

ANTHEM "Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded" Giovanni Gastoldi
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Bruce C Hurley

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24: 36b-48 Youth of SOPC

MESSAGE "We Are Easter People!" Bruce C Hurley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" Youth of SOPC

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 Bruce C Hurley / Youth of SOPC
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 "Every Morning Is Easter Morning"
Refrain:
**Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!
Ev'ry day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!**

**Goodbye guilt, goodbye fear, good riddance! Hello Lord, Hello sun!
I am one of the Easter People! My new life has begun!**
Refrain

**Daily news is so bad it seems the Good News seldom gets heard.
Get it straight from the Easter People: God's in charge! Spread the word!**
Refrain

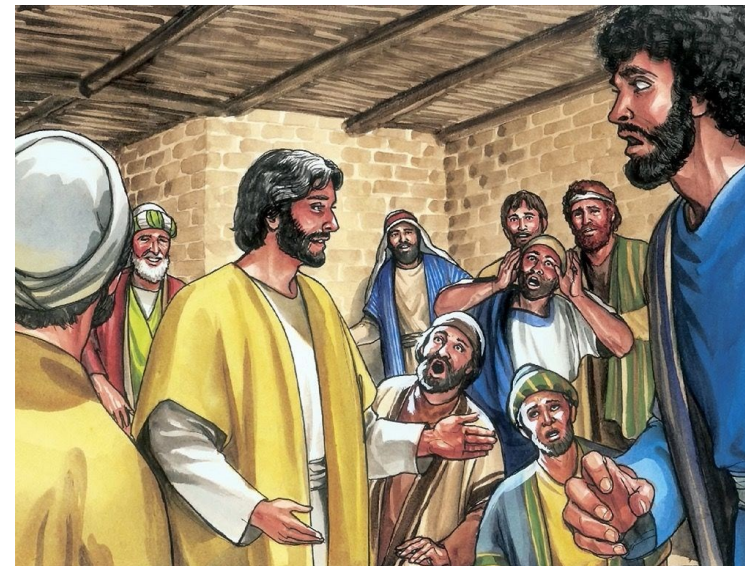
**Yesterday I was bored and lonely; but today look and see!
I belong to the Easter People! Life's exciting to me!**

**Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!
Ev'ry day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!
Ev'ry morning is Easter morning,
Ev'ry morning is Easter morning,
Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!**

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Bruce C Hurley

*POSTLUDE "Tocatta in F Major" Dietrich Buxtehude



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**April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter**

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 with us today!

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bruce C Hurley

PRELUDE

"Jesus Has Risen As He Said"

Gerald Peterson

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Youth of SOPC

One: Fear hung over the disciples as a dark cloud.

All: Huddled in the upper room, they spoke in soft whispers, afraid of the sound of their own voices.

One: Lightning flashed in their souls.

All: Christ, the Risen Lord, was standing with them, eating with them, talking with them.

One: Where doubt had reigned, hope now grew.

All: Where fear and panic had laid claim, faith was again planted.

One: Come, let us worship the God of great miracles.

All: Let us lift our voices in praise to God! AMEN.

*HYMN # 238

"Thine Is the Glory"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Bruce C Hurley

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Youth of SOPC

Gracious God, You give to us Your greatest gift, Your son Jesus Christ, as we still don't understand what is going on. You call us to be people of courage and hope; and yet we run and hide, doubting and fearing. You challenge us to proclaim our faith, but we huddle in darkness whispering our words of discouragement. Shake us up, Lord! Forgive us when we seem to need prodding over and over again. Help us to see the presence of Jesus in our lives; and remind us of all that He taught us, to help us to live as disciples, serving you by serving others. Change us! Remold us! Make us truly the disciples you have called us to be. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Youth of SOPC

Do not be afraid. The Light of God has vanquished the darkness! Christ is risen! Doubts are erased. Rejoice! God's love is poured upon you, now and forever. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Bruce C Hurley

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.

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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, April 14th:

Counters Hal Bowman, Sharon Staton
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Marion Wishart
 Acolyte: Abby Dempster
 Children's Message: Bruce C Hurley
 Children's Corner: Marion Wishart
 Youth Group Adult Helper: Mary Dempster

Sunday, April 21st:

Counters: Hal Bowman, Jim Wilhide
 Usher: John Carter
 Greeters: Tom & Betty Shuler
 Acolyte: Ellis Robinson
 Children's Message: Mary Dempster
 Children's Corner: Kathy Keane

STAFF OF SOPC

Interim Pastor: We are praying for the candidate whom God is calling & equipping.
Director of Music Ministry: Dr. Lloyd Pilkington
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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, April 14:

9:30 am - Choir Rehearsal
 9:45 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 am - Worship
 11:00 am - 3:00 pm - Liberty Church
 12:30 pm - Youth Group at Sully's Steamers in Lexington
 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.
 3:00 pm - Clothing Closet opens prior to Love Revolution
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Love Revolution

Monday, April 15:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 12:00 pm - Ladies' Luncheon at Chapala
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Cub Scouts
 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, April 16:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 8:45 am - 3:30 pm - DHEC in FH
 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Live Oak Counseling
 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 17:

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
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, April 18:

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

Friday, April 19: OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday, April 20:

Sharing God's Love Spring Yard Sale
 9:30 am - 2:00 pm - The Upper Room Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 21: SOPC Fellowship Supper
 April 25: Book Group
 April 26: Night of Promise Gala
 May 3: Church Women United Friendship Day
 May 19: Pentecost / Confirmation Sunday
 July 15-18: Joint VBS with Liberty Church: Scuba--Diving Into Friendship with God!
 August 8-11: Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in St. Louis
 August 9-11: Women's Connection Retreat at Montreat

4 WAYS TO GIVE!



Offering Baskets	530 St. Andrews Rd. Columbia, SC 29210	sopc.net	Text 73256 to SEVENOAKS
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Thank you for leading our worship & sharing the Word today, Bruce C Hurley & Youth of SOPC !

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.



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.



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
 Barry Shatzer
 Tara and John Whitfield
 Kynslee Davis (Friend of the Dempsters)
 Our Ukraine Family
 Iglesia Presbiteriana de Nueva Paz in Cuba
 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

It is important to **ensure that the Narthex doors are completely closed when the Sanctuary is in use.** Sometimes the doors don't fully catch. The trick is pressing the handle down all the way. Thank you!

There will be a **Session meeting** tomorrow at 6:30 pm.

Please join us for **Love Revolution** in the Pavilion today from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm and help us serve food to our neighbors in need! **Our Clothing Closet will open at 3 pm** each Sunday prior to the meal.

We will have a church-wide **Fellowship Supper on Sunday, April 21st at 6 pm.** The Bussells and Mark Dillard will provide music, and the menu is corned beef and cabbage, etc.

Youth group will gather after worship today and head over to Sully's Steamers Restaurant in Lexington! No meeting tonight.

We will continue tying **prayer ribbons** for the foreseeable future onto the rails outside the sanctuary.

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.

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

Ladies of SOPC are invited to the **Church Women United May Friendship Day @ SOPC on Friday, May 3, 2024 @ 10:30 am.** Come to the fellowship hall to enjoy coffee, juice, snacks & fellowship before the 11 am worship service. The offering will go towards the different missions that CWU supports. No sign up is required. Contact Shelagh Wirth if you have questions.

Our **SOPC Book Club** will meet Thursday, April 25th, with lunch at 1 pm at Steve's Hamburgers, and then at Snow's Ice Cream after. We are discussing *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult this month.

The Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews will have their Spring Session of classes and fellowship for anyone 50+ April 16 - June 6. For more information, visit shepherdscenterofstandrews.org.

Men of SOPC are invited to our **Lanterns Men's Group** on Friday mornings from 6:45 - 7:45 am in the Fellowship Hall.

All are encouraged to wear "fiery" colors, (red, orange, yellow,) for **Pentecost** on May 19th if you would like to and feel led to visibly celebrate God's gift to us of the Holy Spirit.

The annual **Spring Yard Sale at Sharing God's Love** is this coming Saturday. If you would like to donate any gently used items, (that will fit in Annah's car,) please bring them to the church office by Thursday at 2 pm.