



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."*

May 5, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Prelude**

Andante religioso / Prelude in G

Mendelssohn

**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](http://www.2ndpc.org/events). You may give online at [www.2ndpc.org/give](http://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: Holy God, in reverent awe, we come to worship you!

People: **We gather to honor and glorify your almighty name.**

Leader: Righteous God, we rejoice as we come to worship you!

People: **We gather to celebrate your power over the forces of evil.**

Leader: Faithful God, with thankfulness, we come to worship you!

People: **We gather to sing praises to you in whom we trust. Amen.**

~ written by Joan Stott, based on Psalm 98. Posted on **The Timeless Psalms**.  
[http://www.thetimelesspsalms.net/w\\_resources/pentecost25\[33\]c\\_2010.htm](http://www.thetimelesspsalms.net/w_resources/pentecost25[33]c_2010.htm)

**\*+Hymn**

**O Worship the King**

**#41**

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness. Jesus, help us to face up to ourselves so that as you move toward us in mercy, we may welcome you and receive your forgiveness.**

ADAPT. ~ posted on the PCUSA website. <http://www.pcusa.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.

**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**

**"Beloved, Let Us Love One Another"**  
*Erin Mellen, soloist*

**Van Denman Thompson**  
 1 John: 4

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God. Herein is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent his Son to atone for our sins.*

*Beloved, if God so loved us we also ought to love one another. If we love one another God abideth in us, and his love is made perfect in us. God is love and whoso abideth in love abideth in God and God abideth in him.*

Ushers: Gary Jaffe, Felicia Sanders, Patterson Smith, Lucas Willoughby

**\*Doxology**

OLD HUNDRETH

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**

It is by your grace, O God, that we have these gifts to share. Accept them, and us, for your work in the world, providing rest for the weary, protection of the vulnerable and hope for those in despair. Amen.

**Hymn**

**Bicentennial Hymn**

see insert

*(written for the occasion of the bicentennial of Second Presbyterian Church, 2009)*

**Pastoral Prayer of the People**

*(the congregation is invited to join the choir):*

**“Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace; I can feel the brush of angels’ wings,  
I see glory in each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.”**

**Scripture Reading**

**Ephesians 5:1-2**

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**Sermon**

***In Love, For Love, To Love, With Love***

**Rev. Cress Darwin**

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**Communion Hymn**

**Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread**

**#500**

**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: Gary Jaffe, Felicia Sanders, Patterson Smith, Lucas Willoughby

**\*Closing Hymn**

**O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

**#610**

**\*Benediction and Choral Response**

Amen

Danish

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

*Following the meeting, please join in singing:*

**All hail the power of Jesus’ name, let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!  
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**Postlude**

Gloria

François Couperin

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**IT IS WITH SADNESS** that we inform you Joseph Halstead “Peter” McGee, 95, entered into eternal rest on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the McGee and Colbert families close and in prayer.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** of the Congregation and the Corporation of the Second Presbyterian Church will be held **today** 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.

**FOOD DRIVE** – Donations collected the first Sunday of each month in the Education Building.

**PRIDE PARADE** – Walk with us this year at the Charleston Pride on Saturday, **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex. Contact Aled ([aledpritchard@gmail.com](mailto:aledpritchard@gmail.com)) to help or for more information.

**VBS** is coming soon- **June 24-27<sup>th</sup>**! Register preschool and elementary aged children at [2ndpc.org/vbs2024](http://2ndpc.org/vbs2024). Contact Ken, [ce@2ndpc.org](mailto:ce@2ndpc.org) for more information or to volunteer. Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex.

**SECOND EDITION BOOK CLUB** – This month's book discussion of *The Women* by Kristin Hannah for discussion on **today** at 2 p.m. at Peggy Pinckney's home. (934 Paul Revere Court, 29412). The June book selection is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Contact Peggy Pinckney or Fred Schuh for more information.

What we get to do for **MISSIONS IN MAY!** Because in our liturgical calendar the date for Pentecost depends on the date of Easter, it's very early this year. So we have the opportunity to support retired residents of the Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina with the **Mother's Day Offering** on **May 12<sup>th</sup>**, and then the next Sunday we can support the children and young people of the Church with the **Pentecost Offering!** Please take time to learn about these offerings and then give as generously as you are able.

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SMALL GROUP** meets weekly on **Thursdays** at 6:30 p.m. through May 16<sup>th</sup> at The Garden in West Ashley. Find more information about Second Pres small groups at [2ndpc.org/small-groups](http://2ndpc.org/small-groups).

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

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES!** Please contact the church office (843-723-9237, [office@2ndpc.org](mailto:office@2ndpc.org)) if you are graduating



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Chris Olson/Stuart Cochrane, **Elder of the Month**  
Dawn McCready, **Deacon of the Month**

**Videography**, Ken Carrington  
**Connections Committee**, Brittany Cogdill  
**Missions**, Tim Killen, Sarah Mitchell

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
MAY

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