



Pastor Message
Ellen Gurnon

UPDATE ON IN-PERSON WORSHIP

For **Westminster**, we will return to the sanctuary on **SUNDAY, JUNE 7, at 9:15 am.**

For **First Presbyterian**: the Session has voted to keep the building closed through June 14, at least.

For anyone and everyone: Online worship is here to stay!

So, if you're ready to come to church, you're welcome at Westminster (9:15 am)! The livestream will continue to come from the sanctuary of First Presbyterian at 10:45 am.

Please know that both Sessions are committed to doing whatever is necessary to keep everyone safe and healthy. We believe this is how we can best show love to one another during this pandemic.

Whether YOU choose to return to church now or later, please be prepared to follow these guidelines:

- **If you have a fever, or are not feeling well, please stay home.**
- Please **wear a mask** while entering and exiting the building and sanctuary. (You may remove it when you are seated.)
- Please **keep plenty of space between yourself and others** when entering and exiting the sanctuary or the building AND when greeting one another.
- Pews will have a **bulletin on the seat**, marking places where you should sit. Seating will alternate center aisle vs. side aisle, so there will always be an empty space in front and behind each person.
- We will **not be singing hymns** 😞 but a soloist or small group may sing from the balcony or the chancel.
- We will **not pass the offering plate** but will have a basket in the Narthex for you to place your offering before you leave.
- For **communion**, you will be asked to come forward, spaced apart. Servers - who are also spaced apart, as well as masked and gloved - will hand you a cube of bread and a cup of juice – prepared by someone with mask and gloves. (Those unable to come forward will still be served at your seat by an elder with a mask and gloves.)

Also, please be aware that things can change with a moment's notice, so check your email regularly for your weekly E-news.

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.” (Romans 12:12)

Health and peace,

Ellen



Trinity Sunday



On Trinity Sunday we proclaim the mystery of our faith in the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

The celebration of Trinity Sunday began among Western Christians in the 10th century and developed slowly until it was formally established on the Sunday after Pentecost by Pope John XXII (1316-1334).

Unfathomable mystery

An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003, 149-150)

Unlike other festivals in the church's liturgical calendar, Trinity Sunday centers on a *doctrine* of the church, rather than an *event*. It celebrates the unfathomable mystery of God's being as Holy Trinity. It is a day of adoration and praise of the one, eternal, incomprehensible God.

Trinity Sunday, in a sense, synthesizes all we have celebrated over the past months which have centered on God's mighty acts: Christmas-Epiphany celebrating God's taking flesh and dwelling among us in Jesus Christ; Easter celebrating Christ's death and resurrection for us; Pentecost celebrating God the Holy Spirit becoming our Sanctifier, Guide, and Teacher. It is, therefore, a fitting transition to that part of the year when Sunday by Sunday the work of God among us is unfolded in a more general way.

The triune God is the basis of all we are and do as Christians. In the name of this triune God we are baptized. As the baptized ones we bear the name of the triune God in our being. We are of the family of the triune God. We affirm this parentage when, in reciting the creeds, we say what we believe. Our discipleship is rooted in the mighty acts of this triune God who is active in redeeming the world. The triune God is the basis of all our prayers — we pray *to* God the Father, *through* Jesus Christ, *by* the Holy Spirit. The Trinity holds central place in our faith. ...

In celebrating Trinity Sunday, remember that every Lord's Day is consecrated to the triune God. On the first day of the week, God began creation. On the first day of the week, God raised Jesus from the grave. On the first day of the week, the Holy Spirit descended on the newly born church. Every Sunday is special. Every Sunday is a day of the Holy Trinity.



LECTIONARY READINGS

June 7th Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1—2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11–13 Matthew 28:16–20

June 14th

Genesis 18:1–15 (21:1–7) Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19 Romans 5:1–8 Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9–23)

June 21st


Genesis 21:8–21 Psalm 86:1–10, 16–17 Romans 6:1b–11 Matthew 10:24–39

June 28th

Genesis 22:1–14 Psalm 13 Romans 6:12–23 Matthew 10:40–42

Session Members 2020

- Velda Price (Clerk)
- Bill Tucker (Worship)
- Gerald Campbell (Finance)
- Danna Cotner (Missions)
- Charlene Christian (Outreach)
- Allen Lane (Buildings & Grounds)
- Jim Dale (Pastoral Care)
- Jeanie Dale (Christian Life)

As always, if you have any ideas or concerns, please feel free to contact any of your Session members and we will do our best to accommodate. 



Holy Communion

Please reference Pastor Ellen’s instructions on the first page of the news letter regarding the new protocol for serving Communion. It will be served at Westminster during on June 7th, during the 9:15 a.m. service. All are welcome of course. If you are unable or not quite ready about returning to the live service, you are invited to attend virtual worship services hosted through First Presbyterian’s YouTube channel or you can go to their webpage at www.firstpccape.org/sermons

CALENDAR

June 7th Worship Service
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Communion celebrated
9:15 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service
10:45 a.m.

June 14th Worship Service
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June 28th Worship Service
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Livestream Worship Service
10:45 a.m.



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| Susan Smith | June 3 |
| Carolyn Downs | June 4 |
| Carol Dean | June 8 |
| Jeanie Dale | June 11 |
| Aaliyah Hurt | June 17 |
| Lisa Dale | June 21 |
| Brian Tracy | June 30 |