

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.

Bruce C Hurley

ANTHEM

"A Gaelic Easter Celebration"
Chancel Choir

Patti Drennan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Jim Rowell

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1: 1-5 & 14
Hebrews 1: 1-4

Youth of SOPC
Pastor Jim Rowell

MESSAGE

"Jesus! Wow!"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from "The Apostles' Creed"

Bruce C Hurley

One: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day, He rose again; He ascended into heaven; He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

One: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MUSICAL SELECTION

"Hallelujah Chorus"
Dr. Lloyd Pilkington, Organ

George Frideric Handel

OFFERING

Special Offering Today: One Great Hour of Sharing

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 # 233

"The Day of Resurrection!"

arr. Henry Thomas Smart

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Jim Rowell

*POSTLUDE

"Tocatta from Symphony V"

arr. Charles Marie Widor



IF YOU POTTED AN EASTER TULIP OR DONATED AN EASTER LILY, PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU AFTER WORSHIP TODAY. ALL PLANTS THAT ARE LEFT AT THE CHURCH WILL BE DONATED.



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday... Rejoice! He is risen, indeed!

WELCOME! We pray that you will truly experience the presence of the Holy Spirit, the majesty of the Risen Lord, and God's gracious love as you worship today!

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bruce C Hurley

PRELUDE

"Joy in the Morning"

Sleeth / arr. Joel Raney

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

One: Christ is Risen!

All: He has risen indeed!

Bruce C Hurley

*HYMN # 232

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Lyra Davidica / Wesley

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Bruce C Hurley

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On this Easter morning, help us to see the life, hope and love you bring out of death, despair and hate. Forgive our weak and wandering hearts. Bring us home. Crack open our hearts so that we may receive your peace, love, mercy and grace. Then, help us to live that reality in the world. May your love and grace live in us and change us, so that we may change the world you have made. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Belonging to God Catechism – Q.3-5*)

One: What makes you a child of God?

All: Grace – God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

One: Don't you have to be good for God to love you?

All: No – God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.

One: How do you thank God for this gift of love?

All: I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.

One: Go in Peace. Our Sin is forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

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

Worship Assistants

Sunday, March 31st/Easter Sunday:

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

Sunday, April 7th:

Counters: Frank Sheppard, Hal Bowman
 Usher: Mary Johnson
 Greeters: Janice Reiser, Sharon Staton
 Acolyte: No Acolyte - Communion
 Children's Message: Sue Kesterson
 Children's Corner: Kathy Keane
 Communion Preparation: Kitsie & Robert Miller
 Communion Servers: Liz Harris, Hal Bowman
 Youth Group Adult Helper: Beth Sellars

STAFF OF SOPC

Interim Pastor: We are praying for the candidate whom God is calling & equipping.
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

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



Sunday, March 31: Happy Easter! He is Risen!

9:30 am - Choir Rehearsal
 9:45 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 am - Flowering the Cross
 11:00 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
 No Youth Group due to Easter.

Monday, April 1: OFFICE CLOSED for Easter Monday...not an April Fool's joke.

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Admin. Ministry
 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, April 2:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm - PW Coordinating Team
 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, April 3:

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
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, April 4:

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, April 5: OFFICE CLOSED

6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Prayer Group
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 10:00 am - 11:00 pm - Meena Patil Reception
 10:30 am - PW Spring Retreat
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Saturday, April 6:

9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Troop 91
 9:30 am - 10:00 pm - Mary Kay Training
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - The Upper Room Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7 - Congregational Meeting following worship
 April 13 - McGregor PC's Earth Day Celebration
 April 26 - Night of Promise Gala
 May 3 - Church Women United Friendship Day

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

Thank you for leading our worship and sharing the Word today, Pastor Jim Rowell!

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, (in the Sanctuary near the restrooms,) before the worship service, for ages 4 years old- 5th grade. The children will then take the bags to the Children's Corner after the Children's Message.

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 at 803-772-1761.



In our prayers...

Jane Blackwell
 Al Charles
 Fran & Jeffrey Brannon
 Ira Leon
 Myrna Gause
 Kirk Wirth
 Our Ukraine Family
 Tara and John Whitfield
 Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz
 Kynslee Davis (Friend of the Dempsters)
 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

We will have a **Congregational Meeting Sunday, April 7th after worship, 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!

There will be no **youth group tonight.** Enjoy Easter with your families!

Roads to Faith Sunday School Class: We will meet at 10:30 am today for Cookies & Conversation as we flower the Easter cross.

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 today.**

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** are: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

We will continue tying **prayer ribbons** to the 50th Anniversary tree outside the church office for the foreseeable future.

If you would like to share a table at **Family Promise's Night of Promise Gala** on April 26th, please contact Polly Robinson at 803-240-1853. See <https://familypromisemidlands.org> for more information.

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church has invited us to join them for a special guest speaker next Sunday at 6:30 pm: Dr. Thomas Kidd will present on, "A Christian America? Popular Myths & Historical Realities."

The April 15th **Ladies' Luncheon** will be held at Chapal a Restaurant, 7001 St. Andrews Road. Please contact Margaret Royals at 903-957-0430, 803-608-1434, or mroyals052@gmail.com if you plan to attend or have any questions.

If you would like to donate individually wrapped, single serving size, **cookies or salty snacks to Kairos Prison Ministry,** please bring them to the church office by Wednesday, April 10th.

If you have read all these announcements, you have found an Easter egg! The first person to contact Annah in the church office to mention it, gets a special prize!

