



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."

December 31, 2023

10:30 a.m.



FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Prelude

Angels from the Realms of Glory

G. Krapf

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. You may give online at 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: Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass. Let us go with the shepherds:

People: **Let us go to find the Savior!**

Leader: Let us go with the wise ones:

People: **Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!**

Leader: Let us go with the poor and humble:

People: **Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.**

Leader: Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.

People: **Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him: Christ the Lord!**

~ from "The Gift of Joy: Isaiah 12" posted on the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship website
<http://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/the-gift-of-joy-isaiah-12/>

***Hymn**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

#143

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

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 5th 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

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Prayer of Confession

**Refining God, it is not easy for us to admit we are not a blameless people.
We trust the promises of politicians, but have trouble believing the ones you have made.
We find ourselves captive to emotions and lusts which stun us, but doubt you can save us.
We prefer the shadowy streets of the world, rather than walking in your Light.
Forgive us, Faithful One.
May the Light of Jesus show us the way; may the Love of Jesus overflow from our lives to others; may the Life of Jesus be our model as we seek to be your people.**

~ ADPT. written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

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.

Statement of Faith

The Theological Declaration of Barmen

Unison

Jesus Christ, who acts through the power of the Holy Spirit is the Word of God whom we must trust and obey. Jesus is our assurance of God's forgiveness of our sins and deliverance from the fetters of this world. As a Church of pardoned sinners, we are called to testify through our faith and obedience with our message and our work; to serve God's creatures with gratefulness, not establishing dominion of some over the others. We believe in the power of the Word, which upholds all things and entreats all to return to the unity of faith, love and hope.

Taken from The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions

Offertory

"See Amid the Winter's Snow"

Humility, John Goss

*See amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below,
See, the gentle Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years.
Hail that ever-blessed morn, Hail redemption's happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem: Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

*Say, you holy shepherds, say, Tell your joyful news today.
Why have you now left your sheep, On the lonely mountain steep? Hail.....*

*"As we watched at dead of night, There appeared a wondrous light;
Angels singing 'Peace on earth' Told us of the Savior's birth." Hail....*

Ushers: Christen and Patrick Burgis, Katie Luciano, Emma Paz

***Doxology**

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

O God, help us to be willing and brave enough to give our best to you, our best love and service, our best gifts of time, talent, money, and energy. Bless and empower us to respond to your call with the giving of ourselves, for the sake of your saving purposes. Amen.

Hymn

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

#128

Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading

Luke 11:5-13

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Sermon

"If You Don't Ask..."

Ken Carrington

***Closing Hymn**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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***Benediction and Choral Response**

Rejoice!

Veni Emmanuel

***Postlude**

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Bach, Zachau

* please stand, as you are able

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Large print hymnals are available on the back table

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND FAMILY PRAYERS – Robert “Bob” Hoffman, Maria Rousseau, Caitlin Binda Bomar, Brother King, Peggy Pinckney, Bradley Zimbauer, Jim Kimmett, Pat Mellen, Bob Cumming, Teri Comtois, Liz Lipscomb, Martha Barkley, Frank Barkley, Craig Baumer, Susanne McLaughlin, Annie Ravenel, Mary Wimberly, Jennie Harding, Mary Taylor, Debbie Neujahr.

CHURCH CLOSED tomorrow, **Jan. 1st** for New Year's Day. Happy New Year!

DONATIONS NEEDED NEXT SUNDAY – Homemade or store-bought desserts for Meals on Mondays, as well as non-perishable food and personal items for residents of The Canterbury House are collected the first Sunday of each month.

- **The Canterbury House** is a non-profit senior living community on Beaufain St. Pantry staples, treats, toiletry items, and “extras” like stationery appreciated.
- **Meals on Mondays** provides meals to food-insecure folks on Wadmalaw.

HELP UNDECORATE NEXT SUNDAY – Please stay after church next week, Jan. 7, to take down and put away the Christmas decorations. Many hands makes light work. Thank you!

STAR GOSPEL MISSION – If you would like to help with third Sunday breakfasts at Star Gospel Mission, please contact Sally McDuffie, 828-275-6636.

REMEMBER SECOND CHURCH IN YOUR YEAR-END GIVING – We serve a generous God and are blessed by your faithful commitment to God's work at Second. More giving information can be found at 2ndpc.org/give.

SUNDAY AND MIDWEEK GROUPS are a great way to get involved, grow spiritually, and build relationships. Find more information about all small groups at 2ndpc.org/small-groups.

- **LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY GROUP** will next meet on Tuesday, **Jan. 9th**, 6 p.m.
- **SECOND EDITION BOOK CLUB** – **Jan. 14th**: *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr
- **WOMEN'S CIRCLE** will resume soon to continue the *Sacred Encounters* study.
- **SMALL GROUP** – Weekly meeting for young professionals starting back with a 6-week discussion-led study of *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer on Monday, **Jan. 22nd**.

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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