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Pastor's News and Notes

“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

FPCS 2026 Renewal Theme Proclamation, Pilgrimage, Praise

Proclamation

On Sunday, June 7, we will commemorate 100 years of worship in our sanctuary. As “one generation commends Your works to another” (Psalm 145:4), we gather to remember God’s enduring faithfulness through all generations. Our theme for the day will be “The Faith of Our Fathers.” We look back with gratitude for those who came before us, those who built, prayed, served, and proclaimed the gospel so that we might stand here today. In the spirit of Psalm 78:4, we honor their witness as we “tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord.” Like Timothy, whose faith lived first in his grandmother Lois and mother Eunice (2 Timothy 1:5), we celebrate the legacy of faith passed down to us.



On this special day, we will also celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion. In Baptism, we rejoice that “just as Christ was raised from the dead, we too might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4), carrying the gospel forward into the future. At the Lord’s Table, we remember Christ’s sacrifice and proclaim His love, fulfilling the call of 1 Corinthians 11:26 to “proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.”

As we celebrate a century of God’s goodness and look with hope toward the next, we invite you to bring your friends and loved ones. Let us gather as the family of God, shining His light together as Jesus teaches in Matthew 5:14–16, and rejoicing with the psalmist who said, “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord’” (Psalm 122:1).

Pilgrimage

We have begun a new Bible study of the book of Hebrews. Each week is independent and you can jump in as you are able. This study is designed to exalt the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ, strengthen believers in perseverance, deepen confidence in the gospel, show the fulfillment of the old covenant in Christ, and encourage steadfast faith amid suffering.

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Here is an outline that we began with the first class on May 20th .

<u>Week</u>	<u>Text</u>	<u>Theme</u>
1	Hebrews 1	The Supremacy of the Son
2	Hebrews 2	The Humanity of Christ and Our Salvation
3	Hebrews 3	Jesus greater than Moses
4	Hebrews 4	Entering God's Rest
5	Hebrews 5	Christ our Great High Priest
6	Hebrews 6	Warning and Assurance
7	Hebrews 7	The Better Priesthood of Christ
8	Hebrews 8	The Better Covenant
9	Hebrews 9	The Better Sacrifice
10	Hebrews 10	Draw Near With Confidence
11	Hebrews 11	Faith That Endures
12	Hebrews 12	Running the Race With Endurance
13	Hebrews 13:1-17	Christian Living and Worship
14	Hebrews 13:18-25	Final Encouragements and Benediction

Praise

We are in the early beginning of our nation celebrating 250 years since its founding. Let us take every opportunity to praise God for His faithfulness and blessing of the United States of America. As an example, on June 8, 1783, George Washington wrote this prayer that was sent to the Governors of all the States:

Washington's Prayer for the Nation

"Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in thy holy protection, that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another for the fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And finally, that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy nation.

Grant our supplications, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(excerpt from "Song and Service Book for Ship and Field, Army and Navy," 1941)

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CAFFEINE & CALVIN



Hope for Real Life

One God, Three Persons — and Why It Matters on a Tuesday
Trinity Sunday • June 7, 2026

Well, summer has arrived in Sebring.

If you have been part of this congregation for any length of time, you know what that means. The snowbirds have headed north, the pace slows down, the parking lot gets a little emptier, and the Florida heat reminds us daily that we are not in charge of very much. Summer in a smaller church can feel like an in-between season — and if we are honest, it can tempt us toward a kind of spiritual coasting.

So this month, I want to pour a fresh cup and sit with you around one of the most important questions in the Christian faith — not a complicated one, but a deep one:

Who exactly is this God we worship?

June 7 is Trinity Sunday — the first Sunday after Pentecost, and a day the Church has set aside for centuries to answer that question together. Every other observance on the Christian calendar remembers something God did. Trinity Sunday invites us to confess who God is. And that matters more than we might think — even on a slow Tuesday in June.

What We Confess

The doctrine of the Trinity is this: there is one God — and this one God exists eternally as three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Not three Gods. Not one God wearing three different masks at different times. Three distinct Persons, one divine being, equally and fully God

.Our Westminster Shorter Catechism puts it plainly: “There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.” (WSC 6)

Gregory of Nazianzus, one of the great theologians of the early church, captured the mystery this way:

“No sooner do I conceive of the One than I am illumined by the splendor of the Three; no sooner do I distinguish the Three than I am carried back to the One.”— Gregory of Nazianzus (4th century)

We need not be embarrassed that this surpasses our full understanding. We are creatures; He is Creator. Our minds are finite, and He is not. We were never meant to hold the infinite God in the palm of our understanding — we were meant to trust Him, worship Him, and rest in Him. What Scripture reveals about the Trinity is not meant to confuse us — it is meant to anchor us.

A God Who Has Never Been Alone

Here is where the Trinity moves from doctrine to devotion.

Before the first dawn, before the first star, before a single creature drew breath — God was not alone. The Father loved the Son. The Son glorified the Father. The Spirit moved between them in eternal, perfect communion. There was no silence before creation. There was joy. There was love. There was the kind of fellowship that needs nothing added to it because it is already complete.

God did not create because He was lonely. He did not reach out to Abraham because He needed a friend. He did not send His Son because something was missing in heaven.

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The triune God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — has always been, in His very nature, a communion of love. He is relationship. He is fellowship. And everything He does toward us flows not from deficiency, but from overflow.

This is the ground of the covenant.

When God said to Abraham, “I will be your God, and you shall be my people,” He was not striking a deal or filling a void. He was extending to sinners an invitation into the very thing He had always been within Himself: a God of covenant love. The same love the Father has always had for the Son — that love reached outward, through grace, to you and to me.

Think about what that means. When God chose a people, He did not consult a need. He consulted His own nature — and His nature is love. When He made promises He intended to keep, He was not binding Himself to something foreign. He was being exactly who He has always been: faithful, because the Father has always been faithful to the Son; loving, because the Son has always been the beloved; present, because the Spirit has never been absent from anything God does.

The covenant is not God doing something out of character. It is God doing something entirely in character — pouring out toward His people the same love that has flowed within the Trinity from all eternity. That covenant found its fullest expression at the cross — where the Son was sent by the Father and sustained by the Spirit, to bring a wandering people home. And it found its continuation at Pentecost, which we celebrated just last month, when the Spirit came to dwell in those same people as a permanent seal of the Father’s promise. The Father planned it. The Son accomplished it. The Spirit applies it and seals it.

Your salvation is held by all three, which is why it cannot fail.

That is why Paul could write with such confidence: “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31). The God who is for you is not a solitary power making a unilateral promise. He is Father, Son, and Spirit — in perfect, eternal, unbreakable unity — and all three are for you in Christ.

When we grasp even a small measure of this — that the God of the covenant is the triune God, and that His love toward us flows from the same inexhaustible well that has always existed within Himself — it changes the way we pray, the way we endure hardship, and the way we receive blessing. John Calvin, who spent his life teaching ordinary people to trust this God, put it simply:

“However many blessings we expect from God, His infinite liberality will always exceed all our wishes and our thoughts.” — John Calvin

That is not optimism. That is theology. A God who is, in His very nature, overflowing love and communion cannot give less than abundantly to the people He has called His own.

What This Means for Us This Summer

On a slower summer Sunday in Sebring — when the pews are a little quieter and the heat reminds us we are not in control of much — this truth is worth holding:

You do not worship a distant God who tolerates your company. You worship the God who is, in His very nature, love and communion — and who has, in grace, drawn you into that communion through Christ. A smaller congregation on a quiet Sunday is still the people the Father chose, redeemed by the Son, and indwelt by the Spirit. That is not nothing. That is everything.

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Every prayer you offer goes to the Father, through the Son, in the Spirit. You are not speaking into the void. You are speaking into the very life of the triune God — the God who has been in perfect communion from all eternity, and who has made room for you at that table.

The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve before you can get on with the Christian life. It is the Christian life — lived in, sustained by, and resting on the one God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Prayer:

Holy Father, we confess that You are beyond our full understanding, yet You have not left us in the dark. You have revealed Yourself—in Your Son, who bore our sin; in Your Spirit, who dwells within us; and in Your Word, which holds us fast. Teach us to rest not in our grasp of You, but in Your hold on us. And remind us again today that however much we expect from Your hand, Your goodness will always exceed it. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the fellowship of Your Spirit. Amen.



POTLUCK LUNCH

Although our hard working CCW ladies are taking a well-deserved break for the summer, we want to continue to gather for fellowship, so the June lunch will consist of sandwiches, chips, fruit, deviled eggs, and of course dessert. Come and join us on June 14 and bring a friend along with you.

Fellowship lunches have usually been on the third Sunday of the month, but we made the change due to Father's Day.

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June Sermon Series

Date	Sermon
June 7	Genesis 24 Baptism and Communion
June 14	Genesis 25 Fellowship :unch
June 21	Genesis 26
June 28	Genesis 27 Mission Moment

June Benediction

Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

Ephesians 6:23-24

Pastor Karl





Birthdays

- 7 Pat Rhodes
- 8 Nancy Davis
- 9 Sherida Ridgdill
- 10 Phil White
- 11 Earleen Jumont
- 12 Rev. Karl Davis
- 13 Fay Wood
- 14 Lee Hughes

Anniversaries

- 17 Rev. Ray & Clanell Cameron
- 26 Lee & Leslie Hughes
- 30 Bob & Pat Rhodes



Birthdays

- 4 Jane Farrer
- 4 Roger Warrick
- 10 JoAnn Harderwijk
- 29 John Arnett
- 29 Val Klossner




Anniversaries

- 10 Frank & Kristie Busch
- 22 Rev. Karl & Nancy Davis
- 27 Jimmy Seay

Note: We do this for people who are organized and like to plan ahead. Next month we will publish July dates again along with August.



This month at FPCS

3	4:00 Small group Bible study-book of Hebrews- in the classroom
7	9:30 Adult Bible study in the Classroom 11:00 Worship with communion-celebrate baptism and our first service in the sanctuary
14	9:30 Adult Bible study in the Classroom 11:00 Worship Fellowship lunch following worship 
17	4:00 Small group Bible study-book of Hebrews- in the classroom
18	8:30 Men's Fellowship breakfast Oscar's restaurant 
21	9:30 Adult Bible study in the Classroom 11:00 Worship
24	4:00 Small group Bible study-book of Hebrews- in the classroom
25	10:00 Outreach Committee meeting 
28	9:30 Adult Bible study in the Classroom 11:00 Worship

Editor's note: Since its beginning, The Presby Press has been created on a Microsoft program called Publisher. Sadly, Microsoft is closing Publisher later this year, so I'm learning a new program. You'll probably see some changes over the summer as I'm continuing to learn. Eventually I'll settle on a format that is engaging and easy to read. I appreciate your patience-Janine.

Our Team

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 Organist-Cecil Hess
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Barney Hart, Calvin Lomelino, Patricia Villere

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Jack Breed, Jim Underwood, Roger Warrick

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Dennis Green, Robert Harderwijk, Janine Hart
 Pat Villere

100th Anniversary

The cornerstone for our sanctuary was laid on November 25, 1925. The sanctuary was completed the following summer and the congregation held their first worship service on June 6th 1926. The building, which had been estimated to cost \$20,000, actually cost \$40,000 when completed.

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