Carter - Buildings & Grounds\*

#### Class of 2025:

Fred Holbrook - Administration\*  
 Ed Keelen - Reshape\*  
 Sharon Staton - Missions\*  
 Sharon Watkins - Worship\*

#### Class of 2026

Liz Harris - Fellowship  
 Kathy Keane - Christian Ed\*  
 Banks Robinson - Fellowship\*

**Trustees:** Sue Kesterson, Frank Sheppard,  
 Carol Griffith

**Treasurer:** Hal Bowman

**Presbyterian Women Moderator (SOPW):**

Mary Johnson



**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**Monday - Thursday**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**



**THIS WEEK AT SOPC**

#### Sunday, February 18:

9:00 am - 11:00 am - The Well  
 9:45 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School for all ages  
 11:00 am - Worship  
 11:00 am - 7:00 pm Liberty Church  
 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.  
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution  
 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Youth @ SOPC

#### Monday, February 19:

**Presidents' Day**  
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Cub Scouts  
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Session 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, February 20:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Yoga  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA  
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

#### Wednesday, February 21:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Staff Meeting  
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI  
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Choir  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

#### Thursday, February 22:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church

#### Friday, February 23:

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
 6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group  
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Alphabet Soup  
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

#### Saturday, February 24:

7:30 am - 3:30 pm - Alphabet Soup  
 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - American Federation of Human Rights

### UPCOMING EVENTS

February 26 - Ladies' Luncheon  
 February 29 - SOPC Book Group  
 March 2 - Presbyterian Women Annual Gathering  
 March 10th - Deadline for ordering Easter Lilies  
 March 24 - Palm Sunday  
 March 31 - Easter Sunday

**4 WAYS TO GIVE!**

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### WELCOME

**Welcome, Rev. Dr. Franklin Fant!** Thank you for leading our worship and sharing God's Word with us today.

**Nursery:** A nursery is available in Building A during worship and Sunday School for ages 0 - 4. If you have any questions, please see an usher for help.



**Worship Bags:** Parents can pick up worship bags in the Children's Corner before the worship service, for ages 4 years old- 5th grade. (In the Sanctuary near the restrooms).

**Guests are invited to stop by the guest table** in the narthex/lobby. Please take a goody bag with you as a reminder of God's love. Also, please leave your information for us on the yellow card. Thank you for worshipping with us today.



**Church Flowers:** If you would like to order fresh flowers for the sanctuary please call the Church Office.

#### In our prayers...

Margaret Royals	Nancy Humphreys
Al Charles	The Mixon Family
Barry Shatzer	Kynslee Davis (Friend of the Dempsters)
Donna Moore	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)
Fran and Jeffrey Brannon	<b>Long Term Care -</b>
Ira Leon	Dave, Rich & Sam Allen
Myrna Gause	Edith Blanchett
Kirk Wirth	Kathie Cashion
Nancy Taber	Barbara Fowler
Our Ukraine Family	Bobby Sellars (Father of John Paul Sellars)
Tara and John Whitfield	Patricia Williams
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz	
Charlaine Pilkington	
Virginia Martinez	

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Keeping the Narthex Door Closed:** Kindly be advised that it is important to ensure the Narthex doors are completely closed when in use. Sometimes the doors don't fully catch, so please double-check. The trick is pressing the handle down all the way. Thank you for your cooperation!

**ELDER NOMINATIONS:** The Nominating Committee would like your suggestions on whom to nominate for the upcoming new class of elders. Please fill out the enclosed form and place it in one of the offering boxes in the Narthex. You may also drop it by the church office or give it to any member of the Nominating Committee.

**Please join us for Love Revolution** in the Pavilion today from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Please help us serve food to our neighbors in need!

**The Fellowship Sunday School Class** is studying "Jesus, The God Who Knows Your Name." Join us in the Fellowship Classroom, with fellowship starting at 9:30 am and the lesson beginning at 10:00 am.

**Roads to Faith Sunday School Class:** Starting today, for the Lenten season, we will be studying the book *Pause* by Elizabeth Caldwell--based on the Psalms. Ed Keelen will be teaching all sessions.

**Youth:** Congratulations to our young people in youth group and in Troop 91 for collecting \$1517.00 and 1055 food items for Sharing God's Love. Way to, "tackle hunger," Seven Oaks!! Youth group tonight will be here at SOPC from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. We'll be learning about LENT, playing games, and enjoying some good food!

The next **Ladies' Luncheon** will be held Monday, February 26th at noon at Ocean View Restaurant at 1904 Broad River Road. Contact Margaret Royals for more information.

Ladies, the **Presbyterian Women's** Annual Gathering is Saturday, March 2 @ Shandon PC, Columbia. Join your sisters for a great time of worship, fellowship and learning. If you have questions, please contact PWC Moderator, Mary Johnson.

**SOPC Book Group** is Meeting Again! We'd love for you to join us!! Our next meeting will be February 29 at 1:30 at Snow's Ice Cream at Steve's Hamburgers. Our book is *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker. Please call or text Kitsie Miller at 803-463-6958 if you have any questions or to let us know you're coming by Wednesday, February 28 at 1 pm. Leave your phone number. It will be so good to see you!

**Sharing God's Love** is collecting donations of children's **Easter Baskets and fillers throughout March.** They are also accepting donations of gently used Bibles. If you have any of these items to donate, please leave them in the baskets in the Narthex or bring them by the church office by Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024.

If you would like to order **Easter Lilies** to adorn our Sanctuary on Sunday, March 31, 2024, please contact the church office or place the enclosed form and \$15 per lily in the offering baskets by March 10th.

