



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 7, 2024

10:30 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prelude

"Simple Gifts" (with a nod to Mozart)

arr. Stephen DeCesare

"Loch Lomond" (Scottish Folk Song)

arr. Stephen DeCesare

Charleston Southern University Flute Choir, Regina Yost, director

"Come and Go With Me"

arr. Kenneth Louis

Michelle Lincoln, soloist; 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.)**

+ (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: Thomas said:

People: **"Unless I see the mark of the nails and put my hand in his side, I will not believe."**

Leader: We are often skeptical people, driven by our senses, relying on that which we can hear, see or prove.

People: **Our Lord asks us to see the invisible, to trust in the spirit, to have faith. Lord, give us faith!**

Leader: Sometimes we get carried away by our emotions, by wishful thinking and by popular trends that pull us in.

People: **Lord, help us to be bold in our beliefs, but also careful as Thomas was. Move us beyond mere trust in ordinary things and open our eyes for spiritual realities.**

Leader: Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

All: **Amen.**

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

Creator God, we confess that at times we are skeptics. At times we doubt that you exist because of the evil we have seen in the world. Oppression, marginalization, and hate still plague our world, and it is hard to see your love and light. Even those who bear your name do not walk in your way.

Help us to see your goodness in this world. Help us to know your love. Fill us with your love and goodness so that we might love one another and lift one another in faith.

ADAPT. ~ written by Rev. Mindi and posted on [Rev-o-lution](http://rev-o-lution.org/). <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

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.

Apostles' Creed

Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* "hell" refers to the Hebrew word "Sheol," a place of the dead, rather than the Hell of the final judgment.

** "catholic" is Latin for "universal," implying the Christian unity that exists beyond all denominations.

Offertory

"Because He Lives"
Michelle Lincoln and Anna Brock

Bill and Gloria Gaither

Ushers: Brittany Cogdill, Bill Holley, Wendy Jewell, Chris Olson

*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, the whole earth is full of your glory! We are in awe. In great kindness, you reveal yourself as the One who forgives. You give us gifts and invite us to be heralds of your good news. May we respond in faith and go where you lead each day. We dedicate these gifts that your world may know your care and your grace. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer of the People

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

Page 115 (NT)

Sermon

Bad Mouthed, Sold Short, Maligned

Rev. Cress Darwin

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

#240, vs. 1 and 2

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Communion Elders: Brittany Cogdill, Bill Holley, Wendy Jewell, Chris Olson

*Closing Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

#263

*Benediction

Postlude

"Lift Him Up"
Michelle Lincoln and Anna Brock

Benjamin Beall/Johnson Oatman, 1906

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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

IT IS WITH SADNESS that we inform you Ms. Annie Tucker Ravenel, 90, of Charleston, SC, entered into eternal rest on April 2nd. The Home Going Service will take place on Monday, **April 8th**, 11 a.m. at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, 7396 Rivers Ave. She will be laid to rest in Sunset Memorial Gardens. The Wake Service is **today** at Mt. Moriah from 4-6 p.m.

MUSIC NOTES – Please welcome the Charleston Southern University Flute Choir, Regina Yost, director and gospel singer Michelle Lincoln. The Charleston Gospel Choir will sing in the service on **April 28th**. Grace Ramsey, gospel singer, and Victor McKelvey, keyboard, return on **May 27th**.

PARTY IN THE PARK!

Join us **TODAY** from 1-3 p.m. for a celebration of the completion of Wragg Square renovations honoring the legacy of Patti and Peter McGee. Mayor William Cogswell, Rev. Darwin, and members of the McGee and Colbert families will be speaking. Light refreshments and music by the Lime and the Coconuts will be featured under the portico and in the park.

FOOD DRIVE – Desserts for Meals on Mondays, as well as non-perishable items for residents of The Canterbury House are collected the first Sunday of each month in the Education Building.

- **The Canterbury House** is a non-profit senior living community on Beaufain Street.
- **Meals on Mondays** provides meals to food-insecure folks on Wadmalaw.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE / PREPARATION by IRS certified Enrolled Agent available by appointment this Wednesday, **April 10th**; call Sally McDuffie at 828-275-6636.

RACE 4 ACHIEVEMENT – The annual #Race4Wanza Doughnut Dash 5K is a community event established in loving memory of Tywanza Sanders and his unforgettable legacy. The walk/run is **April 13th** at 9 a.m. starting at the South Windermere Shopping Center in West Ashley. Sign up at race4achievement.org/race4wanza.

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.

- **LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY GROUP** – This group meets monthly to discuss LGBTQ+ issues in an affirming Christian context. This month's meeting is this Tuesday, **April 9th** at 6 p.m. out on the patio at Frothy Beard.
- **SECOND EDITION BOOK CLUB** – The April book selection is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt for the meeting on **April 14th**.
- **WOMEN'S CIRCLE** meets for lesson 8 of the *Sacred Encounters* study on **April 15th**. 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.

BRUNCH & BINGO – The Deacons are hosting a light brunch and bingo on Sunday, **April 21st** after church in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

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

VBS this summer, **June 24-27th**! Please contact Ken, ce@2ndpc.org to volunteer your time and talents.

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
Charlotte 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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