



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 28, 2024

10:30 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prelude

On Our Way Traditional, Arr. Aretha Franklin
Soloists, Joecephus Greene, Tenor, and Canatrian M. Middleton, Soprano

Give Yourself Jesus Robert Fryson, Arr. Aretha Franklin
Soloist, Canatrian M. Middleton, Soprano

Charleston Gospel Choir
Jennifer Ancrum, director, Anna Brock, pianist

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 gather together to worship God, the Shepherd of our souls.

People: **The one who has created us, who sustains us, redeems us, who walks beside us in good times and bad, and who calls us to follow.**

Leader: This is our God!

People: **Let us worship Jesus together!**

***+Hymn**

How Great Thou Art

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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

Jesus, shepherd of our souls, you guide us in right paths, you lead us in the way of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, and at times our greed, to direct our paths. We have overreacted; we have taken more than our share; we have resented others that seem to have it all.

Forgive us, God, for not following your way. Forgive us when we have not listened for your voice and instead have acted selfishly and foolishly. Lead us back to your path, to loving you and our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and be conduits of hope and healing, forgiveness and love. In your name we pray.

ADAPT. — posted by Rev. Mindi on her blog [Rev-o-lution](#).

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.

VBS – Volunteers needed! Ken, our director of children and youth, will be holding a short informational meeting in the fellowship hall after church **today**. Please attend if you are interested in volunteering or registering children for **VBS June 24-27th**. [2ndpc.org/vbs2024](https://www.2ndpc.org/vbs2024)

4th SUNDAY BBQ SUPPER – We host a monthly meal for unhoused and in-need neighbors led by Elizabeth and Tim Killen and The Navigation Center. The Second Pres Youth Group will help serve supper **today**, 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

COLOUR OF MUSIC FESTIVAL is presenting at the North Charleston Arts Festival this Thursday, **May 2nd** & at I'On Chapel on Friday, **May 3rd**. Find ticket information at [colourofmusic.org](https://www.colourofmusic.org).

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SMALL GROUP meets weekly on **Thursdays** through May 16th at 6:30 p.m. outside at The Garden in West Ashley (1331 Ashley River Rd). Contact jordyn.pritchard@2ndpc.org and find more information about Second Pres small groups at [2ndpc.org/small-groups](https://www.2ndpc.org/small-groups).

FOOD DRIVE NEXT SUNDAY – Bring homemade or store-bought desserts (for Meals on Mondays), and non-perishable food and personal items (for residents of The Canterbury House).

- **The Canterbury House** is a non-profit senior living community on Beaufain Street. Pantry staples, treats, and toiletry items are appreciated.
- **Meals on Mondays** provides meals to food-insecure folks on Wadmalaw.

MEMBER DIRECTORY PHOTOS – An updated church directory will be published and made available at the congregational meeting next Sunday. Please send an updated family or member photo ASAP to Steven in the church office, office@2ndpc.org.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING – On Sunday, **May 12th** our congregation will join other Presbyterian churches throughout South Carolina in the Mother's Day Offering in support of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE meets for lesson 9 of the *Sacred Encounters* study on Monday, **May 20th** at 6:00 p.m. at Robbie Staubes' home in Mount Pleasant.

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.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL-MAY

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
Liz McNulty 1st
Ann Hackett 1st
Alice Willoughby 1st
Poppy Mosny 1st
Marion Mitchell 2nd
Billy Bishop 5th
Dawn Mears 5th
Susanne McLaughlin 5th
Tripp Accardo 6th
Lucas Willoughby 7th
Walt Jeter 9th
Tripp Carrington 10th
Clay Brock 11th
Leighton Anderson 11th
Finn Holley 11th
Teagan Holley 11th
Tucker Plotner 15th
Isabelle Burroughs 21st
Allyson Hiers 22nd
William Holley 22nd
Patrick McNulty 23rd
Cassie Jaffe 24th
Carter Fox 25th
Ivey Jeter 28th



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David King, Deacon of the Month

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