



Second Presbyterian  
CHURCH OF CHARLESTON

**THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE ALL ARE WELCOME**

*"Meeting people at their point of need; Inviting all into a dynamic relationship with Jesus."*

January 28, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**KINDERGARTEN SUNDAY**

Prelude

Victory  
Heal Our Land  
*Grace Ramsey, soloist; Victor McKelvey, keyboards*

Brenda Waters

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Are you looking for a church home where you can make a difference for the God we serve?  
Where you will be known, nurtured, and challenged? Where you belong?  
We welcome you and invite you to spend some time with us.***

*Find more information about upcoming events and opportunities on the back of the bulletin or online at [www.2ndpc.org/events](http://www.2ndpc.org/events). You may give online at [www.2ndpc.org/give](http://www.2ndpc.org/give) or by texting '2ndpc' to 72356*

*\* (Indicates for worshippers to please stand in body or spirit for this act of worship.)*

**\*Passing of the Peace and Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

Leader: God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.  
This is the day the Lord has made,

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

People: **We come to this place, to this time, at his invitation.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus,

People: **we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus,

People: **as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

Leader: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

People: **we proclaim the God of Compassion.**

Leader: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

People: **we proclaim the God of Hope.**

Leader: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

People: **we proclaim the God of Love.**

Leader: Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

~ from the **On Earth Peace** website. <http://www.onearthpeace.org/>

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Unison

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Time for Children

Second Presbyterian Kindergarten sings  
Sarah Morrison, director

Children's Sermon

Ken Carrington

Litany of Parting: Children: May God be with you here. Congregation: May God be with you there.

Children's Chapel

Children up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to the Education Building for a time of fun and faith formation. Pick up is downstairs at the end of the kindergarten hall.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Holy God, we confess that we are an arrogant people – so full of ourselves that we hardly have any room for love. We confess that we too often judge when we really need to listen. We confess that we push people away when we you call us to welcome them into our communities. We confess that we think only about protecting ourselves when we are challenged to risk everything for others.

Lord, forgive us for being more concerned with being right than we are with showing love. Forgive us for demanding uniformity when you call us to celebrate diversity. Guide us, Jesus, to live according to your unconditional love. Teach us to see one another as sisters and brothers, that we may learn to live as one family.

— ADAPT. - written by Amy Loving, and posted on [The Worship Closet: The Place for Creative Worship Ideas](#).

Silent Confession and Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri

c. Paul Vasile, 2008

Glo-ry to God, \_\_\_\_\_ whose good - ness shines on me, and to the

Son, \_\_\_\_\_ whose grace has par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, \_\_\_\_\_ whose love has

set me free, As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.



**GOSPEL SUNDAY** – please welcome Grace Ramsey, vocalist, and Victor McKelvey, keyboards as our gospel musicians today. You can help support gospel music at Second by donating to the Gospel Music Fund by check, text, or online.

**SPK SUNDAY** – We welcome students and families from our preschool this morning. Please join us after worship for a reception for the whole congregation in the Fellowship Hall.

**FOURTH SUNDAY BBQ** – Supper is served in the Fellowship Hall **today** from 4:30-6:30 p.m. to provide a meal to our unhoused and in-need neighbors through the Navigation Center. Contact Elizabeth or Tim Killen if you would like to help with this monthly mission.

**YOUTH GROUP** – Sundays from 4-6 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders+ are invited for fun and faith formation followed by supper. **This afternoon** students will help serve 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday BBQ in the Fellowship Hall with the Navigation Center. More information and volunteer sign up at [2ndpc.org/youth](http://2ndpc.org/youth).

**TAYLOR FESTIVAL CHOIR** presents the “Vespers” by Sergei Rachmaninoff **today** at 4 p.m., at Circular Congregational Church. This is a work featuring the wonderful, deep bass sound of Russian acapella choir. Our musicians Lee Lingle and Kiri Taylor will be performing. Tickets available at the door (\$25/\$35) or at <https://ci.ovationtix.com/34568/production/1188980>

**SUNDAY AND MIDWEEK GROUPS** are a great way to get involved, grow spiritually, and build relationships. Find more info about small groups at [2ndpc.org/small-groups](http://2ndpc.org/small-groups).

- **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SMALL GROUP** – Discussing ch. 1 of Bonhoeffer's *Life Together* tomorrow, **Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30 p.m. at the Pritchards' (1241 Marvin Ave. 29407). Friends and newcomers welcome. Contact [jordyn.pritchard@2ndpc.org](mailto:jordyn.pritchard@2ndpc.org).
- **SECOND EDITION BOOK CLUB** – February's book selection is *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr. Book club on **Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>** hosted by Ann and Stacy Hull in West Ashley.
- **LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY GROUP** – This group meets monthly (next on Tuesday, **Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>**) to discuss LGBTQ+ issues in an affirming Christian context.
- **WOMEN'S CIRCLE** Bible study meets for the *Sacred Encounters* study, lesson 6 on Monday, **Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**THE CHOSEN IN THEATERS** – A group is being organized to go see *The Chosen* Season Four: Episodes 1 – 3 on Saturday, **Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 4:30 p.m. at the Citadel Mall Theater (2072 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., 29407). Contact Ken Carrington, [ce@2ndpc.org](mailto:ce@2ndpc.org) if interested.

**COLOUR OF MUSIC FESTIVAL** is presenting in Charleston **Feb. 6-10<sup>th</sup>**. Find ticket information at [colourofmusic.org](http://colourofmusic.org). The Colour of Music Black Classical Musicians Festival is headquartered here at Second Church.

**“SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY” CHILI COOK-OFF** will be held after church on **Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**. Sign up to enter your chili! A sign-up board is posted in the Fellowship Hall. The youth will be helping to serve and collect donations at the cook-off hosted by the deacons. Attendees will sample and vote for their favorite recipe. The congregation is asked to bring chili and desserts. Deacons will provide soups to supplement the chili, cornbread, bread, and drinks. All proceeds go toward our 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday BBQ.

**VBS** – Save the date for **June 24-27<sup>th</sup>** for Vacation Bible School!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## JANUARY

- Merritt Tenpas 3rd
- Waring Howe 4th
- Drew Faw 4th
- Kalyn Oyer 5th
- Hope Staubes 6th
- Leon Hughes 6th
- Grace Kerr 7th
- Samuel “Brother” King 7th
- Bill Jewell 9th
- Genevieve Butler 10th
- Ervin Grove 10th
- Sabrina Gray 12th
- Amy King 13th
- Cricket Merritt 13th
- AJ Manett 14th
- Sloane Stevens 14th
- Jordan LaSeta 15th
- William Howe 20th
- Sarah Luhn 27th

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(WITH YOUR PHONE'S CAMERA)



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**Finance**, Chris Olson, Patterson Smith  
**Music and Worship**, Wendy Jewell

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 Bill Holley, **Elder of the Month**  
 Nicole Schuerman, **Deacon of the Month**  
**Videography**, Ken Carrington  
**Connections Committee**, Brittany Cogdill  
**Missions**, Tim Killen, Sarah Mitchell