



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 3, 2024

10:30 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Prelude

"Aria"
"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Flor Peeters
Marta Sobaje

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: The season of Lent can be barren and lonely,

People: **but God goes with us through the wild wilderness.**

Leader: Our lives are lived in seasons of transitions and transformations.

People: **Lent is a time to ponder God's providence and persistence.**

Leader: Together, we seek fruitfulness, for it has been promised to us.

People: **We come, as a family, to wait for the Lord with strength and courage.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

ADAPT. ~ written by Stephen Fearing, and posted on [Liturgy & Hymns by Stephen M. Fearing](http://www.stephenmfearing.com/). <http://www.stephenmfearing.com/>

***Hymn**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

#12

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

We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust.

While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events.

Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever.

~ from *It's a Good Thing He Left: John 16*, posted on the **Calvin Institute of Christian Worship** website.
<http://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/it-s-a-good-thing-he-left-john-16>

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.

*Apostles' Creed

Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell*; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic** Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* "hell" refers to the Hebrew word "Sheol," a place of the dead, rather than the Hell of the final judgment.

** "catholic" is Latin for "universal," implying the Christian unity that exists beyond all denominations.

Offertory

"Christ We Do All Adore Thee"

Theodore Dubois

*Christ we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.
For on the holy cross hast Thou the world from sin redeemed.*

Ushers: Jessica Brock, Stuart Cochrane, Tim Killen, Brad Milner

***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**

God of mercy, we praise you that you have brought us into your embrace. By your Spirit, give us the grace of repentance and obedience, and guide us in righteousness. May these offerings, tokens of our commitment to follow you, be holy and acceptable in your sight. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

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Sermon

Stickin' with It in Obedience

Rev. Cress Darwin

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

#498

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Elders: Jessica Brock, Stuart Cochrane, Tim Killen, Brad Milner

Music during Communion: "Holy God We Praise Your Name" and "Tallis Canon", arr. Wagner
Melody Butcher and Nate Grav, handbells

***Closing Hymn**

Fairest Lord Jesus

#630

***Benediction and Choral Response**

Amen

Roff

***Postlude**

O Lamb of God Most Holy

Pachelbel

Large print hymnals are available on the back table

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INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND FAMILY PRAYERS – Wendy Jewell, Bob Hoffman, Maria Rousseau, Caitlin Binda Bomar, Brother King, Bradley Zimbauer, Jim Kimmett, Pat Mellen, Bob Cumming, Teri Comtois, Liz Lipscomb, Frank Barkley, Susanne McLaughlin, Annie Ravenel, Mary Wimberly, Jennie Harding, Mary Taylor, Debbie Neujahr, Kathy Van Ness-Tindal, Martha Barkley

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE items are collected **today** in the Education Building for the Canterbury House and Meals on Mondays.

MARYVILLE COLLEGE CHOIR, on their spring concert tour, will sing "Songs of Hope", a concert of inspirational music in two performances in this area: **March 7th** at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel at the Village in Summerville, and in our sanctuary **this Friday, March 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!

MUSIC NOTES: On **March 17th** we will have guest gospel singer Jasmine Crowder. Our Community Maundy Thursday service, Thursday **March 28th** at 7:00 p.m., will feature music from several area church choirs. Our Good Friday Tenebrae service, Friday **March 29th** at 7:00 p.m., will have several beautiful offerings by the choir. Katie Banish, trumpet, will play on Easter Sunday, **March 31st**, 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, and the Charleston Gospel Choir will sing in the service on **April 28th**.

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.

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** – Ch. 3 of Bonhoeffer's *Life Together* on **March 4th** at 6:30 p.m. at Kristen's home in Summerville (417 Comet Creek Ln.).
- **SECOND EDITION BOOK CLUB** – March's book selection is *Upheaval* by Jerry Diamond. Meeting Sunday, **March 10th** at 2:00 p.m. at Peggy Pinckney's home on James Island (934 Paul Revere Ct.).
- **WOMEN'S CIRCLE** Bible study meets for lesson 7 of the *Sacred Encounters* study on Monday, **March 18th** in Mount Pleasant. Friends and newcomers welcome.
- **LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY GROUP** – This group meets monthly to discuss LGBTQ+ issues in an affirming Christian context. Next meeting Tuesday, **March 19th** at 6 p.m.

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

GARDEN IN THE PARK with **Charleston Parks Conservancy** on **March 19 & 20th** from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. 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.

EASTER EGGS – Please bring in small prize and peanut-free individually-wrapped candy donations for The Navigation Center's egg hunt on **March 23rd** and the church egg hunt on **March 30th** at 10 a.m.

WALK FOR WATER – Look out for the link to sign up to join our "Second to None" team for Water Mission's 18th annual Walk for Water event at Riverfront Park on **March 23rd** at 9:00 a.m.

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.

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



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Judy Olson, **Deacon of the Month**

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