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Sunrise Presbyterian Church

June 2021 Newsletter



June 21st -25th 9:00 to 11:00 A.M

Register at:

vbspro.events/p/sunrisechurch

On the last Sunday in May, Trinity Sunday, I preached a sermon on *The Power of Presence*. The scripture lesson from Exodus recounted Moses meeting with God in the tent of meeting. Whenever Moses met with God, the pillar of cloud would appear at the entrance of the tent. The people of Israel could see that God was present.

On Trinity Sunday, we celebrate how God is present in the life of the church. Jesus promised the disciples that he was sending the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to *teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you*. (John 14:26) The gift of the Holy Spirit energized and inspired the church, sending the disciples out into the world with confidence.

You may not know how difficult clergy find preaching about the Trinity. Sermons on the Trinity run the risk of being theoretical and rather abstract. Describing God as the *Three-in-One* can easily plunge us into a theological discourse. This Trinity Sunday, I tried to focus on two aspects about God that the Trinity reveals: *the power of God's presence and relationships*.

The scripture passage from Exodus shows us how God was actively present with the people of Israel. The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night were visual reminders that God was present. The church has affirmed the reality that Jesus, as the Son of God, was fully human and fully divine. As the Apostle Paul would later write in II Corinthians, *For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*. (II Cor. 4:6) The Apostles experienced God as the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer. This was not a theoretical idea that struck them; it was an encounter with the living God as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

As we emerge from the physical distancing of the pandemic, being physically present with each other and nurturing our relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ is a testimony to God's continual presence in our lives and the bonds of love that we witness in God's very being as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I invite you to notice the many ways *In-Person* activities are returning to Sunrise. The *Women's Evening Bible Study* with Reece is being held both on Zoom and in-person. In June, the *Adult Bible Study Class* will begin meeting at 11:15 a.m., immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. It will be both in-person and on Zoom. The *Men's Prayer Breakfast* will resume gather on the second Tuesday in June (June 8) at 7:30 a.m. ~ as we are saying, *New Start, New Day, New Time!*

As we move through the summer, we are making plans for a much-anticipated fall with a return to familiar in-person activities!

In God's grace,





Campbell Long

Graduated from Furman University

Andrew Clark Ferrell

Graduated from The University of South Carolina

Logan Ivy Nelson

Graduated from The Citadel with Bachelor of Science in Nursing



THE SURVIVORS OF THE FALLEN

*Honoring Spouses and Families
of American Military Heroes*

Saturday, June 5th, 2021

Rain Date Saturday, June 12th, 2021

10AM-11AM

Gold Star Family Memorial
Patriots Point, Mount Pleasant, SC

Registration at
PatriotsPointFoundation.org

Includes FREE Admission to the event
and FREE Parking

For tickets and parking printout, please visit <https://patriotspointfoundation.org/>

SECRETS OF GOD'S CREATION VBS

Summer is right around the corner so don't forget to sign up for our VBS - offering both virtual and in-person options! **June 21st - June 25th.** The fun starts at 9:00 am and continues until 11:00 am. Call (843) 883-3888 or visit www.vbspro.events/p/sunrisechurch.com to register your children for this fun adventure!

Every day, your children will discover the answers to some of the big questions about God as they sing, laugh, and craft. We will be using Zoom for live music, Bible stories, and packets of easy to do at home crafts for the entire week (with all supplies included) will be mailed to you.

Children will learn answers to the big questions about GOD.

Day One: *Who is God?*

Day Two: *How do I know God exists?*

Day Three: *What does God ask of me?*

Day Four: *Why does God love me?*

Day Five: *How can I get to know God better?*



Fun Crafts,
exciting bible
stories, great
music!



Presbyterian Homes of South Carolina

Special Offering June 20

For nearly 70 years, The Presbyterian Homes, Inc. has offered multiple communities with amenities that create a place you can make your own. PHI provides independent living, assisted living, Memory Care and skilled nursing within a community of friendship with others of similar age and diverse interests. Our communities offer a culture of exploration, challenge and relaxation through informative tours, cultural events, conferences, wellness/fitness programs, study and other activities.

PCSC FAST FACTS

- \$1,059,786 Total cost of charitable care for 2020
- 31 Number of residents served by charitable care in 2020
- 89 Average age of residents receiving charitable care



Thank you for your generosity in supporting East Cooper Community Outreach! This was a great opportunity to share God's love in supporting our local community. Throughout this pandemic, the number of families ECCO is serving has grown exponentially. Since last March, ECCO provided emergency prepacked food to **over 1,800 households** in the East Cooper communities.

June Calendar

Sunday Worship Service ~ Online and In-Person at 10 am (NO FELLOWSHIP)

Family Service ~ Sundays at 9AM (In Person & ZOOM)

Adult Sunday School ~ Sundays at 11:15 am (In-Person & ZOOM)

Women's Evening Bible Study ~ 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm (In -Person & ZOOM)

Please contact the church office at sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com if you'd like an invite for any of the ZOOM meetings.

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Thanks
With
A
Grateful
Heart**



**Please continue your financial support of the ministry
and mission of Sunrise through the following ~**

Mailing a check to:
Sunrise Presbyterian Church
PO Box 517, Sullivan's Island, SC 29482

Or

Give Securely Online at

<https://www.oursunrise.org/give/>



The Men's Breakfast is back with a new date and time! Join us on TUESDAYS AT 7:30 AM for good food and fellowship. Please contact Vance at sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com or (843) 883.3888 with any questions.

Daily Devotionals Available

Current 2021 copies of the Upper Room are available in the Narthex and online. If you would like us to mail you a copy, please contact the church office. You may also view an online version of the Upper Room and These Days by using the links below.

https://destination-site-production.s3.amazonaws.com/covers/URE_May-June2021.pdf

<https://www.pcusastore.com/Pages/Default.aspx?ContentID=14604&Title=These-Days>

prayer list

Sunrise Church sends a meditation and prayer on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday via email and posts on Facebook. If you'd like to receive these during this difficult time of uncertainty we are facing, you may subscribe on our website at <https://www.oursunrise.org/resources/signup/> or by emailing the church office at sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com. Please also continue to pray for those on the prayer list below:

Recent Prayer Concerns (*Names are listed for a month*): Carol Crochet (June Dawson's niece), William Molony, Gail Owen (Lynn Riker's sister), Cory Soal (Ross & Julie Heaton's nephew), Len & Denice Kowalski and their son Chris (friends of Betty Milner), Lee Sarp, Robert Shahid, Mitch Wertz (John & Sue Worth's son), Patrick McDougal, Brady Moreau & Amy Wertz Moreau (John Wertz's grandson & daughter), John Wertz.

Continuing Prayer Concerns: Linda Scott, Betty Hughes (friend of Shirley Joyner), Gladys Durand, John Myatt, Bonnie Wells, Madelyn Knight (Kelly Long's mother), Cherry Leslie (Shirley Joyner's friend), Leesa Phipps, Matthew Fullwood, Linda Hawkins, Les Smith (friend of Eric Lavender), Lynne Smith, Mike McCarty (Pat Odom's brother), April Towry (Billie McRae's niece), Chuck Westall, Scott Sawyer (friend of Kurt & Jayne Nendorf), Frank Godfrey, Victoria Jones, Peggy Wolford, Dorothy Rhyne, Nancy Butler, Kerry Hardy, Betty Imsande, Lou Bovie, Shauna Nelson.

June Birthdays

happy
birthday
to you!

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| 1 Al Dawson | 18 Carter Wermuth |
| 2 Susan Dickinson | 19 Lindsey Bennett |
| 3 Theresa Hipps | 19 Aileen Neikirk |
| 3 Daniel George | 20 Betty Norton |
| 5 Jayne Nendorf | 20 Jay Holliday |
| 6 Barbara Smith | 21 Piper Johnson |
| 7 Leesa Phipps | 22 Kip Nettles |
| 7 Connor Kern | 25 Patrick McDavid |
| 10 Connor McKee | 25 JB Belicka |
| 11 Ray Marcoux | 26 Bill Major |
| 13 Sharon Rogers | 26 Ann Reaser |
| 13 Joseph Jones | 28 Pam Kane |
| 13 Ameline Stewart | 28 Amy Jackson |
| 14 Samantha Hill | 28 Lin Schaffer |
| 16 Lauren Neese | 28 Lauren Milly |
| 16 Piper Barnhart | 29 Paul Boucher |
| 18 June Dawson | 29 Stephanie Heckart |
| 18 Dylan Wermuth | |

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