



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 12, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MOTHERS' DAY**

**Prelude**

"All Glory Be to God on High"

Zachau, Bach

**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: We have come to worship God

People: **who loved us before we were yet born, who knows us even better than we know ourselves,**

Leader: whose presence never leaves us,

People: **and whose love for us never ceases.**

Leader: This is our God.

People: **Let us worship together!**

**\*+Hymn**

**There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

**#435**

**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**

**Holy Creator, we confess and acknowledge that you created us in your own image and likeness. However, we have shown ourselves hostile to you, and have made ourselves servants to sin.**

**By the power of your Holy Spirit, create in our hearts the confidence of your beloved. May we know and receive the grace and blessing you promise.**

---www.pcusa.org

**Silent Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

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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****"A Hymn for Mothers' Day"**

Music: Roy Ringwald  
 Words: Colette Burns, 1957

*Jesus loved his mother, Mary, honored her in word and deed;  
 set a pattern for our guidance, gave example for our heed.  
 We like Jesus hail our mothers for the loving care bestowed,  
 for their tolerance and patience, for the kindness they showed.*

*Shout in rolling notes their praises, sing in tender tones their love;  
 let your voices rise to heaven, echo in the land above.  
 Shower mothers now with blossoms, lavish on them all things fair;  
 hold them in affection, honor, name them in your every prayer.  
 Jesus, as you love your mother, bless all mothers everywhere.*

Ushers: Carol Howe, Wendy Jewell, Dawn and Rob McCready

**\*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**

**Lord Jesus, we pray that the grace of your love be poured out particularly upon the suffering ones in this world. Use this offering to invade the darkness of poverty and homelessness, injustice and oppression, sickness and confusion with the power, grace and light of your presence. Help us be bearers of your love, Amen.**

**Hymn**

**Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**  
*(congregation please join on verse 2)*

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**Pastoral Prayer of the People****Scripture Reading**

John 14:15-21

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**Sermon*****Mother's Day, Seersucker/Fancy Hat Day and Come to Jesus Day***

Rev. Cress Darwin

**\*Closing Hymn**

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**  
*(verses 1, 2 and 4)*

#366

**\*Benediction and Choral Response**

Amen

Dresden

**Postlude**

Prelude in C major

Bach

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** – 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

**CONGRATULATIONS** on the birth of Jackson Patrick Brock on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:10 p.m. Jackson is the son of Domonique Brown and Patrick Brock. Baby and parents are doing well.

**MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING** – We have the opportunity **today** to support retired residents of the Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina through the Mother's Day Offering. Please give as generously as you are able.

**BREAKFAST at SGM** – Second Presbyterian is serving breakfast at Star Gospel Mission before church next Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you can provide food or would like to volunteer with these third Sunday breakfasts, please contact Sally McDuffie, 828-275-6636.

**PENTECOST OFFERING** – Next Sunday we get to support the children and young people of the Church with the Pentecost Offering. This is Church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. 40% of our congregation's special offering will stay local, making an impact in the lives of young people within our own community through Camp Wanza. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SMALL GROUP** meets this Thursday, **May 16<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. at the Garden in West Ashley for the last weekly meeting of the spring.

**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.

**GOSPEL SUNDAY** – On **May 26<sup>th</sup>**, we'll welcome back singer Grace Ramsey and keyboardist Victor McKelvey.

**PRIDE PARADE** – Walk with us this year at the Charleston Pride parade on Saturday, **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Pride offers a time to come together in joy and celebration as members and allies of the LGBTQ+ community. We've walked together since 2019 and look forward to joining together in love and belonging again this year. Sign up to join us at [2ndpc.org/pride](http://2ndpc.org/pride).

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

**SECOND EDITION BOOK CLUB** – The June book selection is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Contact Peggy Pinckney or Fred Schuh for more information.

**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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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