



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 Christ"

July 23, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Meditation on 'Mendon'
Andrew Byrd, guest organist

Franklin Ritter

***Processional Hymn:**

**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 in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

People: **Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

Leader: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

People: **That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

Leader: The living Christ is with us.

People: **Praise the Lord!**

~ posted on **Life in Liturgy**. <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/>

***Hymn**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

#385

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Unison

God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our thoughts, our weaknesses, our motivations, our sins; yet you love us still.

Forgive us when we don't believe such love is true or possible; when we wonder how you could love us just as we are, when we forget our intricate construction, fearfully, wonderfully made in your image.

Remove from our minds every thought which keeps us from you. Break down the walls, push aside the pride, and help us to trust anew. You know our hearts; yet you love us still.

~ from *All Things New*, written by Rev. Susan A. Blain and Rev. Scott Ressman.
Posted on the **United Church of Christ** website. <http://www.ucc.org/50/pdfs/worship-resources.pdf>

Silent Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

Greatorex

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost. As it
was in the be - gin - ning is now and ev - er shall be world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

Statement of Faith

The Scots Confession (1560)

Unison

We confess and acknowledge One God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, serve, worship and trust. We believe in One Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, so we firmly believe from the beginning there has been One Kirk (Church) and that the Kirk is universal because it contains the chosen of all ages, realms, nations and tongues. We believe and avow the signs of the true Kirk to be: the true preaching of the Word of God, revealed to us in the writings of the prophets and apostles, the right administration of the sacraments of Christ Jesus that must be confirmed in our hearts and whereby vice is repressed and virtue nourished.

Taken from *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions*

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 are invited to Children's Chapel for a time of fun, singing and faith formation at this time.
Children will be at the end of the kindergarten hall for pick up after church.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you looking for a church home where you can make a difference for the God we serve?

Where you belong, where you will be known, nurtured and challenged?

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.

Offertory**God Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

Words: Robert Edwards, 1961
 Music: BEACH SPRING, Early American

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
 costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
 thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom,
 races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
 Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.*

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred,
 and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
 healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.*

Ushers: Christen Burgis, Patrick Burgis, Katie Luciano, Emma Paz

***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**

**Saving God, the hour of our destiny is at hand, and this is the time to do the good we know. You
 summon us to respond to the cries of the needy, and to offer both ourselves and our possessions
 in the work of Christ's kingdom. May these gifts be symbol and seal of our sincerity. Amen.**

Hymn**In My Life / Lord, Be Glorified****#468****Pastoral Prayer of the People****Scripture Reading****Psalm 124****Page 572****Sermon****"From Trouble to Triumph"****Rev. Dr. Marion Platt*****Closing Hymn****A Mighty Fortress****#275*****Benediction and Choral Response**

Amen

Danish

Postlude**"Be Joyful in the Lord"**

Marc Jordan

*- please stand, as you are able

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

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND FAMILY PRAYERS – Alan Rousseau's daughter Maria, Caitlyn Binda Bomar, Katie Comer, Brother King, Peggy Pinckney, Bradley Zimbauer, Jim Kimmett, Pat Mellen, Bob Cumming, Teri Comtois, Liz Lipscomb, Frank and Martha Barkley, Susanne McLaughlin, Annie Ravenel, Mary Wimberly, Jennie Harding, Catherine Castellano, and Maria Howe.

TODAY WE WELCOME guest preacher **Rev. Dr. Marion Platt**, the sixth Executive Director and Pastor of Star Gospel Mission's 119 year history. "Pastor Marion" is father to Dina, Josh, & Zion, husband to Ev, and neighbor to everyone. When he isn't serving others, he can be found fishing in a local creek, running long distances in the sun, fussing over his vegetable garden, or quietly listening to jazz music.

Pastor Marion will also preach **next Sunday**. Rev. Bradley Jon Gustafson will preach on **August 6th** and Rev. Darwin returns on **August 13th**.

HANDS OF CHRIST – Donations requested for underwear and socks for children ages 4 to 14. Distribution day at Second Presbyterian will be Saturday, **August 12th**, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteer sign-up sheets are now posted in the education building next to the donation collection boxes. We need many volunteers!

BEACH GET-TOGETHER – Everyone is invited to Folly Beach the evening of Sunday, **August 13th** for an end-of-summer celebration. Details to follow.

BOOK CLUB – **Aug. 13th**: *Dear Edward* by Ann Neapolitan | **Sept. 10th**: *Just as I Am: A Memoir* by Cicely Tyson.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – All students, teachers and educators are encouraged to bring their bags to church on **August 20th** to be prayed over ahead of the new school year

S.T.E.P.S. 2023 – KEEP AWAKE!!! Mark your calendars for this year's church leadership workshops on Sat., **August 26th** held at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church.

TAG SALE – Don't forget to put things aside for our next Second Pres Tag Sale to be held **Sept. 29 & 30th**.

DO YOU SING, PLAY GUITAR, KEYBOARD, OR ANOTHER INSTRUMENT? Share your musical gifts in helping to lead worship! Contact Director of Music Julia Harlow for more information, jharlow@2ndpc.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July

Hydie Burroughs 1
Charlie Yates 3
Ken Carrington 4
Robbie Medbery 4
Greta Howe 4
Everly Bird 4
Rebecca Darwin 5
Rowe Smythe 7
Georgie Smythe 8
Daniel Schmidt 9
Steve Berry 9
Melissa Yates 9
Dolly Hamlin 10
Ruth Carr 12
Kay McGaha 12
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James Lipp 18
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