



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"

August 27, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

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

***Moment of Greeting**

***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: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

People: **Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: **We gather to worship God!**

***Hymn**

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

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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.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns.

We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness.

Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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.

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 the education building at this time and will be at the end of the kindergarten hall for pick up after church. Children's Chapel resumes September 10th for children up through 5th grade.

Offertory

"If You Search With All Your Heart"

Craig Courtney

Text: Jeremiah 29:11-14

When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.

For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil. For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future.

I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared. I will bring you out of bondage; I will bring you home to Me.

Ushers: Eleanor Abell, Art Merritt, Cricket Merritt, Sadie Salas

*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**

Merciful God, the gifts we bring are so small in comparison to the vast needs in our world - nowhere near enough to save the thousands dying of starvation all around the world, or even to meet the needs of the hungry and homeless in our city; yet we have brought what we can. As you once multiplied the five small loaves and two fish, multiply these gifts as well, so that, once again, the hungry may receive all they need, and more.

~ Christine Longhurst, re: Worship

Hymn

Break, Thou the Bread of Life

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Prayer of the People

Scripture Reading

Matthew 12:38-41

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Sermon

"We Are All Called"

Ken Carrington

***Closing Hymn**

We All Are One in Mission

AURELIA



1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call, our

2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name; our

3. Now let us be u - ni - ted and let our song be heard. Now



var - ied gifts u - ni - ted by Christ, the Lord of all. A

min - is - tries are dif - ferent, Our pur - pose is the same; To

let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word. We



sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove To

touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace So

all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call, Our



plan and work to - ge - ther that all may know Christ's love.

ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.

var - ied gifts u - ni - ted by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, 1986; alt. c. 1986 Howard M. Edwards III. Used by permission

Music: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

***Benediction and Choral Response**

Amen

Roff

Postlude

"Come God, Creator, Holy Spirit"

Bach

*- please stand, as you are able

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Large print hymnals are available on the back table.

Audio Assistance Devices are available as well.

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FOURTH SUNDAY BBQ – Come show Christ's love by meeting the basic needs of people in our community by serving dinner to neighbors in need through The Navigation Center on **August 27th** 4:30-6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Elizabeth Killen.

HOMEcomingsunday – September 10th

- The Deacons will host a brunch after church. If you would like to provide part of the meal, please contact Sue Henderson.
- There will be an opportunity to find out more and sign up for upcoming opportunities, events, and committees.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL for 3y.o.–5th graders kicks off the new semester on Homecoming Sunday with an extended opportunity of faith formation with Cokesbury's Celebrate Wonder curriculum with during the service. The nursery is available for children 0-2y.o. at 10:00 a.m. Sign up to volunteer at 2ndpc.org/children. Middle and high school children are asked to stay in church during worship (and come for Youth Group on Sunday nights!). Please contact Ken (ce@2ndpc.org) for more information about children and youth.

NEW! YOUTH GROUP – Upper elementary (3rd-5th grade), middle and high school students are invited to meet each Sunday from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the education building starting **Sept. 10th**. Dinner will be provided. Friends welcome. Confirmation will take place during this time later in the semester. Sign up to provide supper for the group or volunteer at 2ndpc.org/youth. Please let Ken know if you have a child who will attend or know someone who might be interested (ce@2ndpc.org).

MIDWEEK GROUPS are a great way to get involved, grow spiritually, and build relationships. Please contact Jordyn (jordyn.pritchard@2ndpc.org) for more information about adult small groups and Bible studies.

SMALL GROUP for young professionals meets this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at The Garden in West Ashley.

SECOND EDITION BOOK CLUB meets to discuss *Just as I Am* by Cecily Tyson on **Sept. 10th** at Peggy Pinckney's home. October's book selection is *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan Philippe Sendke.

PRIDE COMMUNITY GROUP meets monthly on Tuesdays beginning **Sept. 12th** at Frothy Beard in West Ashley at 6:00 p.m. This group discusses theology and Christian life as LGBTQ+ and ally folks.

INTERGENERATIONAL WOMEN'S CIRCLE will meet monthly on Mondays beginning **Sept. 18th** at 6:00 p.m. at Robbie Staubes' home. We'll consider Jesus, "the good shepherd," (Luke 10:15) who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people. The message to the early Christian community (and to us) is radical, inclusive, and hope-filled. *Sacred Encounters* books will be available for \$10 each.

If you are locking up the building on Sunday or after an event, please make sure to **lock the graveyard gate** to keep the area secure. Thank you!

SCAM TEXTS & EMAILS – No one from the church will ever solicit a transfer of money or gift cards. If you ever receive an unexpected or suspicious email or text message from the church or another charity or company, don't respond, click links, or open attachments.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August

- Bill Luhn 1st
- Sam Kerr 2nd
- Buckley Milner 3rd
- Beverly Bonner 3rd
- Lucie Medbery 3rd
- James Kettering 4th
- Stewart McKnight 5th
- Thomas Mellen 5th
- Felicia Sanders 6th
- Ava Ott 6th
- Daphne Nuckols 6th
- Maria Howe 7th
- Elliott Lipp 7th
- Sara Elizabeth Craw 8th
- Chris Olson 8th
- Lily Walker 9th
- Graeme Ross 9th
- Kayo Anderson 10th
- Mark McKnight 11th
- Cynthia LaRoche 13th
- Jeff Plotner 14th
- Carol Howe 17th
- Jim Driver 20th
- Joel Dettweiler 21st
- Edward Howe 21st
- James Manett 22nd
- SaSa Darwin 23rd
- Gus Smythe 23rd
- Clarissa Rider 24th
- Arthur Merritt 24th
- David Savard 25th
- Walt Bonner 25th
- Lily Darwin 26th
- Kathryn Martina 26th
- James Driver 27th
- Anna Killen 28th
- Banks Killen 29th
- Alison Schmidt 30th
- Edith Mellen 30th
- Margaret Craw 30th
- Sue Barnett 31st
- Kathryn Burgis 31st

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