

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10: 25-37

Pastor Tyrone C. Rose

MESSAGE

"Are you my neighbor?"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

Bruce C Hurley

We affirm our faith in God, whose Word teaches us to love our neighbors as ourselves. As followers of Christ, we heed the call to embody the Good Samaritan, extending compassion and care to those in need. Inspired by the words of Jesus in Matthew 22:39, we declare our commitment to loving our neighbors as ourselves and to recognizing every person as a beloved child of God. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we strive to be agents of reconciliation and hope in our communities, fostering unity, justice, and peace. Grounded in the truth of Scripture, we pledge to be faithful stewards of God's love, sharing it generously with all whom we encounter. With grateful hearts, we affirm our commitment to living out the Gospel message by being good neighbors to all. 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

"Pass Me Not"

Crosby / Doane

1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by. Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.
2. Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief; kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief. Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.
3. Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek Thy face; heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Thy grace. Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.
4. Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me; whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heaven but Thee? Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

Smart / Larson



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March 17, 2024  
5th Sunday in Lent - St. Patrick's Day

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bruce C Hurley

PRELUDE

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"  
Rev. Jay Tillman, Guest Musician

arr. Jay Tillman

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

One: Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, we gather in Your presence today with hearts full of gratitude and reverence.

Bruce C Hurley

**All: As we come before You, may Your Spirit guide our worship, enlighten our minds, and stir our hearts.**

One: Grant us the wisdom to discern Your will and the courage to follow where You lead.

**All: Bless our time together as a community of faith, that we may grow in love for You and for one another.**

\*HYMN # 837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Showalter / Hoffman

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Bruce C Hurley

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to "me and mine." Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*HYMN # 465

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Berthier

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

Elder Julie Bussells

ANTHEM

"Take Time to Be Holy"

Stebbins / Rouse

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Tyrone C. Rose

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

# Worship Assistants



## 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

## Sunday, March 24th/Palm Sunday:

Counters: Banks Robinson, Polly Robinson  
 Usher: Fred Holbrook  
 Greeters: Jim Wilhide, John Carter  
 Acolyte: Usher  
 Children's Message: Rev. Larry Bates  
 Children's Corner: Kathy Keane

### STAFF OF SOPC

**Office Administrator:** Mrs. Annah G. Hiers  
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**Accompanist:** Elder Sharon Watkins  
**Building Superintendent:** Mr. Karl Thompson  
**Volunteer Financial Administrator:** Elder Sharon Staton  
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**Nursery Coordinator:** Mrs. Amy Schwartz

Our Administration Ministry and Session are working diligently to find our Interim Pastor and our Director of Music Ministry. Join us in praying for discernment, guidance, and for the candidates whom God is preparing for SOPC.

### 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 17: Happy St. Patrick's Day!

9:00 am - 11:00 am - The Well Church  
 9:45 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School for all ages  
 10:30 am - 7:30 pm - Liberty Church  
 11:00 am - Worship  
 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 Here at SOPC

#### Monday, March 18: Nehemiah Action

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 12:00 pm - Ladies Luncheon at M Kitchen  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts  
 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 19: 1st Day of Spring

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School  
 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Mary Kay Training  
 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 20:

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 21:

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

#### Friday, March 22: 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 23:

Town of Irmo Cherry Blossom Festival

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### WELCOME

Thank you for leading our worship and sharing the Word today, Pastor Tyrone C. Rose & Rev. Jay Tillman!

**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 welcome 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

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** "The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope." From: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>. We will collect our OGHs offering on Easter Sunday, March 31st.

### In our prayers...

Margaret Royals	Kynslee Davis (Friend of the Dempsters)
Al Charles	Melanie Mason
Barry Shatzer	Ernie Bussells
Donna Moore	Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)
Fran & 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 Nueva Paz)
Tara and John Whitfield	Patricia Williams
Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz	
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 AND to tie prayer ribbons.

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** will meet here at SOPC from 5:30 - 7 pm for games, dinner, and Easter skit practice!

The next **Ladies' Luncheon** will be held tomorrow March 18th at noon at M Kitchen on Columbiana Drive. RSVP to Margaret Royals.

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](mailto: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.

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.**

Our siblings in faith at McGregor Presbyterian Church have invited us to join them for an **Earth Day Celebration** Saturday, April 13th from 10 am until 2 pm. Flyers are available in the church office.

### 4 WAYS TO GIVE!



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