



From the Rafters

Our Mission

We are a people rooted in worship, branching out into the world.

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A message from your vestry: Perrin Roper

For those who do not know me, my name is Perrin Roper. I was baptized, confirmed and married to my husband, Lee, at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia, SC. My grandparents and great grandparents attended Trinity and my parents still attend. I was immersed in the Episcopal Church at a young age. I truly loved growing up and being a part of the Episcopal liturgy and fellowship. I went to Heathwood Hall Episcopal School from k4-12th grade. During the summer from the time I was 5 years old, we would vacation at Kanuga. Kanuga was always a wonderful experience where I made lifelong friends. I also enjoyed the experience of serving the Church as an acolyte during middle school and high school. Serving as an acolyte gave me the feeling of being a part of the Church.



After Lee and I were married and settled in Greenwood, we attended Greenwood ARP Church for 10 years. Lee had grown up ARP, and we loved the members and Don Elliot who was the minister during that time. Our two sons, Wiley and Angus, were born and were baptized in the ARP Church.

While happy in the ARP Church, I always missed my Episcopalian roots, and I finally convinced Lee to visit COR in 2005. The first Sunday that we visited, Donna played one of my favorite hymns, "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light". I felt like I was home! Peter Hawes was the Rector at the time, and he was instrumental in helping Lee become comfortable with the liturgy of the Episcopal Church. In 2006, Lee was confirmed and I was reaffirmed (Lee was happy that Peter made me be reaffirmed). Our family loved COR! I was delighted when Wiley and Angus became acolytes. Wiley

and Angus also became involved in EYC, and I know they will always treasure their experiences with Norm, Roxy, Gratin and Adelaide.

While I was nervous about serving on Vestry, I really have enjoyed it. It helped to have such a loving and supportive Church Family at COR. It has also helped to have had great leadership with Nicholas, Stephen and now Mary Balfour. While on Vestry I have served on the Parish Life/Fellowship Committee. Mary Balfour has so many great ideas for the Fellowship committee. I can't wait to see them implemented when things get back to normal. We have a great group of people on the committee, along with Reva Davis and myself, ready to serve you!

I am really looking forward to when we can all worship together again in person. However, I am thankful that our COR family has stayed connected through these difficult times! We are truly blessed to all have each other!

Thanks be to God,
Perrin Roper

Dear Church of the Resurrection Family,

I have been thinking about what to write to you this month for some time.

Everything within me is so grateful to be your priest, especially during this time of uncertainty. I truly believe that God has called Murray and me to be with you. We feel at home, we are excited about the future and we love being in your lives.



I do not have all the answers and there are many

different thoughts about the future, especially with the unrest in our country. We are in the middle of a pandemic unlike anything we have ever experienced. The truth is no one knows the right way to deal with this situation. Clearly it is important for us to gather in safe ways. It is totally understandable and appropriate for some of us to not gather together. Wearing masks and keeping the proper social distancing are two protocols that are universally recommended by the experts. It is something that we can do for each other. In truth, it is showing our love for one another.

I want to encourage you to go to what you know. You know Jesus, you know your fellow church members and you know that you are loved. No matter what happens over the next few months, please continue to think how would Jesus handle this. What would Jesus do. You know the answer, be kind, treat people fairly, love one another. With God's help, I know that we can continue to stay a strong community that loves each other!

I am also here to listen to your concerns and suggestions. I am praying daily for God's guidance. We will not always agree, but we can ALWAYS love each other.

I hope we will look back on this time in our lives and will be able to say that we did everything we could to take care of each other, that we held up the Light of Jesus in the darkness, and encouraged everyone to love God with all our hearts.

Love, Mary Balfour

Formation Moment: Outdoor Worship

Last Sunday, July 26, we held our first worship service outdoors since Covid-19 struck our community. It was a beautiful morning when we could finally hear our *collective* voices praying and praising God. No matter where you were, online or physically present, I hope each of you were able to experience God's presence at that time and in that



space. Worship space is something on which I imagine many of you have had time to reflect over the past few months. Where can and should worship happen?

I read a book a couple years ago written by Rabbi Jamie S. Korngold. Like her, I am a lover of the outdoors, and I cherish the time I have spent hiking in the North and South Carolina mountains and forests. Korngold leads a ministry based in Boulder, Colorado, called Adventure Judaism where she and others lead outdoor programs (hiking, skiing, camping, etc...) intertwined with discussions of the Jewish faith and education. Korngold's book begins with an introduction describing her call to become the Adventure Rabbi. I thought I would share some of her reflections with you.

When you think of Jewish faith practices, you might immediately think of synagogue worship. In the gospel of Luke, we read of Jesus' time as a boy studying in the synagogue. There are several stories in the New Testament of Jesus teaching in synagogues as an adult. Synagogue worship, particularly in Jerusalem, was orthodox in Jesus' time. The book of Deuteronomy commanded the destruction of alternative locations for worship and altar sacrifice, and most of Kings and Chronicles are stories about leaders who did or did not adhere to that command. Jewish ethnic identity slowly came to be centered on a specific, indoor place of worship.

Likewise, the practice of Christian worship seems to be centered on a specific, indoor place of worship. Christians, at least in the Deep South, frequently seek the location of where new acquaintances worship during the very first encounter. "So, [insert name], where do you go to church?" We spend a great deal of our time, talent and treasure on the construction and upkeep of our church buildings. We value indoor worship spaces because they provide a safe, temperate environment adorned with icons, music and architecture meant to connect us with the holy. This is no criticism of that value. Indeed, I share it. This is simply a reminder that God started us off in a very different space.

Where did God first appear to humans? In a garden. Where did God reveal his plans for Abraham? During a meal under the Oaks of Mamre. Where did Jacob wrestle with God and receive the patriarchal name of God's people? By a river in the wilderness. Where did Moses first encounter God? In the wilderness. Rabbi Korngold reminds readers, "... it was in the wilderness that a ragtag group of slaves bonded together and became the People Israel."

Moving on to the New Testament, we find Jesus, newly baptized, going into the wilderness to prepare himself for ministry. We find him praying in gardens and preaching from boats and mountainsides. Perhaps worship is altogether meant to be outdoors. As Rabbi Korngold puts it, "Perhaps the spiritual richness is precipitated by the stark beauty of the wilderness, an awesomeness that is beyond description ... that feeling of smallness within the largeness. Out there we can no longer fool ourselves; ultimately it is not we who control the world."

We have and will meet God in many places and spaces throughout our faith journeys. Maybe you prefer to encounter God indoors with the organ playing and the choir chanting the psalms. But I bid you to enjoy this time of outdoor worship. Let it connect you with the ancestors of our faith. Let it remind you of God's glory revealed in nature. Look on each other with warmth and gratitude that we are still together in a beautiful, natural Holy of Holies.

If you would like to read Rabbi Korngold's book, it is called [God in the Wilderness: Rediscovering the Spirituality of the Great Outdoors with the Adventure Rabbi](#). You can also visit her ministry's website, adventurerabbi.org.

God's peace,
Elizabeth Floyd

Opportunities for Ministry

Resurrection's Mission Committee met by Zoom on Sunday, July 26. The members of the committee serve as liaisons to bring word of the activities and needs of local charities to our faith community at Resurrection. Mary Balfour explains that our

relationships allow us to serve in mutuality with the organizations we support. We encounter the people, needs, animals, etc... which we support. Right now we have liaisons with the following organizations: Bowers Rogers, Community Initiatives, Greenwood Animal Shelter, Greenwood Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Healthy Learners, Holloway's Grocery, and Greenwood United Ministry. (You may include Trinity Church in Abbeville, if you wish)

We seek additional members of the parish who are willing to serve as liaisons with community organizations and participate in the Mission Committee's activities. We seek a liaison with the Greenwood Cancer Fund or another organization in which you participate. The Mission committee meets quarterly.

Below we highlight opportunities to directly serve a few of our liaison organizations who have present needs or upcoming events.



The Humane Society of Greenwood County (HSOG) is holding an online auction

fundraiser. The date is TBD, but they are currently collecting items for the auction. Please call HSOG at (864) 223-2498 and ask for Samantha, Connie, Dara or Cheyenne if you have jewelry, paintings, furniture, hand-made items, etc to donate. Your unwanted items can help HSOG feed and re-home an abandoned dog or cat right here in Greenwood County.

The Greenwood Soup Kitchen always appreciates deliveries of fresh fruit and vegetables. If you have an abundance from your summer garden, feel free to bring some by.



Volunteers are present to receive your deliveries Monday – Saturday, 9 AM to noon. The Soup Kitchen is located in the United Center, 929 Phoenix Street, 29646.



HEALTHY LEARNERS

The Healthy Learners' Spelling Bee will be held by Zoom on Tuesday, September 29. We seek donations for the buy back portion of the competition. For \$20, we can purchase the right to stay in the competition even after we misspell a word! More fun for all. We are also seeking one more member for our Jam-up team. Please join Beth Wood, Shana Southard-Dobbs, and Jan Puzar. Call Jan for info, 864-344-7842.

What's Happening in August:

Flower Deliveries!

We need help delivering flowers on Sunday, August 9th from 2-3 p.m.

Just drive through the church parking lot, pick up the flowers and deliver them to the person you are assigned. If you can help, please email Marty Cobb: martycobb@hotmail.com



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JOIN US FOR A GOOD BYE PARTY FOR MITCHELL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH FROM 2-4. DRIVE THROUGH THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION PARKING LOT AND SAY YOUR GOOD BYES TO MITCHELL BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR VIRGINIA SEMINARY!

If you would like to give a love offering to Mitchell for his studies to become a priest please email Mary Balfour: marybalfour@episcopalgreenwood.org

THE POWER OF WORDS

Children's Formation Hour:
The Power of Words

August 9, 10 and 11, 6:30 to 7:30 PM
Church of the Resurrection – Under the Tent
Ages K – 5th grade
Bible stories, picture books and crafts that teach honesty, advocacy and prayer.
Parents/grandparents are encouraged to attend. All participants must wear a mask.

CHURCH OF
THE RESURRECTION
SUMMER BOOK READ

EXACTLY AS
YOU ARE

The LIFE and FAITH of
MISTER ROGERS

SHEA TUTTLE

READ ALONG WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS
WE WILL DISCUSS WHEN CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION RESUMES IN THE FALL!



Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020



June 7, 2020



June 14, 2020



May 24, 2020

Our Beautiful Altar Flowers:

Online worship and technological challenges may have prevented many of you from having a good look at the gorgeous altar flowers that parishioners donate to our worship space each Sunday morning. Here are pictures that Mary Balfour collected from some of our Spring Sundays that we hope will brighten your day.



June 28, 2020



July 12, 2020

Altar Arrangements:

August 2: In memory of Carl Brock, Thomas Perry, Pauline Hammond Jennings, and Lilian Moller Brock by Barbara Brock.

August 9: In memory of our parents Marty and Leon Brandt and Emily and Jake Cobb, and in thanksgiving for our grandchildren Arden, Maya, and John Cobb by John and Marty Cobb.

August 16: In thanksgiving for our daughters Allison and Catherine, their husbands Cannon and Josh, and our grandsons Cannon and William by Sandra and Bill Lewis.

August 23: In memory of Charlotte Perosino by her family.

August 30: By Beverly Hall Wilson

The Presence Candle is given in memory of Sarah V. Bright "Life Fully Lived" by Bill, Karen, and Caitlin Bright.

Parish Connections...

Music	Donna Brooks 992-3738 dbrooks@nctv.com
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RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

Birthdays

01 – Denise Brown	14 – Savannah Smith
03 – Bobby Ellerbe	16 – Peggy Adams
03 – Elizabeth Floyd	19 – Jeanne Selander
03 – Walt Patterson	24 – Edie Brooks
04 – L.B. Adams	24 – David Joosten
04 – Mary Balfour Dunlap	24 – Jordan McCabe
05 – Janie Hughes	25 – Thomas McDonnell
07 – Hugh Jones	27 – Zach Robertson
08 – Joe Fennell	29 – Whitney Brock
10 – Ashlee Riley	31 – Paul Lataille
13 – Alan Treeter	31 – Elsie Speer

Anniversaries

04 – Lisa & Frank Wideman
 11 – Noonie & Joe Fennell
 12 – Marty & John Cobb
 13 – Jackie & Domer Ridings
 18 – Anna & James Padgett
 19 – Abby & Joel Cleland
 30 – Barbara & Dick Reeves

Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families: Judy Adams, Don Bergman, Evan Clay, Bruce Craven, Carol Dean, Cynthia Dougherty, Bobby Ellerbe, Joe Fennell, Charlie and Mary Joe Ferguson, Nan Hines, Frank Irwin, Chris Jayne, Dave Joosten, Nicholas Kent, Adrian Little, Sarah and Erich Normandia, Dick Reeves, George Rush, Elsie Speer, Terry Wynne (Lou Wynne’s brother), Winnie Bolle (Fr. Stephen Bolle’s stepmother), Trey Booker (Archie and Summer Booker’s son), Carol Cauthren (Laura Shealy's friend), Marcy Connors (Laura Shealy's friend), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell’s sister), Olive Daggett (Beth Wood's nephew), Leslie Dunlap (Mary Balfour and Murray's sister-in-law), Hazel Hammett (Connie Hammett’s mother), Kotay (Deryl McGuire's son-in-law), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little’s mom), Jennifer Love (Renee Love's sister), Linda Love (Renee Love's mother), Elliot Norton (Karen and Bill Bright’s nephew), Kurt Penney (Bacon family member), Susan Pendergrass, Brad Thomas (Henry & Libby Cary family), Lee Van Zandt (Mary Balfour's cousin), Anne Cheshire Wideman (Frank Wideman’s sister)

And for these persons: Marcus Arbery (Ahmaud Arbery's father), the Brown Family (Mary Jo Tolbert’s caregivers), Ed Cleary (Shirley Walker's friend), Jody Conley (friend of the Cary Family), Wanda Cooper-Jones (Ahmaud Arbery's mother), Jeanette Holladay, Donna and Don Knight (friends of Elizabeth and Ryan Floyd), Craig Loner (friend of George Rush), Joan O'Donnell, (friend of Jeanne Brown), Tamika Palmer, Brenda Weems

Those in our nation’s service: Will Carroll, Aaron Crowe, Cameron Roberts, Grant Roberts, Trip Wash, Noah Woodiwiss

- **We remember in Resurrection hope, Doris Clay, wife of Evan Clay, who died July 5.**
- **We remember in Resurrection hope, Howard Jones, who died July 16.**
- **We remember in Resurrection hope, Chip Parker, son of Nan Hines who died.**

Please send additions/deletions to the prayer list or family news and prayer concerns to Denise at denise@episcopalgreenwood.org or call 223-5426.

Including the church in your will ensures its life into the future and offers your witness to generations that follow.

We give thanks for your giving, which makes the ministry of Resurrection possible!

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Last Month	\$12,614	\$28,800	\$930	\$1,650	\$25,105	\$29,968
Year to Date	\$214,173	\$201,600	\$11,664	\$11,600	\$173,971	\$225,171



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