



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."

April 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Burroughs

Beneath the Cross of Jesus / Near the Cross
Bell Choir

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: We look in the mirror and what do we see?

People: **We see people trying to be faithful, even as our faith is challenged.**

Leader: We look in the mirror and how do we see?

People: **We see with hearts open to God's love; we see lives seeking to trust God wholeheartedly.**

Leader: We look in the mirror and who do we see?

People: **We see Jesus, the One who answers our questions and who shows the way to follow.**

ADAPT. ~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on [Lectonary Liturgies](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/). <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

***+Hymn**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#39

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

Almighty and most merciful God, we are thankful for your mercy, higher than the heavens and wider than our wanderings. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our obsession with the pursuit of constant pleasure, our neglect of your loving and gracious care.

May we repent. May we desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ADAPT. ~ written by Alex S. Leung, and posted on Six Steps. <http://sixsteps.org/>

Silent Confession and Assurance of Pardon

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

"Christ Is Risen"

Virgil Ford, 1963

*Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead, He is risen as he said, Alleluia.
 Christ died for our sins, He was buried, and He rose again.
 Now is Christ risen from the dead. Death is swallowed up in victory.
 Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!*

Ushers: Eleanor Abell, Brittany Cogdill, Carol Howe, Wendy Jewell

***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**

Gracious God, we bring to you what is yours. Lead us on the path of obedience that leads to joy in your service. Instill in us the generosity that you display in your creation and in your creating us. Make us channels of your grace. Amen.

Hymn**Be Thou My Vision****#450****Pastoral Prayer of the People****Scripture Reading****Job 1:1–2:10****Pages 453-454****Sermon****Why Me? With Me!****Ken Carrington*****Closing Hymn**

**We've Come This Far by Faith
 (please sing twice)**

#656***Benediction and Choral Response**

Amen

Roff

Postlude

Praeludium in G

Nikolaus Bruhns

2nd Presbyterian CCLI Lic. #2046860**Large print hymnals are available on the back table. Audio Assistance Devices are available as well.****INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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.

BRUNCH & BINGO – Join us in the Fellowship Hall **after church today** for a light brunch and Bingo for all ages with lots of prizes. Everyone is invited. Babysitting available in the nursery for tiny tots.

A SHAKESPEAREAN SONGBOOK – Concert **today** at 3:00 p.m., Gage Hall, 4 Archdale Street (next to Unitarian Church). Come hear songs from Shakespeare's plays, as well as other instrumental works by his contemporaries, presented by Spartina Consort (including our own Dr. Harlow, harpsichord). Free, \$20 suggested donation.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT featuring CAM faculty, Irina Pevzner, Yun Hao Jiang, Karel Abo, Corey Mike, and Pa Houa Amber Yang in the sanctuary on Thursday, **April 25th** at 6:00 p.m. Free admission. Donations accepted.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SMALL GROUP meets weekly on **Thursdays** at 6:30 p.m. outside at The Garden in West Ashley (1331 Ashley River Rd). Friends and newcomers welcome! Contact jordyn.pritchard@2ndpc.org. More about Second Pres small groups can be found at 2ndpc.org/small-groups.

GOSPEL SUNDAYS – The Charleston Gospel Choir will sing in the service next Sunday, **April 28th**. Grace Ramsey, gospel singer, and Victor McKelvey, keyboard, return on **May 26th**.

4th SUNDAY BBQ SUPPER – Second hosts a monthly meal alongside the Navigation Center for unhoused and in-need neighbors. Supper will be served **next Sunday**, 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.

COLOUR OF MUSIC FESTIVAL is presenting at the North Charleston Arts Festival on Thursday, **May 2nd** & at I'On Chapel on Friday, **May 3rd**. Find ticket information at colourofmusic.org.

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS – An updated church directory will be published in the next few weeks. Please get an updated photo or family photo to Steven in the church office, office@2ndpc.org. It's so helpful for members to be able to put a face to a name!

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Congregation and the Corporation of the Second Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, **May 5th** directly after worship in the Sanctuary to receive the Annual Report, 2024 Budget, and 2023 Statistical Report, to approve the pastor's compensation, and to elect the slate of nominees including Elders, classes of 2026 and 2027, Deacons, classes of 2025, 2026 and 2027, and the 2025 Nominating Team.

SECOND EDITION BOOK CLUB – The May book selection is *The Women* by Kristin Hannah for discussion on Sunday, **May 5th**. Contact Peggy Pinckney or Fred Schuh for more information.

PRIDE PARADE – Walk with us this year at Charleston Pride Saturday, **June 1st**. Sign up available soon. Contact Aled (aledpritchard@gmail.com) to help or for more information.

VBS is coming soon- **June 24-27th!** Register preschool and elementary aged children at 2ndpc.org/vbs2024. Contact Ken, ce@2ndpc.org for more information or to volunteer.

TAG SALE – As you spring clean, don't forget to put things aside for our annual Tag Sale in the fall!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL

Jimmy Howe 1st
GiGi Schmidt 2nd
Ka'Mya Manigault 6th
Jeff McGaha 6th
Laura Ott 6th
Nathan Driggers 6th
Kurt Taylor 7th
Douglas Kerr 8th
Joshua Derrick 8th
John McElwaine 10th
Linda Stevens 10th
Jamie Mellen 10th
Patrick Burgis 10th
James Hackett 12th
Charlotte Olson 12th
Sara Gouldon 13th
David King 15th
Martha Barkley 16th
Amanda Burroughs 16th
Joshua Koca 17th
Spence Roddey 18th
Addison Bishop 18th
Drew Jaffe 19th
Andrew McLeod 21st
Blakely Bishop 22nd
Dave Jackson 25th
Lachlan Pritchard 27th
Jay Stevens 27th
Waring Howe 27th
Robert Howe 28th
George Smythe 30th
Beckett Carrington 30th

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David King, **Deacon of the Month**

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