



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 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prelude "Andante Sostenuto" (from *Symphonie Gothique*) Charles-Marie Widor

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: Peace be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Come and see the love God has given to us.

People: **Come and see what it means to be named beloved of God.**

Leader: Come with this hope, that God's presence is real.

People: **With joy, we come to see the Lord.**

— Adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009*, © 2008 Abingdon Press.
Posted on the [Worship Elements](#) page of the Ministry Matters website.

***+Hymn**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

#839

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

Lord Jesus, we know you loved us to your death and then rose from the grave. Let us confidently receive this love where we will know your forgiveness, grace and mercy. Amen.

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.

BAPTISM of NIANI SURAY GRAMPUS
Great Granddaughter of Felicia Sanders

Leader: Niani is received into the holy catholic church. Through baptism, God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. I charge you, the people of this congregation, to nurture and love her and to encourage her to be a faithful disciple.

People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you and to help you know and follow Christ.

Offertory "Christ Triumphant! Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem" Richard Warner

*Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ, the Paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.
Jesus, our Hope, our heart's desire, thy work of grace we sing; Redeemer of the world art thou, its maker and its king.
Triumphant in his glory now to him all power is given; to him in one communion bow all saints in earth and heaven.*

Ushers: Brittany Cogdill, Sue Henderson, Carol Howe, Lucie Medbery

***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**
Generous God, you show us what it means to love. You call us to follow your example— to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Continue to write your law of love on our hearts. Give us an unwavering passion for justice, and a tenacious faith that will not rest until the hungry are fed, the oppressed find relief and the outsider finds a welcome. Amen.

~ Christine Longhurst, in *Hunger for Justice: World Food Day 2016*, posted on the Canadian Foodgrains Bank website. <http://foodgrainsbank.ca/product/world-food-day-2016-hunger-for-justice/>

Hymn **That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright** #254

Pastoral Prayer of the People

(the congregation is invited to sing):
**"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 **Acts 3:11-19** **Pages 120-121 (NT)**

Sermon **Peter's Inside Word** **Rev. Cress Darwin**

***Closing Hymn** **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms** **#837**

***Benediction and Choral Response** Amen Weaver

Postlude **Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing** Healey Willan

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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 – Sadie Salas, Bob Hoffman, 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

YOUTH GROUP – Sundays from 4-6 p.m. 3rd graders+ are invited for fun and faith formation followed by supper. More information and volunteer sign up at 2ndpc.org/youth.

GOSPEL SUNDAYS – The Charleston Gospel Choir will sing in the service on **April 28th**. Grace Ramsey, gospel singer, and Victor McKelvey, keyboard, return on **May 26th**.

SECOND EDITION BOOK CLUB – The April book discussion of *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt is **today** at Peggy Pinckney's home (934 Paul Revere Court, 29412).

WOMEN'S CIRCLE meets for lesson 8 of the *Sacred Encounters* study on Monday, **April 15th** at Robbie Staubes' home (306 Pilots Point, 29464). Extra booklets available in the narthex.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF SECOND PRES – Young adults are invited for a get-together Thursday, **April 18th** at 6:30 p.m. at The Garden in West Ashley (1331 Ashley River Rd). Contact jordyn.pritchard@2ndpc.org for details.

STAR GOSPEL MISSION – Second Presbyterian is serving breakfast at Star Gospel Mission before church next Sunday, **April 21st**. If you can provide food or would like to volunteer with these 3rd Sunday breakfasts, please contact Sally McDuffie, 828-275-6636, sfmcduffie@bellsouth.net.

BRUNCH & BINGO – The Deacons are hosting a light brunch and Bingo for all ages with lots of prizes on Sunday, **April 21st** after church in the Fellowship Hall. Babysitting available in the nursery for tiny tots.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT featuring CAM faculty, Irina Pevzner, Yun Hao Jiang, Karel Abo, Corey Mike, and Pa Houa Amber Yang in the sanctuary on Thursday, **April 25th** at 6:00 p.m. Free admission. Donations accepted.

COLOUR OF MUSIC FESTIVAL is presenting at the North Charleston Arts Festival on Thursday, **May 2nd** & at I'On Chapel on Friday, **May 3rd**. Find ticket information at colourofmusic.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.

VBS this summer, **June 24-27th**! Register preschool and elementary aged children at 2ndpc.org/vbs2024. Contact Ken, ce@2ndpc.org for more information or to volunteer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY APRIL

Jimmy Howe 1st
GiGi Schmidt 2nd
Ka'Mya Manigault 6th
Jeff McGaha 6th
Laura Ott 6th
Ka'Mya Maingault 6th
Nathan Driggers 6th
Kurt Taylor 7th
Douglas Kerr 8th
Joshua Derrick 8th
John McElwaine 10th
Linda Stevens 10th
Jamie Mellen 10th
Patrick Burgis 10th
James Hackett 12th
Charllotte Olson 12th
Sara Gouldon 13th
David King 15th
Martha Barkley 16th
Amanda Burroughs 16th
Joshua Koca 17th
Spence Roddey 18th
Addison Bishop 18th
Drew Jaffe 19th
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



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David King, **Deacon of the Month**

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