



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."

March 17, 2024

10:30 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Prelude

Kumbayah
O Didn't It Rain
Wade in the Water
City Called Heaven

trad. Arr. Bates O'Neal
arr. Henry Burleigh
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arr. Hall Johnson

Jasmine Crowder, guest soloist

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.)
+ (Worshippers arriving after service begins may kindly be seated.)**

***+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: Joy comes to those who hope in God.

People: **For the Lord is a keeper of promises.**

Leader: Our God is a God of healing and help and hope!

People: **The Lord will reign forever,**

Leader: Our God will keep faith with all generations.

People: **Let us praise the Lord both now and forevermore!**

~ posted on the Archives page of the **Lectionary Sermons** website. <http://www.lectionarysermons.com/ARCH-W.html>

***+Hymn**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

#839

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

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Lord Jesus, we confess that we love our lives as they are. We struggle with even the *idea* of change. We wrestle with the thought of doing things differently. But we know that the life we cling to is only a half-life. Only you, O Lord, can give us true life in full. Forgive us for holding onto the wrong things.

Teach us by your Spirit to *let go* of our agendas and assumptions. Help us to let go of our self-righteousness and false notions of power. Give us the courage to try new things, surrendering ourselves to embrace you fully. We pray these things in your name. Amen.

ADAPT. ~ written by Amy Loving, and posted on The Worship Closet: The Place for Creative Worship Ideas . <http://worshipcloset.com/baptism-of-the-lord-sunday-year-b-words-for-worship/>

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.

***Affirmation of Faith** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith* - adopted in 1991 by the PCUSA) **Unison**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Jesus, the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Jesus as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Jesus in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus the Christ our Lord.

Offertory

"Deep River"
Jasmine Crowder, guest soloist

Spiritual, arr. Burleigh

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan, deep river, I want to cross over into campground
 O don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace?*

Ushers: Eleanor Abell, Beckett Carrington, 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 Jesus, we offer ourselves to you that we might embody your Spirit in our lives and be your servants in the world. You cared for the sick and suffering, providing food for body and soul, so we could show your love to those in need. Bless our giving and our gifts, we pray. Amen.

Hymn

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry

#799

Prayers of the People**Scripture Reading**

Luke 9:51-62

Pages 70-71 (NT)

Sermon

Resolute

Rev. Cress Darwin

***Closing Hymn**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

#835

***Benediction and Postlude**

"Down By the Riverside"
Jasmine Crowder, guest soloist

trad. spiritual

Large print hymnals are available on the back table. Please return them there after the service.

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INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND FAMILY PRAYERS – Peter Rupert, Sadie Salas, Bob Hoffman, Maria Rousseau, Vanessa Joy, Brother King, Bradley Zimbauer, Jim Kimmett, Pat Mellen, Bob Cumming, Teri Comtois, Liz Lipscomb, Frank Barkley, Annie Ravenel, Mary Wimberly, Jennie Harding, Mary Taylor, Debbie Neujahr, Kathy Van Ness-Tindal, Martha Barkley

MUSIC NOTES: Please welcome guest gospel singer Jasmine Crowder. On **April 7th** the Charleston Southern University Flute Choir will play music for the prelude and gospel singer Michelle Lincoln will sing during the service. The Charleston Gospel Choir will sing in the service on **April 28th**.

THANK YOU for all the meals, cards, phone calls, offers of help, trips to visit me, and especially your thoughts and prayers during my recent surgeries. Being able to feel your presence and the presence of our church while I was recovering at home meant that while Bill and I were removed for a bit we were not alone. Each of you and Second Pres. as a whole are a gift of strength and love. I was able to lean back in the arms of God and heal. With Gratitude, Wendy Jewell

RUSH HOUR CONCERT – Free Charleston Academy of Music concert in the Sanctuary **March 21st** at 6 p.m.

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 7 of the *Sacred Encounters* study **tomorrow** at 6 p.m. in Mount Pleasant (306 Pilots Point). Friends and newcomers welcome.
- **LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY GROUP** – This group meets monthly to discuss LGBTQ+ issues in an affirming Christian context. Meeting this Tuesday, **March 19th** at 6 p.m. at Frothy Beard (out on the patio if the weather permits).
- **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SMALL GROUP** – No meeting this week. Discussing the end of ch. 4 of Bonhoeffer's *Life Together* next Monday, **March 25th** at 6:30 p.m. at Emma & Katie's (16 Pratt St. 29407).
- **SECOND EDITION BOOK CLUB** – The April book selection is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

WALK FOR WATER – Sign up at 2ndpc.org/events to join our "Second to None" team for Water Mission's 18th annual Walk for Water event this Saturday, **March 23rd** at 9 a.m. at Riverfront Park

EASTER EGGS NEEDED ASAP – Please bring in small prize and peanut-free individually-wrapped candy donations this week for The Navigation Center's Easter Celebration & Carnival on **March 23rd** (volunteers needed: text 843.834.4857 for info) and the church Easter Egg Hunt (everyone is welcome!) on Saturday, **March 30th** at 10 a.m.

GARDEN IN THE PARK with Charleston Parks Conservancy this Wednesday & Thursday, **March 20th & 21st**. Sign up to assist with planting, pruning, weeding, etc. in Wragg Square in front of the church at the event or online at www.2ndpc.org/events. Park completion honoring the legacy of Patti and Peter McGee will be celebrated on **April 7th**, 1-3 p.m.

EASTER LILIES are now available for order. Complete the order form on the back table in the sanctuary and place your donation in the offering plate or order online at 2ndpc.org/give.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES – Palm Sunday worship and palm processional next Sunday, **March 24th**. Community Maundy Thursday Communion Service on **March 28th**, 7:00 p.m., will include ministers and choirs from other area churches in an uplifting service. Good Friday Tenebrae Service on **March 29th**, 7:00 p.m., is meditative, based on the seven last words of Christ and will have several beautiful offerings by the choir. Katie Banish, trumpet, will play on Easter Sunday, **March 31st**.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – Each gift supports efforts to relieve hunger, promote development, and assist in areas of disaster. Please give generously toward the special offering to help make a difference around the world. This special offering will be received **March 24th**.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE / PREPARATION by IRS certified Enrolled Agent available on Wednesdays by appointment; call Sally McDuffie at 828-275-6636.

BRUNCH & BINGO – The Deacons are hosting a light brunch and bingo on Sunday, **April 21st** after church in the Fellowship Hall.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH

Carrie Willoughby 3rd
Russell Powell 6th
Pat Mellen 7th
Christopher Ott 7th
Sydney Derrick 7th
Kathy Murray 7th
Lauren D'Amato 7th
Peter D'Amato 7th
Liz Boles 9th
Kelly Bailey 9th
Logan Brown 10th
Scott Burroughs 10th
Cal Oyer 11th
Katie Comer 11th
Wendy Jewell 13th
Dawn McCready 19th
Mary Edna Fraser 20th
Lee Lingle 25th
Erin Holley 27th
Robbie Staubes 28th
Virginia Harding 29th
Robert Hoffman 29th