



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 24, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY

Prelude

St. Theodulph
Ave Maria
Nate Grav, trumpet

Walther, Krapf
Schubert

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.)**

*---Children please gather at the rear of the sanctuary
during the Passing of the Peace for the palm procession.--*

***+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: We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God's people.

People: **Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Leader: Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king.

People: **Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

People: **Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

~ posted on [Life in Liturgy](https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/), from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/>

***+Hymn**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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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

Surely Jesus, I would never betray you, never deny you. Surely?
Lord, give me the faith to doubt my righteousness.
Give me the assurance to question, to examine myself honestly.
Give me the confidence to wonder how I might betray your perfect love.
Give me the peace to be troubled by my smugness, and repent.
Open my eyes to see what you see, knowing you love us still.

ADAPT. ~ written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes and posted on Unfolding Light. <https://www.unfoldinglight.net/>

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)

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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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – Each gift supports efforts to relieve hunger, promote development, and assist in areas of disaster. Help make a difference around the world. Please give generously.

EASTER EGG HUNT – Come for the church Easter Egg Hunt (everyone is welcome!) this Saturday, **March 30th** promptly at 10 a.m.

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

4th SUNDAY BBQ SUPPER – Second hosts a monthly meal alongside the Navigation Center for unhoused and in-need community members. Supper **today**, 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Elizabeth or Tim Killen if you would like to help with this monthly mission.

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. The Youth Group will help serve at tonight's 4th Sunday BBQ and stuff Easter eggs.

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.

- **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SMALL GROUP** – Discussing the end of ch. 4 of *Life Together* tomorrow, **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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED for Good Friday, **March 29th** and Easter Monday, **April 1st**.

MUSIC NOTES: 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**.

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

RACE 4 ACHIEVEMENT – The #Race4Wanza Doughnut Dash 5K is a community event established in loving memory of Tywanza Sanders and his unforgettable legacy. The 9th annual walk/run is **April 13th** at 9 a.m. starting at the South Windermere Shopping Center in West Ashley. Sign up at race4achievement.org/race4wanza

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

VBS this summer, **June 24-27th**! Please contact Ken, ce@2ndpc.org to volunteer your time and talents.



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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