

***Hearing the Word:
Resurrection People***

August 30, 2026

14th Sunday after Pentecost

“Jesus’s resurrection is the beginning of God’s new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord’s Prayer is about.”

— N.T. Wright

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

PRELUDE

“By All Your Saints Still Striving”
“Immortal Love, Forever Full”

English Hymntune: *King’s Lynn*, p. 325
Scottish Hymntune: *Ayrshire*
Pianist, Larry Gillum

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 43:3-5)

Liturgist, Nancy Almond

Send out your light and your truth, O God; let them lead us.

Let them bring us to your holy mountain, to your dwelling place!

Then we will go to the altar of God, to God our exceeding joy.

We will praise you with joy,

We will praise you with the harp.

We will Hope in God; for we shall again praise him, my help and my God!

*OPENING HYMN NO. 667

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Peace, God of beginnings and endings, look upon us and hear our prayer. We acknowledge the days of past when we felt isolated, alone and afraid. This was a time when our anger arose against one another and our grief ballooned. God help us let go of that anger and fear and help us celebrate the resilience you have given us. Teach us how to go forward in unity. Fill us with courage, with hope and with peace.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE:**

Have Mercy, God, upon My Life 421
(Psalm 51)

For - giv - en, I will praise you with

heart, soul and voice. You save the least and

seek the lost; let all the world re - joice!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE

Colossians 3:11-17, NRSV

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Abide With Me"

arr. Moses Hogan
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 16:13-23, NRSV

MESSAGE "Hearing the Word: Resurrection People"

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MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 288 "Spirit of the Living God"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Dave Thomas

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Sometimes a Light Surprises the Child of God Who Sings"

Irish Hymntune: *Salley Gardens*, p. 800

*DOXOLOGY

(Hymnal # 606)

*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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."
Following each petition which concludes, "God, in your grace..."*

THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 233

"The Day of Resurrection!"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Sing Out With Joy to God Our Strength" Hymntune: *Shepherds' Pipes*, p. 56
 "Alleluia! Laud and Blessing" German Hymntune: *Weisse Flaggen*, p. 755

**Please stand if you are able.*



The Week Ahead

Monday, August 31

9:30am Hospitality Committee
11:00am Prayer Team
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

Tuesday, September 1

10:00am Virgil & Carol Taylor Memorial
Gathering
12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, September 2

12:00pm Bible Study
2:30pm Membership Committee
4:00pm Joyful Bells
6:00pm EP Education Foundation

Thursday, September 3

3:30pm Ballet Renaissance
4:00pm Chancel Bells
6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group
6:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, September 4

3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

Saturday, September 5

9:00am Card-Making Group
5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

Sunday, September 6

10:00am Worship

See the full church calendar on

www.pccrusa.org

Announcements

Greeters this morning are Kathy & Robert Sherrod.

Fellowship Time—Join us today for coffee and treats hosted by the Summer Residents.

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine will meet on Wednesday, September 2nd at 12:00 noon in the church library. Come join us as we continue a study series on the book of Exodus. All you need is your bible. This week's topic is "The Golden Calf" Scripture: Exodus Chapter 32. See you there!

Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer — Adult Study Group (a.k.a. Not Your Mother's Sunday School) will NOT be held on Friday, September 4th but continue on Friday, September 11th at 10:00am in the church library.

Heritage Sunday with Kirkin O' the Tartans is Sunday, September 13. Bring your tartan, a plaid, or any piece of checked cloth that reminds you of your personal heritage. Piper Scott Beach, the Chancel Choir, Verlène on the piano and Larry on the organ will all combine their talents to enrich this wonderful service.

Prayer Team - The Deacons are hosting a Prayer Team on Mondays at 11:00am in the church Library. A Prayer Team consists of a group of individuals called to pray for the needs of the congregation, community and the world. If you feel prayer is your spiritual gift, please consider joining this team. ALL are welcome to attend in person, or via zoom.

Upcoming:

Monday, September 7 – Church office closed in observance of Labor Day

Sunday, September 13 – Heritage Sunday & Kirkin O' the Tartans

Monday, September 14 – Miniature Golf outing, 5:00pm at Cascade Creek course at Ride-A-Kart

Sunday, September 27 – Blessing of the Animals at 2:00pm at the Outdoor Chapel
(Please note date change)

Friday, September 25 – Organ Recital by Weston Jennings at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary

Saturday, September 26 – Memorial service for Shirley Albers at 10:00am in the Sanctuary



SAVE THE DATE!

Again this year, the PCCR Mission & Outreach Committee is having a miniature golf outing for fun, fellowship, and fundraising. This year's outing will be held at the beautiful Cascade Creek course at Ride-A-Kart, located at the corner of U.S. 34 East and Mall Road.

We'll start promptly at 5:00pm on Monday, September 14

Entry fees are: **ADULTS:** \$30 per person aged 18 and over
CHILD/YOUTH: \$1 per year of age up to 17 years

Contributions from non-players are definitely welcome and encouraged, so even if you can't play that day, you can still help our church support international mission. Entry forms are available today.

Get your team together and come out for a fun evening of fellowship!

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Heritage Sunday & Kirkin O' the Tartans

Sunday, September 13

Calling all Scots or want to be Scots to take part in our annual
"Kirkin O' the Tartans" service on Heritage Sunday at 10:00am.

Heritage Sunday is set aside not only to celebrate the church's Scottish heritage but the heritage of all members of this community. Each of us come from a rich family lineage to be celebrated on this day. So, bring your tartan, a plaid, or any piece of checked cloth that reminds you of your personal heritage for this wonderful service of blessing.

Our piper Scott Beach, the Chancel Choir, Verlene on piano, and Larry on the organ will combine their talents to enrich this very special service.

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closed
on Monday, September 7th
in observance of Labor Day**

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to serve your church?***

Pastor Christine has a few special projects, and she is looking for volunteers! Contact her for more information at 970-586-4404



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