



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."

February 25, 2024

10:30 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Prelude

How Great Is Our God

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Ed Cash

It Is Well With My Soul

Horatio Spafford and Philip Paul Bliss

Center of My Joy

Richard Smallwood

The Prayer

D. Foster, Carol Bayer Sager, A. Testa, Tony Renis

Dakare Chatman and Lacy Miller, soloists; Anna Brock, pianist

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.)**

***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: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

People: **Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us, to receive the new names we are given.**

Leader: Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

People: **Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.**

Leader: Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

People: **Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.**

Leader: Lent calls us to journey with God.

People: **Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.**

~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on [Lectionary Liturgies](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/). <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

***Hymn**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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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.

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

Unison

Jesus calls us to deny ourselves, yet we trust in our own works rather than in God's grace.

Jesus calls each of us to take up our cross; yet rather than allow our selfishness and sin to be put to death, we cling to what we know.

Jesus calls us to follow him, yet we fear where faith will lead and what it might change in our lives.

In this moment of silence, we confess the sin that separates us from one another and from God.

~ written by Daniel Flucke, pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Greene, Iowa.
Posted on **Daniel Flucke**. <http://danielflucke.com/>

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 Theological Declaration of Barmen

Unison

Jesus Christ, who acts through the power of the Holy Spirit is the Word of God whom we must trust and obey. Jesus is our assurance of God's forgiveness of our sins and deliverance from the fetters of this world. As a Church of pardoned sinners, we are called to testify through our faith and obedience with our message and our work; to serve God's creatures with gratefulness, not establishing dominion of some over the others. We believe in the power of the Word, which upholds all things and entreats all to return to the unity of faith, love and hope.

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

Offertory

You Can't Beat God Giving
Dakare Chatman, soloist; Anna Brock, pianist

Doris Ackers

Ushers: Christen Burgis, Patrick Burgis, Brad Milner

***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**

Compassionate God, as Christ cared especially for the most needy of the earth, we are also called to care. As Christ gave of himself, we are also called to share the material and spiritual resources for life that are your gifts. Receive and use this offering as a symbol of our caring and support for the poor and most vulnerable. Amen.

***Hymn**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading

Psalm 120

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Sermon

Stickin' With Repentance

Rev. Cress Darwin

***Closing Hymn**

Soon and Very Soon

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***Benediction and Postlude**

"The Blessing"

Chris Brown, Cody Carnes,
Kari Jobe, Steven Furtick)

Dakare Chatman and Lacy Miller, soloists; Anna Brock, pianist

Large print hymnals are available on the back table

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INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND FAMILY PRAYERS – Wendy Jewell, Jimma Askins (Lauren Olson's mother), Bob Hoffman, Maria Rousseau, Caitlin Binda Bomar, Brother King, Bradley Zimbauer, Jim Kimmett, Pat Mellen, Bob Cumming, Teri Comtois, Liz Lipscomb, Frank Barkley, Craig Baumer, Susanne McLaughlin, Annie Ravenel, Mary Wimberly, Jennie Harding, Mary Taylor, Debbie Neujahr, Kathy Van Ness-Tindal, Martha Barkley

MUSIC NOTES: Please welcome our guest musicians today: vocalists Dakare Chatman and Lacy Miller, and pianist Anna Brock. On **Mar 17th** we will have guest gospel singer Jasmine Crowder. Our Community Maundy Thursday service, Thursday **Mar. 28th** at 7:00 p.m., will feature music from several area church choirs. Our Good Friday Tenebrae service, Friday **Mar. 29th** at 7:00 p.m., will have several beautiful offerings by the choir. Katie Banish, trumpet, will play on Easter Sunday, **Mar 31st**, on **April 7th** the Charleston Southern University Flute Choir will play music for the prelude and gospel singer Michelle Lincoln will sing during the service, and the Charleston Gospel Choir will sing in the service on **April 28th**.

CHURCH OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS – Please prayerfully recommend members for the Nominating Committee to consider for the upcoming slate of Church Officers. Forms are available on the back table in the sanctuary or online at www.2ndpc.org/blog/recommendation-form-2024. **Recommendations are due today.**

MUSIC OF BAROQUE WOMEN COMPOSERS – Spartina Consort, including our organist, Dr. Julia Harlow, will present a program of sacred and instrumental music composed by 17th and 18th c. women, **today** at 4:00 p.m. at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church on Daniel Island (990 Etiwan Park St., 29492). This is a repeat of the concert at Second last November. Free, donations accepted.

4th SUNDAY BBQ SUPPER – Second hosts a monthly meal alongside the Navigation Center for unhoused and in-need community members. Supper **today**, 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Elizabeth or Tim Killen if you would like to help with this monthly mission.

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. The Youth Group will help serve at tonight's 4th Sunday BBQ.

SUNDAY AND MIDWEEK GROUPS are a great way to get involved, grow spiritually, and build relationships. Find more info about small groups at 2ndpc.org/small-groups.

- **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SMALL GROUP** – Discussing the end of ch. 2 of Bonhoeffer's *Life Together* tomorrow, **Feb. 26th** at 6:30 p.m. at Kelsey and Stuart's home on James Island (1173 Winborn Dr).
- **SECOND EDITION BOOK CLUB** – March's book selection is *Upheaval* by Jerry Diamond.
- **WOMEN'S CIRCLE** Bible study meets for lesson 7 of the *Sacred Encounters* study on Monday, **March 18th** in Mount Pleasant. Friends and newcomers welcome.
- **LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY GROUP** – This group meets monthly to discuss LGBTQ+ issues in an affirming Christian context. Next meeting Tuesday, **March 19th** at 6 p.m.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE / PREPARATION by IRS certified Enrolled Agent available on Wednesdays by appointment; call Sally McDuffie at 828-275-6636.

MARYVILLE COLLEGE CHOIR, on their spring concert tour, will sing "Songs of Hope", a concert of inspirational music in two performances in this area: **Mar. 7th** at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel at the Village in Summerville, and in our sanctuary Friday, **Mar. 8th** at 6:00 p.m. Maryville College is a Presbyterian College in Maryville, TN. Both concerts are free, donations accepted. Come hear these outstanding young musicians!

GARDEN IN THE PARK with Charleston Parks Conservancy on **March 19 & 20th** from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Sign up to assist with planting, pruning, weeding, etc. in Wragg Square in front of the church at the event or online at www.2ndpc.org/events.

WALK FOR WATER – Save the date for Water Mission's Walk for Water on **March 23rd**!

VBS – Save the dates, **June 24-27th**, for Vacation Bible School! We need leaders and organizers to make this important community mission possible! Please contact Ken, ce@2ndpc.org to volunteer your time and talents.



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Music and Worship, Wendy Jewell

Adam Murphy, **Liturgist**
Brad Milner, **Elder of the Month**
Sue Henderson, **Deacon of the Month**

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

Eliot Walker 1st
Audrey Bird 6th
Halley Manett 10th
Kathy Tindal 14th
Chuck Medbery 14th
Gus McKnight 16th
Sarah Jeter 17th
Caleigh Mosny 19th
Ella McElwaine 20th
Ford Faw 20th
Elise Nuckols 21st
Sarah Mitchell 22nd
Charles Girard 23rd
Laura McElwaine 23rd
John Comer 23rd
Debra Gammons 24th
Betty Willoughby 24th
Eleanor Burgis 25th
Lynlee Jaffe 27th