

MUSICAL SELECTION "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" Gabriel / arr. John Turner
4-Hand Piano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Ruth Roberts

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 16 Bruce C Hurley
Luke 24: 13-35 Rev. Ruth Roberts

MESSAGE "Stop! Look! Listen!"

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 # 236 "The Strife Is O'er"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING Rev. Ruth Roberts

*POSTLUDE "A Joyous Acclamation" Gerald Peterson

Good News Ministry

The Session has approved the re-establishment of the Good News Ministry at SOPC! We have not been able to support a Good News Ministry (Welcoming & Outreach Team) for the past two years, and as a result, we have seen very few new members joining our church to take advantage of all the life-changing, eternity-impacting opportunities and blessings available through relationship with Jesus Christ and a community of faith. The Good News Ministry hopes to turn that around in concert with our church management consultant, Church Fuel. Members of the Good News Ministry include Ed Keelen, Chair, Rollin Cartee (Youth Representative), Mark Dillard, Polly Robinson, and Josie Wilkes. Please take a moment to look at the poster in the Narthex with their pictures and reasons for participating before you leave today. We will be supported by Annah Hiers, Mark Wishart, and Evan Carson who have backgrounds in web page design, social media, graphics and artwork. Please pray for the success of this ministry as we get underway!

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**April 28, 2024
Fifth 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Good News Ministry

PRELUDE

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

One: We hear the voice of Jesus;

All: Our hearts burn within us.

One: We lift our voices to God

All: And call on the name of the Lord!

One: The risen Christ is here in this place;

All: Alleluia!

*HYMN # 231

"Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to You as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and overlooked the joy You offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living we have missed the Life You set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive Your gift; open our lips and our hands to share it with all humanity, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

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

Worship Assistants



Sunday, April 28th:

Counters: John Carter, Carol Griffith
 Ushers: Robert & Kitsie Miller
 Greeters: Jeanne LeBoeuf, Sue Kesterson
 Acolyte: Usher

Children's Message: Mark Johnson
 Children's Corner: Marion Wishart

Sunday, May 5th:

Counters: Liz Harris, Mary Johnson
 Usher: Mary Johnson
 Greeters: Carol Griffith, Brenda Turner
 Acolyte: N/A Communion
 Children's Message: Janice Holbrook
 Children's Corner: Emalee Dillard
 Communion Preparers: Sharon Watkins, Mary Johnson
 Communion Servers: Pastor Andrea Paschal, Bruce C Hurley, John Carter, Fred Holbrook
 Youth Group Adult Helpers: Beth Sellars, Kathy Keane

STAFF OF SOPC

Interim Pastor: The Session is thrilled to announce that pending final Presbytery approval, Monday, May 13th, will be Pastor Jim Rowell's first day on staff!

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, April 28:

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
 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
 5:30 pm - Youth at Frankie's Fun Park

Monday, April 29:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Worship Ministry
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Tuesday, April 30:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Five Presbytery Leaders' Christian Education Workshop
 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Live Oak Counseling
 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Elder Training
 6:00 pm - 8:00 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, May 1:

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, May 2: National Day of Prayer

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm - Christian Education Ministry
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church

Friday, May 3: OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday, May 4:

12:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Kotikka Family Private Party in FH

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19: Pentecost / Confirmation Sunday / Pastor Rowell's 1st Sunday

June 7: LifeLine Health Screenings

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



Thank you for leading our worship & sharing the Word today, Rev. Ruth Roberts!

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.



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.



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

In our prayers...

Cathy Keelen
 Pastor Tyrone Rose
 Alene Rogers
 Jane Blackwell
 Al Charles
 Fran & Jeffrey Brannon
 Ira Leon
 Myrna Gause
 Kirk Wirth
 Barry Shatzer
 Tara and John Whitfield
 Kynslee Davis
 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 in all the way. Thank you!

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.

Youth group tonight will meet at Frankie's Fun Park at 5:30 with Westminster PC youth, who have offered to pay for our putt-putt, but please bring \$ for rides, games, and food.

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

Ladies of SOPC are invited to the **Church Women United May Friendship Day @ SOPC THIS Friday, May 3rd @ 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, May 30th, with lunch at 1 pm at Steve's Hamburgers, and then at Snow's Ice Cream after. We are discussing *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano this month. Contact Kitsie Miller for more information.

The Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews is having their Spring Session of classes and fellowship for anyone 50+ through 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.

We can always use donations of cases of bottled water and non-perishable, individually wrapped, easy prep, non-melting food items for our **Blessing Box.**

If you are available 1 or 2 Sunday afternoons a month, from 3 - 4:15 pm, to **volunteer in the Clothing Closet**, please contact Sharon Staton.

There will be **Elder Training** classes from 4-5 pm on each Tuesday through May 14th in the Session Room.

Women of the church and friends are invited to our next **Ladies' Luncheon** on Monday, May 20th at noon at California Dreaming. Please let Jeanne LeBoeuf know if you plan to attend.

