



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."

February 18, 2024

10:30 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Prelude

God So Loved the World
Adagio
Bell Choir

Stainer, arr. McIntyre
Telemann

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: As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

People: **We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.**

Leader: Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

People: **We welcome an awakening of God in our lives.**

Leader: In this time of reflection and repentance,

People: **We affirm our identity; we claim our security as children of God.**

~ submitted by Gill Le Fevre, worship.blogspot.com

***Hymn**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

#166

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 Choir

Hallelu

Melody Butcher, 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 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

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Almighty God, we confess that we have taken your commandments and turned them into rules. We have criticized those who have fallen short and selfishly proclaimed ourselves righteous. We have failed to understand the spirit of the commandments and the way that was shown by you to live, loving God and loving our neighbors.

Forgive us for turning your law into burdens for others and ourselves, instead of a way to love and freedom in you. In the name of Jesus, who gives us the way and leads us on, we pray.

~ written by Rev. Mindi, and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

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.

Offertory

Taken from The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions
"Lord God, Have Mercy" Franz Schubert

*Lord God, have mercy through your never ending love;
blot out my sins, O Lord; all my wrong forgive.
Cast me not away, O Lord; take not your holy Spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, restore the joy of thy salvation.
O Lord God, have mercy through your never ending love;
blot out my sins, O Lord; all my wrong forgive.
Cast me not away, O Lord, hide not your face, O God.*

---Psalm 51

Ushers: Eleanor Abell, Beckett Carrington, Brad Milner, Sadie Salas

***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**

Lord God, you created us in your image and blessed us. By grace, you gave us dominion over every living thing, to tend and keep the earth as faithful stewards. From creation, you fed us and covered our bodies with clothing. In your mercy, feed our souls with your Word. In praise and thanks for the glory of your creation, grace, and mercy, we present these tithes and our offerings. Amen!

***Hymn** **Seek Ye First** **#175**

Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading **Psalm 131** **Page 574**

Sermon ***From Helplessness to Hopefulness*** **Rev. Marion Platt**

***Closing Hymn** **God of Grace and God of Glory** **#307**

***Benediction and Choral Response** **Amen** **Robinson**

***Postlude** **God of Grace and God of Glory** **Paul Manz**

Large print hymnals are available on the back table **2nd Presbyterian CCLI Lic. #2046860**

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND FAMILY PRAYERS – Wendy Jewell, Jimma Askins (Lauren Olson's mother), Bob Hoffman, Maria Rousseau, Caitlin Binda Bomar, Brother King, Bradley Zimbauer, Jim Kimmitt, Pat Mellen, Bob Cumming, Teri Comtois, Liz Lipscomb, Frank Barkley, Craig Baumer, Susanne McLaughlin, Annie Ravenel, Mary Wimberly, Jennie Harding, Mary Taylor, Debbie Neujahr, Kathy Van Ness-Tindal.

STAR GOSPEL MISSION – Second Presbyterian serves breakfast at Star Gospel Mission before church the third Sunday of each month. If you can provide food or would like to volunteer with these breakfasts, please contact Sally McDuffie, 828-275-6636, sfmcduffie@bellsouth.net.

CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED Monday, **Feb. 19th** in observance of Presidents Day.

NEXT SUNDAY IS GOSPEL SUNDAY, and our guest vocalist will be Dakare Chatham, tenor, who sings with the Charleston Gospel Choir. On **Mar 17th** we will have Jasmine Crowder, soprano, and the Charleston Gospel Choir on **April 28th**. **Our Community Maundy Thursday service**, Thursday **Mar. 28th** at 7:00 p.m., will feature gospel music from other area church choirs.

4th Sunday BBQ Supper – Second hosts a supper in the Fellowship Hall for our unhoused community members alongside the Navigation Center. Contact Elizabeth or Tim Killen if you would like to help. Last Sunday's chili cook-off raised funds for this mission. Thanks to everyone who contributed to raise \$960.00!

CHURCH OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS – Please prayerfully recommend members for the Nominating Committee to consider for the upcoming slate of Church Officers. Forms are available on the back table in the sanctuary and the education building. Recommendations are due Sunday, Feb. 25th.

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.

- **WOMEN'S CIRCLE** Bible study meets for lesson 6 of the *Sacred Encounters* study on Monday, **Feb. 19th** at Robbie Staubes' home in Mount Pleasant (306 Pilots Point). Friends and newcomers welcome.
- **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SMALL GROUP** – No meeting this week. Discussing the end of ch. 2 of Bonhoeffer's *Life Together* next Monday, **Feb. 26th** at 6:30 p.m. at Kelsey and Stuart's home on James Island (1173 Winborn Dr).
- **SECOND EDITION BOOK CLUB** – March's book selection is *Upheaval* by Jerry Diamond.
- **LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY GROUP** – This group meets monthly to discuss LGBTQ+ issues in an affirming Christian context.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE / PREPARATION by IRS certified Enrolled Agent available on Wednesdays by appointment. If you have any questions or want an appointment, please call Sally McDuffie at 828-275-6636.

YOUTH GROUP – Sundays from 4-6 p.m. 3rd graders+ are invited for fun and faith formation followed by supper. More information and volunteer sign up at 2ndpc.org/youth.

MARYVILLE COLLEGE CHOIR, on their spring concert tour, will sing "Songs of Hope", a concert of inspirational music in two performances in this area: **Mar. 7th** at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel at the Village in Summerville, and in our sanctuary Friday, **Mar. 8th** at 6:00 p.m. Maryville College is a Presbyterian College in Maryville, TN. Both concerts are free, donations accepted. Come hear these outstanding young musicians!

WALK FOR WATER – Save the date for Water Mission's Walk for Water on **March 23rd**!

CHARLESTON ACADEMY OF MUSIC RUSH HOUR CONCERT this Thursday, **Feb. 22nd** at 6:00 pm., in the sanctuary, featuring the duo piano team of Dr. Myungsook Stoudenmire and Dr. Janet Elshazly. Concert is free, donations accepted.

MUSIC OF BAROQUE WOMEN COMPOSERS – Spartina Consort, including our organist, Dr. Julia Harlow, will present a program of sacred and instrumental music composed by 17th and 18th c. women, next Sunday afternoon, **Feb. 25th** at 4:00 pm at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church on Daniel Island, 990 Etiwan Park St., Charleston, 29492. This is a repeat of the concert at Second last November. Free, donations accepted.

VBS – Save the dates, **June 24-27th**, for Vacation Bible School! We need leaders and organizers to make this important community mission possible! Please contact Ken, ce@2ndpc.org to volunteer your time and talents.

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Videography, Ken Carrington
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

Eliot Walker 1st
Audrey Bird 6th
Halley Manett 10th
Kathy Tindal 14th
Chuck Medbery 14th
Gus McKnight 16th
Sarah Jeter 17th
Caleigh Mosny 19th
Ella McElwaine 20th
Ford Faw 20th
Elise Nuckols 21st
Sarah Mitchell 22nd
Charles Girard 23rd
Laura McElwaine 23rd
John Comer 23rd
Debra Gammons 24th
Betty Willoughby 24th
Eleanor Burgis 25th
Lynlee Jaffe 27th



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