



June 2020

Dear Beloved of God,

I pray you may know the peace of Christ. As church family, we are led by the Holy Spirit to share God's love and mercy with others. Surely this is so needed for such a time as this! As ministers of Reconciliation, we have the opportunity to be and show God's love and mercy. It starts with recalling whom God is and recognizing we are not God, but need Him.

The Gospel of John and Matthew remind us of several ways Jesus affirms He is God with us—even to the end of the age.

I am the bread of life. *John 6:35*

I am the light of the world. *John 8:12*

Before Abraham was, I am. *John 8:58*

I am the gate for the sheep. *John 10:7*

I am the good shepherd. *John 10:11*

I am the resurrection, and the life. *John 11:25*

I am the way and the truth, and the life. *John 14:6*

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. *John 15:1*

Each of these images reveal something important about the character and purpose of Jesus Christ. Can you believe and trust God is with us, even in the midst of COVID-19, the race riots, and in the face of death? God is with you now and always to the end of age! This is Good News my friends! In fact, it changes everything. Hold fast to the Hope within you—Jesus Christ and boldly share it with others.

In Hope,

Pastor Robin⁺

Pastor Robin

Senior Warden Report

We are continuing to hold Sunday services via Facebook at 9:30 a.m. Raquel and David Schlegel are filming and doing a fabulous job, that's very much appreciated. It's been reported that we have between 300-500 views. Coffee Hour, which is a way for members to connect during this time, continues on Zoom directly after the service. Noonday prayers will continue through June 12, after which we will be taking a break from Noonday Prayer, but will have evening prayer Wednesdays at 6 p.m. on Zoom

We are also continuing to deliver dinner meals to our members every other Thursday. So far, we have delivered meals 5 Thursdays to an average of 100 members and friends each time. We meet around 3 p.m. to package and deliver the dinners. If you feel moved to either help with preparing, packaging or donating some food items, please call Sharon (409-739-6967) or Susan (912-856-3770).

On Pentecost Sunday, May 31, we had a Prayer Procession with over 20 participants. We lined up our cars behind the church and drove the loop and prayed "Thy Kingdom Come on Earth as it is in Heaven." We are considering continuing the Prayer Procession on a regular basis, as it was very uplifting.

Thank you for continuing to send in your pledges. Our expenses for doing online services have doubled and were not in the budget, so we are considering selling Olive's chicken spaghetti casserole as a fund raiser. Details have not been worked out yet. If you have a virtual fundraiser idea, let us know.

We are also continuing to have Mission and Vision team meetings every other Monday afternoon and plan to have an orientation for the congregation once we can be together.

Senior Warden
Susan Dunn

Junior Warden Report

Air Conditioning

1. The Quin Hall upstairs a/c unit is complete and the unit is working well.
2. Most other units have had thermostats converted to Honeywell Total Comfort design, allowing for more efficiency and individual programming control remotely.
3. Haynes and Kent have found a way to flush the cooling coils in each unit, removing sludge and corrosion and giving more efficient cooling and a longer life.
4. Water leak in the east hallway has been repaired



Kitchen Fire Suppression Hood

System has been upgraded from a dry powder system to a wet system (required by code) and electrical connections should be complete by this Friday, then a follow-through with the fire marshal to complete the inspection will be completed. An additional \$5,000 expense.



Yard Work

It is being completed in a timely manner with good support from the "grass crew."

Re-Opening

Working with Robin and a small group to begin planning church reopening at a later date.

A New Way of Organizing Ourselves Around Love Teams

We are very excited about St. George's new approach to ministry team formation and development. It began with our Vestry Retreat in February and continues as we build teams to help make reality the dreams of our visioning. The Mission Vision Team has been having weekly strategic planning meetings to help move forward from the visioning done by the vestry and other members in February; where we explored where we are, where we want to go, and then made goals and priorities for achieving this. Our members give their thoughts about the new approach. See below!

"I am excited about the Mission Vision process because we are working together in a loving fashion and are expecting great outcomes for the Glory of God." - *Susan Dunn*

"I am excited to see the members of St. George's come together to work as teams that involve the progression of our church into the future. It takes all of us, not just a few." - *Sharon Willingham*

"The Chaplain's role has provided me with a reason to get back to reading my Bible." - *Marie Carlson*

"I enjoy it because we have meaningful fellowship and personal connection. It's a process that's helping us to be more loving and more into God's mission." - *Pastor Robin*

"The teamwork and sharing of ideas for growth." - *Rip Howell*

"I believe it's helped me to be working once again to get other members involved." - *Sandy Tompkins*

"I like the structure because it keeps us on track." - *Raquel Balderas*

Plans for Regathering For Worship

A team has been assembled to make plans and set protocols for maintaining safety, once the building is open and we begin to worship in-person again. We need your input!



While Pastor Robin and the staff meet to keep things going, **the building is not open.** There are strict protocols in place for when a volunteer for Food Prep or Mask Making must enter.



We are exploring options for worship such as drive-in church and holding services in the parish hall vs. the sanctuary. The gift of being small is we all can fit in the sanctuary while maintaining social distancing.

The planning team needs to know what you want and need to return.

Along with this, we need to know what form of communication for updates works best for you. Please fill out the enclosed survey and either mail it or drop it by in the mailbox. An online version is also available and will be sent to your email – where you normally get the Enewsletter.

Wondering **how** Sunday Services are videoed?
How we **set up** for Noonday Prayer?

Early-on
Videoing!

Left: April 19th
Service
Procession

Right: March
27th Sunday



Adding New
Lights!

Left: Noonday
Prayer Set-Up

Right: June 7th
Pre-recording
done on
Thursday



What do Pastor Robin, LayReaders, and Noonday Prayer Leaders **see**?

The Other Side
of the Camera!

Left: Noonday
Prayer Camera
View

Right: Sunday
Service Camera
View



Birthing New Ministries

Cooking for Christ

Purpose: To provide food for members and friends, promoting fellowship and community through the Love of Jesus—to reach out to loved ones and support our members in this time of pandemic. It is also a way we seek to connect with one another and share love via a meal. Over 500 meals have been prepared and delivered so far! If you know of someone who would be blessed by receiving a meal every couple of weeks, contact Susan Dunn at 409-739-6967 or Sharon 409-739-6967)



Making Masks w/Social Distancing

A few members have gathered several times now making over 100 masks for 1st Responders & St. George's members. This is a beautiful way to share, from our abundance of fabric.

If you have Iron-on interfacing or elastic, we could use it. Please let Eleanore know. The next sewing gathering will be Wednesday, June 17, 2020



Sunday Bible Study @ 11AM via Zoom

Starting this Sunday (June 14th), The Spirit Filled-Life Bible Study will begin! The Christian Life is a movement from Crucified to Resurrected to Spirit-Filled! Join us in a study about the Holy Spirit, which you received at Baptism.

This is the sequel to the recently finished bible study: The Resurrected Life. It helped us discover Jesus' Life, Death, and Resurrection—how it really does change everything when we are made new. Old ways of living do not any longer have to hold us down. We can live the abundant Life Christ died for us to have!

Zoom Information:

Meeting ID: 977 818 3721 Password: 328259

You can call in with this number:
Call +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

THE RESURRECTED LIFE CHALLENGE

- What is your favorite cross?
- Why is this cross important to you?
- How does it remind you of the Hope or New Life you have in Christ?

Dare to share this Good News with us or someone else!

Members of St. George's have already found crosses that have a special meaning for them and have shared it with others on Social Media (*FB Page: St Georges Texas City!*)



Thy Kingdom Come

*Done in Honor of Lloyd Criss this year
for his passion for others to know Jesus and Revival to begin here!*

May 21st—May 31st

Thy Kingdom Come, an annual invitation to prayer lasting for eleven days beginning at Ascension—culminating on Pentecost Sunday, included evening prayer each evening on Zoom where we prayed for our five individuals to know the love of Jesus.

Even now, we continued to pray Thy Kingdom Come on Earth As It Is In Heaven and gather for weekly evening prayer on Wednesday nights @ 6PM.

Pray for 5 in your circle of influence who do not yet know *Jesus*.

Giving Thanks to God for Tenacious Leaders!

Special Thanks to Junior Warden, Rip Howell and his team Haynes Dunn, Kent Ross, and Doug Mullen. After several years in the planning and many contractors our a/c is working well and a new unit has been added to Quin Hall and is now running. **We thank the individuals who made this possible through your generous donations!**



How the Spirit Inspired Creativity for Services

Worship Continues during Pandemic Palm Sunday—Easter Sunday

April 5-12th

For Palm Sunday, we created a video which contained photos from previous Palm Sunday Services for the part we normally have the Liturgy of the Palms and process into the church from Quin Hall. The video also included combined voices for the Gospel play—which was done on Zoom! It's great to be able to see each other's faces! Over 500 people viewed it online.



Joining
Our
Voices
on Zoom
for the
Gospel

During Holy Week, we had Noonday Prayer and set aside a holy place, which could be done at home. For Good Friday, we combined our voices once again on Zoom to share the Stations of the Cross with over 800 people. **You might want to set up a home altar, even now to remind you God is with you. Consider taking 3 minutes a day to be silent before God with the intention to be open to His Presence Now in the moment.**



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For Easter Sunday, we asked everyone to send in pictures of flowers they had in their garden or neighborhood, so we could decorate with you our Easter Cross! Thank you to Mary and Raquel for cutting them all out and making paper flowers of your photos! Beautiful and creative!

Pentecost Sunday—Prayer Procession

May 31st

As a culmination of 11 days of prayer with millions from across the world, we covered our city in prayer by driving the Loop in procession and praying! Streamers from our Ecumenical Service with 6 other churches from 2 years ago were sanitized and attached to cars as signs of the coming of the Holy Spirit like tongues of Fire.

Uniting our Voices in one accord as we peacefully drove around our city and parts of La Marque praying for peace, the Holy Spirit to come, protection for our plant workers, healthcare workers, and peace officers. We prayed for healing as well. Some joined us in praying even from home! Maybe you will join us next time.

Prayer is like planting seeds for God's goodness to come forth!



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Ways you can connect online with us!

If you need tech support, even a device, let us know!

Sunday Service FB @ 9:30 AM;
Website & YouTube after the Service

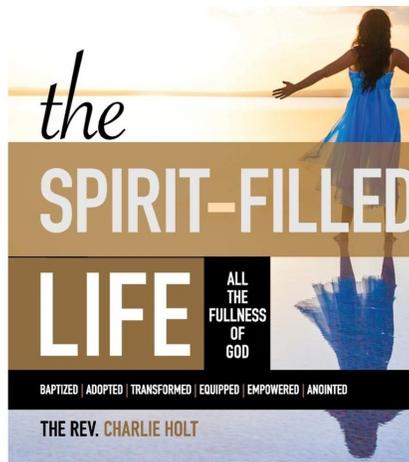


Sun. Coffee Hour
Zoom @ 10:15 AM

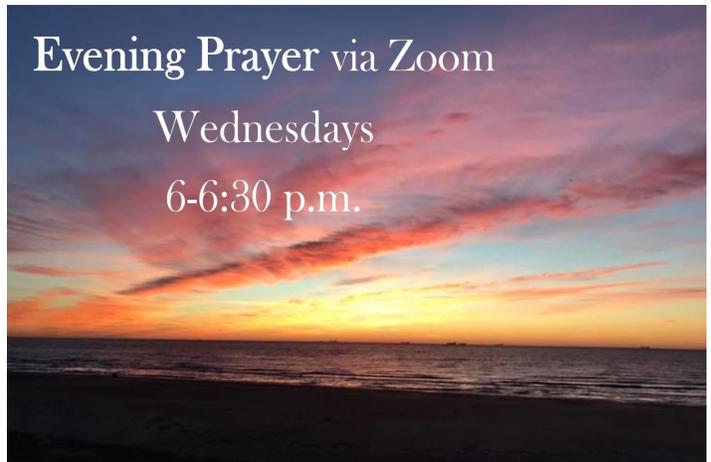


Sun. Bible Study
Zoom @ 11 AM

Bible
Study via
Zoom
Sundays
11-12 p.m.



Wed. Evening Prayer
Zoom @ 6 PM



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