

SUNRISE CHURCH | APRIL 2025

The Beacon

APR.
13 **PALM SUNDAY SERVICE**
Sanctuary | 10:00 AM

APR.
17 **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE &
COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION**
Sanctuary | 7:00 PM

APR.
18 **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**
Sanctuary | 7:30 PM

APR.
20 **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**
Service at Breach Inlet | 6:30 AM

APR.
20 **EASTER SERVICE**
Sanctuary | 10:00 AM

Holy Week 2025

Celebrate the resurrection at Sunrise Church.

Lenten Sermon Series

Our journey of Lent began on March 5th with Ash Wednesday. It is a solemn occasion marked by the receiving of ashes created by burning the palm fronds from last year's Palm Sunday. I titled this year's sermon series *On the Way to the Cross*. In events and teachings from Jesus' life, we travel with him to Jerusalem and Holy Week.

Sunday, March 9	<i>Temptation of Jesus</i> (Luke 4:1-13)
Sunday, March 16	<i>The Power of a Parable</i> (Luke 10:26-37)
Sunday, March 23	<i>Peter's Declaration</i> (Mark 8:27-33)
Sunday, March 30	<i>Garden of Gethsemane</i> (Mark 14:26-42)
Sunday, April 6	<i>Peter Denies Jesus Three Times</i> (Luke 22:54-62)
Sunday, April 13	<i>Palm Sunday</i> (Luke 19:29-40)
Sunday, April 20	<i>Easter: Meeting the Risen Lord</i> (John 20:1-18)

As I preached this series of sermons, a theme emerged: *Our Expectations and God's Intentions*. Jesus demonstrates to us what it means to *Let Go and Let God*. From his temptation in the wilderness to use the powers as the Son of God for his own purposes to the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus prays, *not my will but your will be done*, we learn that the heart of our faith is trusting God and God's purposes.

Setting aside our expectations and allowing God's intentions to guide our lives is a profoundly freeing experience.

Columbarium Dedication on Maundy Thursday

The Columbarium and Garden are complete and a beautiful addition to Sunrise Presbyterian Church. We are extremely grateful for the incredible work of the Columbarium Committee! A dedication is planned for Thursday, April 17 as part of the Maundy Thursday Service.

On Maundy Thursday, we commemorate Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. The service will begin in the sanctuary and include the traditional recreating of Jesus washing his disciples feet. Then we will move from the sanctuary to the columbarium for the dedication and celebrating the Lord's Supper. The service will be held both at ground level in the columbarium as well as the option of remaining on the deck outside of the Fellowship Hall.

The Maundy Thursday service is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. so that we will be in the columbarium at sunset. This service promises to be a very special, sacred experience.

In God's grace,



Easter Morning

April 20th

6:30 a.m.	<i>Sunrise Service at Breach Inlet</i>
10:00 a.m.	<i>Celebration of the Resurrection</i>

April at Sunrise

Growing Faith's next meeting will be on April 27th at 9 am in the youth group room. Any older elementary & middle school students (4th - 8th grade) are invited to join us!

The Adult Sunday School class will continue with its Bible study that connects the many familiar stories and people of the Bible. The class meets weekly in the church library at 9:00 a.m. There is a video conference option via google meet. ~ Vance

High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the church library. Our evening includes a meet & greet, devotional time, dinner and fun activities such as a beach bonfire, a night at the fair, community service projects and many other fun activities. Come join us and feel free to bring a friend...or two. If there are any questions, please contact Victor Apat at vapat6604@gmail.com or 843-442-1177.

Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) meets Sundays at 10:30 am and will also meet April 6th and 20th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at Sunrise Church. This month's meetings will include dinner, games, and a group devotional. If you have any questions, please reach out to Breezy at breezy@oursunrise.org or (843) 860-9581.

The Women's Morning Bible Study will meet Tuesday, April 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Library. After we meet those of us who are able to do so usually regroup for lunch at a nearby restaurant. If you have any questions or if you would like to be added to our mailing list, please call Patsy Hindman at (843) 906-8653.

The Women's Evening Bible Study will continue their study April 22nd at 5:30 pm using *Journaling the Psalms: A Guide for Reflection and Prayer* by Paula Gooder. New participants are always welcome.

Cents-Ability is collected the 2nd Sunday of each month. Thanks to you, donations have been made to Neighbors Together, East Cooper Meals on Wheels, and East Cooper Community Outreach. Please continue to give at least two cents per person per meal in the bowl in the Narthex. This simple act is an expression of thanksgiving for what we have received.

Start off your Tuesdays with the **Jerry Dillon Men's Prayer Breakfast** at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy great food, fellowship, and a devotion.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 27th



Remembrance Garden Upkeep

You may have noticed how great the Remembrance Garden is looking lately. Many thanks to Good Natured Gardeners, who are now maintaining the garden. If you would like to contribute to its upkeep, donations can be made by completing the donation form located in the Narthex and noting Remembrance Garden on the check memo line. Contributions given *in memory of* or *in honor of* someone will be included in the Beacon & Dedication binder in the Narthex.

Help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday!

Easter Lily order forms are available in the Narthex. Please consider ordering them *in memory of* or *in honor of* loved ones. Forms may be placed in the offering plate or turned into the church office. You may also give online at <https://www.oursunrise.org/give/> with "Easter Lily" in the memo line and email your dedication to the church office at hello@oursunrise.org. The flowers are a beautiful way to help decorate our sanctuary for the Celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The order deadline is April 13th and the cost of an Easter Lily is \$10.

Easter Egg Hunt

Don't forget to bring your Easter egg basket!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**April 13 at
10:30 AM**



Sunrise Columbarium & Memorial Garden

After the Last Supper "Jesus went with his disciples to a garden called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, sit down here while I go there to pray." Matthew 26:36. In commemoration of this special time in the life of Jesus, the dedication of the Columbarium and Memorial Garden will be Maundy Thursday, April 17. Furnishings and plantings for the garden are available to purchase as memorials, honorariums or donations for this very special dedication. Please see the enclosed list for details. Inurnment services will be available any time after the dedication.

If you are interested in purchasing a niche or memorial plaque, Columbarium Committee members will be in the fellowship hall after worship to help you. Memorial gifts and donations may be made to the Columbarium Fund to support the maintenance of the garden. Additional information is available on the church website at www.oursunrise.org under Resources, at the church office, or by contacting Ida Havelka, Columbarium Committee Chair, at ihavelka@comcast.net, 843-412-1884.

Attention All Gardeners: If you would like to help with the planting and watering of the columbarium garden, please contact Faith Frink at 843-609-6893 or faithfrink@gmail.com.



Palm Sunday Worship, Easter Egg Hunt & Procession of the Palms: April 13th - The Worship Service with the Procession of the Palms is at 10:00 a.m. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:35 am. Bring your baskets!

Maundy Thursday & Columbarium Dedication: April 17th - This year, we will gather in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. for a service that brings us to the Lord's Table as we remember our savior's Last Supper. For those who wish to participate, there is the traditional foot washing ceremony as part of the service. We will move outside to dedicate the columbarium.

Good Friday Service of Shadows: April 18th - This is a powerful service at 7:30 p.m. that takes us on our Lord's final journey from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Cross. The service is an adaptation of an early fourth-century worship service, traditional to Holy Week. The church is well lighted at the beginning of the service. The lights dim as it continues, until, at the end, the sanctuary is shrouded in deep shadows. The gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles is symbolic of the flight of the disciples and the resentment of the world leading to the final isolation of Jesus on the Cross. At the conclusion a bell is tolled thirty-three times, recalling each year of Christ's life.

Easter Morning: April 20th

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service on the Beach at Breach Inlet

10:00 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection



**Please bring flowers for the
Flowering of the Cross on
Easter Sunday!
Children may bring flowers to
decorate the cross.**

Sunrise Presbyterian Church Columbarium & Memorial Garden

Dedication: Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 7pm

Memorials and Honorariums

The dedication of the Columbarium and Memorial Garden will be held Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 7pm in the garden. All are invited to attend. Memorials and honorariums are available for this very special occasion in the life of our church.

Little Gem Dwarf Magnolias and planters (5) \$150 each ____

Podocarpus (24) \$125 each ____

Bronze Dedication Plaque \$500 ____

Bronze In Loving Memory Plaque \$375 ____

Memorial, Honorarium, Donation \$ ____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Amount: _____

Please make out checks to Sunrise Presbyterian Church, and write Columbarium Fund on the memo line. Please turn in the form and payment by Sunday, April 13.



**Thank you for your generous contribution
to the Remembrance Garden...**

- In memory of Linda Hawkins given by Gary Hawkins

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
8:45am - Choir Practice 9am - Adult Sunday School 9am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 10am - Family Service 10am - Worship Service 10:40am - Middle School Youth	9am - Veritas 2:45pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6pm - Seaside Singers - Sanctuary	7:30am - Men's Breakfast 7pm - High School Youth Group	10am - AA Meeting 6:30pm - Choir Practice	9am - Veritas 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate	10:30am - Bridge - Fellowship Hall	
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
6:30am - Community Easter 8:45am - Choir Practice 10am - Worship Service 5:30pm - Middle School Youth	2:45pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6pm - Seaside Singers - Sanctuary	7:30am - Men's Breakfast 5:30pm - Women's Evening Bible 7pm - High School Youth Group	10am - AA Meeting 6:30pm - Choir Practice	5:30pm - Agape Do Karate	10:30am - Bridge - Fellowship Hall	1pm - Deakins Recital -
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
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April Birthdays

2 Keaton Murray

2 DiAn Kempf

2 Mallory Jeffers

4 Sabrina Fehon

4 Blake Belicka

5 Logan Catalana

6 Ken Russell

6 Donna Hainley

6 Tom Bigelow

6 Will Heffernan

7 Korri Locke

8 Gale Vancleave

9 Steve Heckart

9 Jon Mersereau

9 John Hostetler

10 Jon Regan Walters

11 Marcy Fields

13 Courtney Hardwick

15 Kurt Nendorf

16 Barbara Raley

16 Susan Johnson

16 Davis Goforth

17 Dickey Dingle

19 Frank Godfrey

22 Isabel Taylor

22 Tracy Barnhart

22 Griffin Catalana

24 Kelly Hinton

25 Pete Page

26 Rebecca Hooper

26 Hunter Murph

28 Caden Boggs

29 Charlie Clark

29 Angie Fehon

29 Talia Holliday

29 Matt LaTorre

29 Katie LaTorre

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