

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bruce C Hurley

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2: 1-10
John 3: 14-21

MESSAGE

"Saved by Grace - Deal With It!"

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.

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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 # 649

"Amazing Grace"

Newton / Excell

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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*POSTLUDE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Runyan / Carter



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March 10, 2024
4th Sunday in Lent

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

PRELUDE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Mason / Labenske

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bruce C Hurley

MINUTE FOR MISSION

"M.O.R.E. Justice - Nehemiah Action"

Elder Polly Robinson

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

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One: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

All: for his steadfast love endures for ever.

One: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble

All: and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

One: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

All: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

*HYMN # 634

"To God Be the Glory"

Crosby / Doane

*CALL TO CONFESSION

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There's something about darkness that we love, Lord. Perhaps it is that in the darkness our sins and our misdeeds will not be noticed so readily. Perhaps we fear the light of your love because of our guilt and embarrassment about not following you. You sent the light into the world that all might see your love and learn how to live in the light. But we haven't done very well in the light. We have stumbled, fallen, and failed far too often. Sometimes we just want to give up. Reach through the darkness of our souls and spirits and let your light of love and hope shine on us and eventually in us, that we might bring others to the Light. For you sent your Son that we would be redeemed. We need to trust in that gift. Heal and forgive us for our waywardness. Pick us up and put us on the right path, the path to the Cross and beyond where we will serve you by serving your world. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mrs. Mary Dempster

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 # 829

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Palmer / Mason

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

Worship Assistants



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

Sunday, March 17th:

Counters: Kathy Keane, Ron Kesterson
 Usher: John Carter
 Greeters: Robert Miller, Kitsie Miller
 Acolyte: Ellis Robinson
 Children's Message: Julie Bussells
 Children's Corner: Melanie Mason
 Youth Group Extra Adult Helper: Mary Dempster

STAFF OF SOPC


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Nursery Coordinator: Mrs. Amy Schwartz

With regret, the Administration Ministry accepted Dr. Stephen Simmons' resignation from the position of Director of Music Ministry this past week. We pray for all the best for him as he follows God's direction for his future.

The Administration Ministry is forming search committees, following the prescribed PCUSA guidelines, to fill the positions of Interim Senior Pastor and Director of Music Ministry for SOPC. We are prayerfully seeking God's guidance and are excited with faithful assurance that the Lord is at work placing a call on the hearts of our future leaders.


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, 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, March 10: Daylight Savings Time Begins
 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 Westminster PC

Monday, March 11:
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 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, March 12:
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Rachel Circle
 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 13:
 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, March 14:
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Hannah Circle
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church


Friday, March 15:
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 16:
 10:00 am - Soup Kitchen at Centennial ARP Church
 11:00 am - 5:00 pm - The Well Church
 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm - Liberty Church Cookout & Fun Day


UPCOMING EVENTS


March 18 - Nehemiah Action
 March 24 - Palm Sunday
 March 28 - Maundy Thursday Service & Supper- 6 pm
 March 31 - Easter Sunday
 April 7 - Congregational Meeting following worship

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WELCOME


Thank you for leading our worship and sharing the Word today, Bruce C Hurley!

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.

About this week's Minute for Mission: MORE Justice Nehemiah Action will be Monday, March 18th, at Eau Claire High School Auditorium (4800 Monticello Road). Join us! Hundreds of community members will gather and ask public officials to take measurable action steps to implement solutions to our community's most pressing problems. Please reach out to Polly Robinson at pollyrobinson195@msn.com with any questions. A brief video about the event may be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jUwCwB6So0>.

In our prayers...

Margaret Royals	Kynslee Davis (Friend of the Dempsters)
Al Charles	Tish Lowe
Barry Shatzer	Melanie Mason
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	John Paul Sellars)
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz	Patricia Williams
Nancy Humphreys	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us outside after worship today to pot Easter Tulips that you and/or your family can take home on Easter Sunday.

We will have a **Congregational Meeting Sunday, April 7th, to elect new Elders and a Trustee.** Please plan on being present if at all possible.

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.

Youth Group: We had a good meeting at McGregor last week and enjoyed the labyrinth in honor of World Day of Prayer. THIS SUNDAY, WE'LL MEET AT WESTMINSTER at 5:30. We'll be participating in an ESCAPE ROOM activity that we think you'll enjoy! And we'll have dinner. PLEASE let Julie B. know if you're coming so we can have dinner ready and have what we need for the escape room!! Bring a friend!!

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.

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.

Today is the deadline to order Easter Lilies to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday--March 31st.

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. Contact Kathy Keane (803-467-4224)...or just come!! We'll meet in the church library / brides' room.

Don't forget to **bring flowers with you on Easter Sunday, March 31st, either from your yard or from the store/florist, if you'd like to help our outside cross "bloom" with new life.**