

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Bruce C Hurley
Pastor Jim Rowell

MESSAGE

"Coins & Signs"

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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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor Jim Rowell / Bruce C Hurley

*You are invited to the Lord's table to receive the elements.

Please see Communion Directions in the Welcome section of the bulletin.

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 Him thanks and praise!

One: Let us pray to the Lord.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bruce C Hurley

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 # 839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

Crosby / Knapp

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Jim Rowell

*POSTLUDE

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Holden / Bober



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March 3, 2024
3rd Sunday in Lent

WELCOME!

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

PRELUDE

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee "

Dykes / Fettke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bruce C Hurley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God invited us to see the presence of the Holy in all the earth. God calls us to find sacred signposts in our own lives. God tells us.

All: In my foolishness, I find your wisdom. In my weakness, I find your strength.

One: God tells us.

All: In my laws, find freedom. In my anger, find justice.

One: God tells us.

All: In dying, find life. In endings, find new beginnings.

*HYMN # 451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Clara H. Scott

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Bruce C Hurley

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you gave commandments to your chosen people that they might live together before you. We would rather argue about them than live by them. Some of us have made idols of them. Some of us consider them quaint and irrelevant. O God, in your mercy forgive us. Remind us that even your foolishness is wiser than we can imagine. Remind us that your commandments are sweeter than honey. Write your law on our hearts, that we might live for you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elder Mark Johnson

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.

ANTHEM

"In Remembrance"

Courtney / Red

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

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

Worship Assistants



Sunday, March 3rd:

Counters: John Carter, Liz Harris
 Usher: Mary Johnson
 Greeters: Brenda Turner, 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

Sunday, March 10th:

Counters: Carol Griffith, Mary Johnson
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Carol Griffith, Jeanne LeBoeuf
 Acolyte: Abby Dempster
 Children's Message: Mary Dempster
 Children's Corner: Tracey Wilkes

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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):

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

THIS WEEK AT SOPC

Sunday, March 3:
 9:00 am - 11:00 am - The Well Church
 9:45 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 am - Worship
 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Liberty Church
 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution
 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm - Confirmation Class
 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Youth at McGregor PC

Monday, March 4:
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Admin. Ministry
 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm - Liberty Church Prayer Night Gathering
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Cub Scouts
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Fellowship 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, March 5:
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Missions Ministry
 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, March 6:
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Staff Meeting
 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Children's Ministry
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Choir
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, March 7:
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Christian Education Ministry
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church

Friday, March 8:
OFFICE CLOSED
 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 9:
 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Liberty Church Women's Empowerment
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 24 - Palm Sunday
 March 28 - Maundy Thursday Service & Supper- 6 pm
 March 31 - Easter Sunday

4 WAYS TO GIVE!

 IN PERSON	 BY MAIL	 ONLINE	 BY TEXT
Offering Baskets	530 St. Andrews Rd. Columbia, SC 29210	sopc.net	Text 73256 to SEVENOAKS

WELCOME

Welcome, Pastor Jim Rowell! Thank you for leading our worship 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 and place it in the offering baskets. 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	
Al Charles	Kynslee Davis (Friend of the Dempsters)
Barry Shatzer	Tish Lowe
Donna Moore	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)
Fran & 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 Nueva Paz)
Tara and John Whitfield	
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz	



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keeping the Narthex Door Closed: 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!

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.

Confirmation Class will meet at SOPC at 4:30 pm this afternoon.

Youth Group will meet at 5:30 at the **Labyrinth at McGregor Presbyterian Church** and celebrate World Day of Prayer as we walk, pray and meditate. Terry Candee will give a brief presentation. Our meeting, including **pizza dinner**, will be **outside if weather permits**.

The next **Ladies' Luncheon** will be held Monday, March 18th at noon at M Kitchen on Columbiana Drive.

Ladies, the **Presbyterian Women's** Spring Retreat is on April 5 --going to USC for lunch at McCutcheon House, followed by a tour of the Anne Frank Center. Meet at the church at 10:30 am. Cost = \$25.00 per person, payable to Presbyterian Women. Contact Dallene Smith at 847-528-0379 or dallene611@gmail.com with any questions. Signup deadline is March 31st.

We've got a great **BOOK GROUP** going. We just need you to join us! For our March meeting, we will discuss *Upstairs at the White House* by J.B. West and Mary Lynn Katz. Let Kitsie Miller know you're coming at 803-463-6958 by March 21. We will meet at Snow's Ice Cream by Steve's Hamburgers on March 28 at 1:30.

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 until Easter from 11:30 - 12:30ish. Annie Moffatt will lead us. Then, let's get to know each other by having lunch together!! Contact Kathy Keane (803-467-4224)...or just come!! We'll meet in the church library / brides' room.

Have you met "**Scout**"?! Come by the church office to see our symbolic representation of **Troop 91** and SOPC's partnership!