

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118: 22-29  
Luke 19: 28-44

Bruce C Hurley  
Rev. Larry Bates

MESSAGE

"Two Very Different Parades"

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.

OFFERING Offerings may be placed in the large wooden boxes with crosses at the main exit of the lobby. To give online, text Sevenoaks to 73256 or use the SOPC website with this link: <https://onrealm.org/SevenOaksPresby/-/give/now>

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 # 209 "My Song Is Love Unknown" arr. Ireland

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Larry Bates

\*POSTLUDE "The Power and the Glory" arr. Smith

Our Maundy Thursday Service and Simple Soup Supper will be this Thursday at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be accepted. If you have not yet RSVPed, please contact the church office. If you forget, come anyway! Prayer stations will be set up ahead of time in the Sanctuary for any who would like to come early.



Remember to bring flowers from your yard, (or the store,) next Sunday to "flower the Easter cross!" We'll have Cookies @ Conversation starting at 10:30 am.

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March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday... "Hosanna in the highest!"

STRINKING OF THE HOUR Dr. Lloyd Pilkington

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bruce C Hurley

MINUTE FOR MISSION "One Great Hour of Sharing" Elder Hal Bowman

PRELUDE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" arr. Carter

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS Bruce C Hurley

One: Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**All: Let Israel say, "The Lord's steadfast love endures forever."**

One: Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**All: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

\*HYMN # 196 "All Glory, Laud and Honor" arr. Monk

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Bruce C Hurley

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected injustice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
As we confess our shortcomings, God offers us the assurance that in Jesus Christ—who lived, died, and was raised to show us the power of God's love that conquers the power of sin—we are forgiven and loved regardless of what we have done in the past.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Larry Bates  
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 "Hosanna to the King of Kings" arr. Beall

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Larry Bates

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

# Worship Assistants



## Sunday, March 24th/Palm Sunday:

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

## Sunday, March 31st/Easter Sunday:

Counters: Hal Bowman, Sharon Staton  
 Usher: Shelagh Wirth  
 Greeters: Ben Smith, Dallene Smith  
 Acolyte: Usher  
 Children's Message: Bruce C Hurley  
 Children's Corner: Mary Johnson

### STAFF OF SOPC

**Director of Music Ministry:** Dr. Lloyd Pilkington  
**Office Administrator:** Mrs. Annah G. Hiers  
 sopc@sopc.net  
**Accompanist:** Elder Sharon Watkins  
**Building Superintendent:** Mr. Karl Thompson  
**Volunteer Financial Administrator:** Elder Sharon Staton  
 sharon@sopc.net  
**Nursery Coordinator:** Mrs. Amy Schwartz

Our Administration Ministry search committee and Session are working diligently to find our Interim Pastor. Join us in praying for discernment, guidance, and for the candidate 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 - Good News\*, 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 24: Palm Sunday-Hosanna!**  
 9:30 am - 10:45 am - Choir Rehearsal  
 9:45 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School for all ages  
 10:30 am - 3:00 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

**Monday, March 25:**  
 Building A Roof Replaced  
 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, March 26:**  
 Building A Roof Replaced  
 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 27:**  
 Building A Roof Replaced  
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Staff Meeting  
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI  
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

**Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday**  
 Building A Roof Replaced  
 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - Book Group  
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service & Supper  
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church

**Friday, March 29: Good Friday-Take Up Your Cross.**  
**OFFICE CLOSED**  
 Building A Roof Replaced  
 6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group  
 11:30 am - 12:30 pm - March Meditation  
 7:30 pm - 11:59 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

**Saturday, March 30:**  
 Hide some Easter eggs for children you know!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 31 - Easter Sunday - One Great Hour of Sharing  
 April 7 - Congregational Meeting Following Worship

**4 WAYS TO GIVE!**

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### WELCOME

Thank you for leading our worship and sharing the Word today, Rev. Larry Bates!

We are overjoyed to welcome Dr. Lloyd Pilkington back as our Director of Music Ministry!



**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 Office.

### In our prayers...

Al Charles  
 Fran & Jeffrey Brannon  
 Ira Leon  
 Myrna Gause  
 Kirk Wirth  
 Our Ukraine Family  
 Tara and John Whitfield  
 Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz  
 Nancy Humphreys  
 Kynslee Davis (Friend of the Dempsters)  
 Karl Thompson's Family  
 Daniel and Elizabeth Turk (Missionaries)

### Long Term Care -

Dave, Rich & Sam Allen  
 Edith Blanchett  
 Kathie Cashion  
 Barbara Fowler  
 Bobby Sellars (Father of John Paul Sellars)  
 Patricia Williams



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us outside after worship today to tie prayer ribbons on the 50th Anniversary tree outside the church office.

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!

**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.

There will be no **Youth Group** this Sunday or next Sunday due to Spring Break travels. Please let Julie Bussells know if you can be a **youth reader for Easter** Sunday worship next week.

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. We will meet at Snow's Ice Cream by Steve's Hamburgers on March 28 at 1:30.

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.

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.

"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.

Starting this week, **CHOIR REHEARSAL** will be on Sunday mornings, with coffee at 9:30 am and rehearsal starting at 9:45 am.

