

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Steven H. Rhodes

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 1: 1-6
Ephesians 2:8-10

Bruce C Hurley
Rev. Steven H. Rhodes

MESSAGE

"On the Banks of the Jordan"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Brief Statement of Faith)

Bruce C Hurley

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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.

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

Bruce C Hurley

Rev. Steven H. Rhodes

*HYMN # 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

Irish ballad / Irish poem

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Steven H. Rhodes

*POSTLUDE

"I Sing The Mighty Power of God"

Herzog / Torquist



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**February 25, 2024
2nd Sunday in Lent**

WELCOME!

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

PRELUDE

"Nothing But the Blood"

Lowry / Buda

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bruce C Hurley

*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 50:1-6)

One: God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

All: Every time we encounter creation's beauty, God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.

One: God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

All: The heavens declare God's righteousness

One: For God is the creator and the redeemer

All: God summons the earth and summons us this day.

*HYMN # 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Welsh Folk Melody / Smith

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Bruce C Hurley

Let us open our hearts to God, confessing the ways that we have fallen short of God's call to love our neighbor and love the Lord.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, too often creating you O God in our own image. Too often asking you to bless our plans instead of asking you to show us your way. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (John 5:1-18)

"Stand up, take your mat and walk." Jesus says to the crippled man he has healed. We, too, are healed. Transformed by Christ's redemption, let us also get up and walk together.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Sue Kesterson

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 # 212

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

Wilson / Watts

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

Sunday, February 25th:

Counters: Hal Bowman, Jim Wilhide
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Tom Shuler, Betty Shuler
 Acolyte: Usher
 Children's Message: Sue Kesterson
 Children's Corner: Sue Kesterson
 Youth Helper: Kathy Keane

Sunday, March 3rd:

Counters: John Carter, Carol Griffith
 Usher: Mary Johnson
 Greeters: Jeanne LeBoeuf, Sue Kesterson
 Acolyte: None - Communion Sunday
 Children's Message: Mark Johnson
 Children's Corner: Dallene Smith
 Communion Preparation: Sue & Ron Kesterson
 Communion Servers: Hal Bowman, Fred Holbrook, Kathy Keane

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 Hal Bowman - Administration
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Class of 2025:
 Fred Holbrook - Administration*
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 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 25:
 9:45 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 am - Worship
 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Liberty Church
 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - M.O.R.E. Justice
 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 26:
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Ladies' Luncheon
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Worship Ministry
 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 27:
 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 28:
 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 29:
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - Book Group
 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Delta Kappa Gamma Event
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church

Friday, March 1:
OFFICE CLOSED
World Day of Prayer
 6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 11:30 am - 12:30 pm - March Meditation
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Saturday, March 2:
 9:30 am - 1:30 pm Mary Kay Training
 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.
 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Presbyterian Women Annual Gathering at Shandon PC

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10th - Deadline for ordering Easter Lilies
 March 24 - Palm Sunday & Deadline for SGL Easter Basket Donations
 March 31 - Easter Sunday

4 WAYS TO GIVE!

 **IN PERSON**
  **BY MAIL**
  **ONLINE**
  **BY TEXT**

Offering Baskets	30 St. Andrews Rd. Columbia, SC 29210	sopc.net	Text 73256 to SEVENOAKS
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WELCOME

Welcome, Rev. Steven H. Rhodes! Thank you for leading our worship today.

Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church is overjoyed to welcome Bruce C Hurley into membership 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...	Nancy Humphreys
Margaret Royals	The Mixon Family
Al Charles	Kynslee Davis (Friend of the Dempsters)
Barry Shatzer	Tish Lowe
Donna Moore	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)
Fran and Jeffrey Brannon	Long Term Care -
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 the Sanctuary is 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 form available in the Narthex or church office and place it in one of the offering boxes in the Narthex. 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: 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: Join us here at SOPC tonight from 5:30 -7 pm for games, fun, lots of food, a continuation of our Lenten study, and making cards for our college students!

The next **Ladies' Luncheon** will be held tomorrow 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 this Saturday, March 2 @ Shandon PC, Columbia. Join your sisters for a great time of worship, fellowship and learning. If you have questions, please contact PW Moderator, Mary Johnson.

SOPC Book Group is Meeting Again! We'd love for you to join us this Thursday 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 Kitisie Miller at 803-463-6958 if you have any questions or to let us know you're coming by Wednesday at 1 pm.

Our siblings in faith at **McGregor PC** have invited us to **join them for a series of workshops addressing violence and suicide prevention** through April. Flyers with details are available in the Narthex and church office.

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

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

Join us for a **Beginning Christian Meditation class** and optional lunch during Lent, We'll meet on Fridays beginning March 1, from 11:30 - 12:30ish. Annie Moffatt will lead us. Then, let's get to know each other!! Contact Kathy Keane (803-467-4224)...or just come!! We'll meet in the church library / brides' room.