



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."*

March 10, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Prelude**

Voluntary on 'Old 100<sup>th</sup>'

Henry Purcell

**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.)***

**\*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: Day by day, God leads us:

People: **to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

Leader: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

People: **to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.**

Leader: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

People: **the community we could be, the family we are called to become.**

— written by Thom Shuman on [Lectionary Liturgies](#).

**\*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.**

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

Unison

O God of Comfort and God of Challenge, we come to you this morning full of complaints and dissatisfaction. Nothing is enough; we do not recognize your blessing at work in our daily lives.

In our complaints, challenge us as you did the Israelites, to imagine the larger reality of oppression, injustice, and inequality around us. Forgive us when we close our eyes for fear of what we might see; open our eyes that we might see what you see in our world.

ADAPT. ~ written by Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel, in *So Loved: Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday of Lent*.  
Posted on the Worship Ways page of the **United Church of Christ** website. [http://www.ucc.org/worship\\_worship-ways](http://www.ucc.org/worship_worship-ways)

### 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.

### \*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**

"When Jesus Wept"

William Billings, arr. Parker/Shaw

*When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound.  
When Jesus groaned a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.*

Ushers: Sue Barnett, Kelsey Cochrane, Sally McDuffie, Felicia Sanders

**\*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 offer ourselves to you that we might embody your Spirit in our lives and be your servants in the world. You cared for the sick and suffering, providing food for body and soul, so we would show your love to those in need. Bless our giving and our gifts, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn****As the Deer** *(sing twice)***#626**

**Verse 2: You're my Friend and you are my brother, even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.  
You alone are my Strength, my Shield, To you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.**

**Prayers of the People****Scripture Reading****John 4:1-26****Pages 94-95 (NT)****Sermon*****A Long Obedience in Worshipping*****Rev. Cress Darwin****\*Closing Hymn****O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing****#610****\*Benediction and Choral Response**

Amen

Haugen

**\*Postlude**

Prelude and Fugue in Bb

Bach/Krebs

***Large print hymnals are available on the back table*****2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian CCLI Lic. #2046860****INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SECOND FAMILY PRAYERS** – Peter Rupert on the loss of his brother on March 1<sup>st</sup>, Sadie Salas, Wendy Jewell, Bob Hoffman, Maria Rousseau, Vanessa Joy, Brother King, Bradley Zimbauer, Jim Kimmett, Pat Mellen, Bob Cumming, Teri Comtois, Liz Lipscomb, Frank Barkley, Annie Ravenel, Mary Wimberly, Jennie Harding, Mary Taylor, Debbie Neujahr, Kathy Van Ness-Tindal, Martha Barkley

**IT IS WITH SADNESS** that we inform you **Kate Wyllly Stanton** entered into eternal rest on Thursday, March 7. Please keep Dave and family close and in prayer.

**MUSIC NOTES:** Next Sunday, **March 17<sup>th</sup>** we will have guest gospel singer Jasmine Crowder. On **April 7<sup>th</sup>** the Charleston Southern University Flute Choir will play music for the prelude and gospel singer Michelle Lincoln will sing during the service. The Charleston Gospel Choir will sing in the service on **April 28<sup>th</sup>**.

**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](http://2ndpc.org/small-groups).

- **SECOND EDITION BOOK CLUB** – Meeting **today** at 2:00 p.m. to discuss *Upheaval* by Jerry Diamond at Peggy Pinckney's home on James Island (934 Paul Revere Ct.). The April book selection is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.
- **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SMALL GROUP** – Begin discussing ch. 4 of *Life Together tomorrow* at 6:30 p.m. at Kelsey & Stuart's home on James Island (1173 Winborn Dr).
- **WOMEN'S CIRCLE** Bible study meets for lesson 7 of the *Sacred Encounters* study next Monday, **March 18<sup>th</sup>** 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 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6 p.m. at Frothy Beard (out on the patio if the weather allows).
- **NO YOUTH GROUP** today.

**EASTER EGGS NEEDED ASAP**– Please bring in small prize and peanut-free individually-wrapped candy donations for The Navigation Center's Easter Celebration & Carnival on **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** (volunteers needed: text 843.834.4857 for info) and the church Easter Egg Hunt (everyone is welcome!) on Saturday, **March 30<sup>th</sup>** at 10 a.m.

**SGM BREAKFASTS** – Second Presbyterian serves breakfast at Star Gospel Mission before church the third Sunday of each month. If you can provide food or would like to volunteer with these breakfasts, please contact Sally McDuffie, 828-275-6636, [sfmcduffie@bellsouth.net](mailto:sfmcduffie@bellsouth.net).

**GARDEN IN THE PARK** with Charleston Parks Conservancy on **March 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://www.2ndpc.org/events). Park completion honoring the legacy of Patti and Peter McGee will be celebrated on **April 7<sup>th</sup>**, 1-3 p.m.

**WALK FOR WATER** – Sign up to join our "Second to None" team for Water Mission's 18<sup>th</sup> annual Walk for Water event at Riverfront Park on Saturday, **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 9:00 a.m. at [2ndpc.org/events](http://2ndpc.org/events).

**EASTER LILIES** are now available for \$20 each. Complete the order on the back table in the sanctuary or online and place your donation in the offering plate or online at [2ndpc.org/give](http://2ndpc.org/give).

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES** – Palm Sunday worship and palm processional on **March 24<sup>th</sup>**. Community Maundy Thursday Communion Service on **March 28<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 p.m., will include ministers and choirs from other area churches in an uplifting service. Good Friday Tenebrae Service on **March 29<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 p.m., is meditative, based on the seven last words of Christ and will have several beautiful offerings by the choir. Katie Banish, trumpet, will play on Easter Sunday, **March 31<sup>st</sup>**.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** – Each gift supports efforts to relieve hunger, promote development, and assist in areas of disaster. Please give generously toward the special offering to help make a difference around the world. This special offering will be received **March 24<sup>th</sup>**.

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

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## MARCH

Carrie Willoughby 3rd  
Russell Powell 6th  
Pat Mellen 7th  
Christopher Ott 7th  
Sydney Derrick 7th  
Kathy Murray 7th  
Lauren D'Amato 7th  
Peter D'Amato 7th  
Liz Boles 9th  
Kelly Bailey 9th  
Logan Brown 10th  
Scott Burroughs 10th  
Cal Oyer 11th  
Katie Comer 11th  
Wendy Jewell 13th  
Dawn McCready 19th  
Mary Edna Fraser 20th  
Lee Lingle 25th  
Erin Holley 27th  
Robbie Staubes 28th  
Virginia Harding 29th  
Robert Hoffman 29th



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Felicia Sanders, **Elder of the Month**  
Judy Olson, **Deacon of the Month**

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