

MUSICAL SELECTION "Set Your Hearts On the Higher Gifts" Gabriel / arr. John Turner
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Pastor Andrea Paschal

SCRIPTURE READING John 15: 9-17 Bruce C Hurley
1 John 5: 1-6 Pastor Andrea Paschal

MESSAGE "Who Runs the World?"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (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.

OFFERING

Offerings may be placed in the large wooden boxes with crosses at the main exit of the lobby.

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INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

To take Communion, join one of the two lines down the center aisle. If you need gluten-free bread, take one of the pieces that is wrapped in foil.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

One: Let us pray to the Lord.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BREAD

THE CUP

SHARING - All are invited to the Lord’s table to receive the elements.

CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN # 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Andrea Paschal

POSTLUDE

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Chris Neal

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**May 5, 2024
Sixth 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mother’s Day Offering for PCSC

Marion Wishart

PRELUDE

"Behold the King!"

Lani Smith

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS (Based on Psalm 98)

Bruce C Hurley

One: Sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things.

All: The right hand and the holy arm of the Lord have secured the victory.

One: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you land; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

All: Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

One: Let the truth and power of your salvation be known in all places of the earth,

All: That all nations may give you praise, honor and glory; through Jesus Christ your Son.

*HYMN # 240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Bruce C Hurley

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, whose love knows no bounds, forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness. When we turn away from the goodness of your love, call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend. When we stumble over the gift of your grace, lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent. When we are certain that we are alone in the chaos of this world, shower us with peace, the gentle breeze of an evening rain. When we cannot feel the flowing of your peace, show us your love with the hands and feet of Christ, your love incarnate. Forgive us, risen Christ, of all the ways we fall short, and teach us to be agents of resurrection in the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news of God’s promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Andrea Paschal

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, May 5th:

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

Sunday, May 12th:

Liturgist: Bruce C Hurley
 Counters: Banks Robinson, Ron Kesterson
 Usher: Ron Kesterson
 Greeters: Robert & Kitsie Miller
 Acolyte: Abby Dempster
 Children's Message: Janice Holbrook
 Children's Corner: Mary Dempster

Church Staff

Interim Pastor: The Session & Administration Ministry are 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, May 5:

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
 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm - Confirmation Class
 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Youth Group here at SOPC

Monday, May 6:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Administration Ministry
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Cub Scouts
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Troop 91
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.
 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church Music Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 7:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Elder Training
 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm - Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team
 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Mary Kay Training
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Missions Ministry
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.

Wednesday, May 8:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Staff Meeting
 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Mary Kay Training
 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm - NAMI
 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - NANA

Thursday, May 9: Ascension of the Lord

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Peaceful Gathering Nature School
 3:00 pm - Hannah Circle Mother's Day Tea at PCSC
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Liberty Church

Friday, May 10: 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, May 11:

9:30 am - 1:00 pm - The Upper Room Church
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Mision Cristiana Elim Int'l.
 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Bonakurthy Family Party

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

May 21: PW Birthday Dinner at Westminster PC

May 25: Nancy Humphreys' 90th Birthday Drop-In

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 P W in St. Louis



Thank you for leading our worship today, Pastor Andrea Paschal!

A nursery is available in Building A during worship 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



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



4 WAYS TO GIVE!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please join us for **Love Revolution** in the Pavilion today from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm and help Ashland UMC 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 **BBQ Fellowship Supper** on Sunday, May 19th at 6 pm in the Pavilion Picnic Shelter. Come enjoy BBQ with all the fixin's and good times with your church family! Bring a friend! Donations will be gratefully accepted to cover the cost of food.

Confirmation Class meets here at SOPC from 4:30 - 5:30 pm today.

Youth group will host Westminster tonight here at SOPC from 5:30 - 7 pm. There will be dinner and a special project!!

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

Our **SOPC Book Club** will meet Thursday, May 23rd, at 1:00 pm at Steve's Hamburgers and then move to Snow's Ice Cream for dessert and discussion of *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. June's book will be *The 5 Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride* by Joe Siple.

The Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews will have their Spring Session of classes and fellowship for anyone 50+ now - 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.

If you have **plastic grocery bags** that are in good condition, please bring them to the church for our Missions Ministry to use packing snacks for students in need at Seven Oaks Elementary School.

The SOPC family is invited to a **drop-in to celebrate Nancy Humphreys' 90th birthday**. It's May 25th from 2-4 pm in the TAPP Dining Room of PCSC.

Ladies of SOPC are invited to the PW Birthday Dinner at Westminster PC on Tuesday, May 21st at 6 pm. They are collecting home essentials like paper towels, toilet paper, liquid soap, etc. for Family Promise.. RSVP by May 13th. See Flyer for contact information.

Shelagh Wirth is **collecting gift cards \$10+ to Lowes, Amazon, Target or Walmart and/or packages of period products to take to the Churchwide Gathering of PW in St. Louis** in August for the charities they are supporting. Please bring your donations to the church by July 30th. Thanks!