

ANTHEM "Easter Carol" Chancel Choir Patti Drennan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Paul Kerr

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23 John 10: 11-18 Bruce C Hurley Rev. Paul Kerr

MESSAGE "The True and the False Shepherd"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Nicene Creed" Bruce C Hurley

One: Let us confess the faith of the universal church.
All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 # 239 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Paul Kerr

*POSTLUDE "Praeludium" Gordon Young



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**April 21, 2024
 Fourth 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 "The Way of the Cross Leads Home" Paul Davis

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS Bruce C Hurley

One: Great are the works of the Lord.
All: Glorious and majestic are His deeds.
 One: The Lord is gracious and compassionate.
All: He has shown His people the power of His works.
 One: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
All: All who follow His commandments have good understanding. To Him belongs eternal praise!

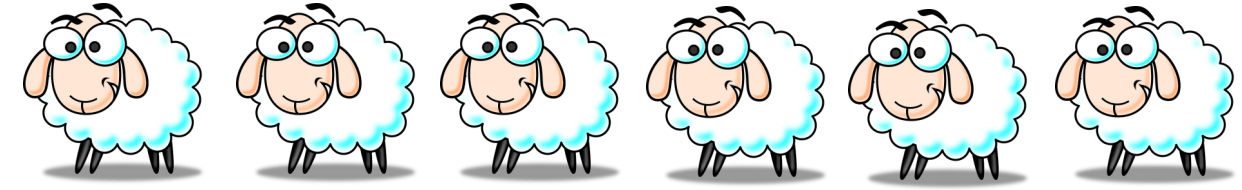
*HYMN # 234 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

*CALL TO CONFESSION Bruce C Hurley

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of all creation, in love You made an everlasting covenant with us when You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You. We have not loved You with all our heart, our mind, and our soul. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have been willful and prideful. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive us. Help us to be guided by Your Spirit and to be filled with the One who gave us life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Mary Dempster
 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 21st:

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

Sunday, April 28th:

Counters: John Carter, Carol Griffith
 Ushers: Robert & Kitsie Miller
 Greeters: Jeanne LeBoeuf, Sue Kesterson
 Acolyte: Usher
 Children's Message: Julie Bussells
 Children's Corner: Marion Wishart

STAFF OF SOPC

Interim Pastor: The Session is thrilled to announce that 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 21:

9:00 am - 11:00 am - The Well Church
 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
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Churchwide Fellowship Supper

Monday, April 22: Earth Day

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 12:30 pm - 1:30: pm - Live Oak Counseling
 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 23:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 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, April 24: Administrative Professionals Day

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 25:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm SOPC Book Group
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church

Friday, April 26: OFFICE CLOSED; Family Promise Gala

6:45 am - 7:45 am - Men's Lanterns Group
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 7:30 pm - 11:59 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Saturday, April 27:

9:30 am - 2:00 pm - The Upper Room Church
 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Liberty Church Special Event
 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm - Mary Kay Training

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2: National Day of Prayer; Thornwell Fostering Info. Meeting
 May 3: Church Women United Friendship Day
 May 19: Pentecost / Confirmation 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

4 WAYS TO GIVE!



Offering Baskets | 530 St. Andrews Rd. Columbia, SC 29210 | sopc.net | Text 73256 to SEVENOAKS

Thank you for leading our worship & sharing the Word today, Rev. Paul Kerr!

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...

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 down 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.

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

Youth group tonight will be participating in the churchwide Fellowship Supper.

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 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 this 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.

We can always use donations of 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.

