

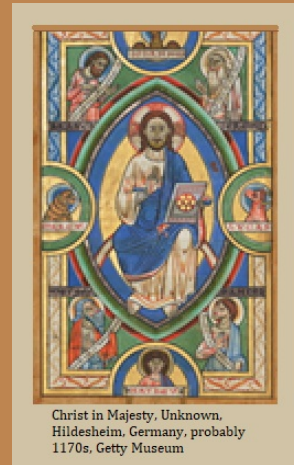
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

"NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE".



A note from Pastor Jay

Here Christ sits within a mandorla surrounded by the four Evangelist symbols. He holds a book and raises his right hand in blessing, representing his Second Coming at the end of time. In this presentation, the artist included figures of four Old Testament prophets and patriarchs: Baruch, Jeremiah, Moses, and Daniel. Turning to look at Christ from the four corners of the miniature, they hold scrolls with words celebrating God's glory. Potestas ei[us] potest[as] et[er]n[a] (His power is everlasting power), declares Daniel's scroll on the bottom right. To enliven the monumentality and centrality of the composition, the artist arranged the subsidiary figures as counterbalances to Christ's strict frontality. While all the figures look at Christ, the prophets at the corners twist their bodies and each raises one hand. The artist also minimized the severity of the presentation through the alternation of color and patterning in the frame.



Christ in Majesty. Unknown. Hildesheim, Germany, probably 1170s. Getty Museum

Advent approaches on December first, so we end the church year this Sunday with "Reign of Christ" Sunday. The culmination of the church year considers the "kingship" of Jesus and God's odd way of flipping power upside down. It is always an odd day on the church calendar when it coincides with Thanksgiving week.

Talk about odd - our text for Sunday is right out of Holy Week, chosen for its connection to Jesus' kingship, but seemingly out of place so close to Advent and baby Jesus. The text is Luke 23:32-43 and the title of the sermon is "Why? And for Whom?" The same questions can be asked of crucifixion and Christmas. We will delve into the mystery.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH

We need volunteers to come in and put the finishing touches of our Christmas decorations with the "Greening of the Church", on Saturday November 30 from 10 am to 12 noon.

We have two trees to decorate and garland needs to be hung. Would love to have you there! Tom



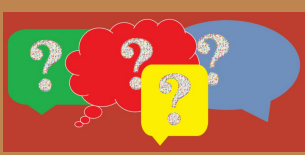
AFTER WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP IN PERKINS HALL

We have a sign-up sheet for those interested in serving and/or cleaning up. We've had a super response to goodies being brought weekly, thank you everyone!



Since a few months have passed and the waters have been 'tested,' we realize a larger group of volunteers is needed so that we can all serve less frequently. As it stands now, some are working quite often so **let's make an effort to pair up and serve every three to four months. Wouldn't that be fantastic??!** Realizing that it is much easier to have a PAIR working to make fellowship time run smoothly, it would be great if you can pick-a-partner. Then, a schedule will be compiled (similar to Anne Solt's greeters). If a schedule were to be made up and you and your partner couldn't make it, you would find your replacements or switch a date with someone. Most that said they would do it, but want to be paired with someone who knows their way around the kitchen. Understanding that could hold people back from serving, we urge you to find a person that will help/train you the lay of the land! It's not that difficult, open up to the challenge! Also, Tom Macy is attuned to the needs of fellowship time and has so much already set up for you. Just receive the snack donations and/or prepare for the table if necessary. PLEASE let me know if it's a go for you and your partner of choice and I will start the schedule and send to all. However, the church needs a coordinator for this mission ASAP. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Patty Lantrip (480-227-2170)

PS I've already had a response from SIX COUPLES THAT CAN'T WAIT FOR THEIR TURN!!! That's six weeks taken care of so far, so email/call me!



DON'T BE LEFT OUT - YOUR OPINION IS NEEDED

This is your chance to let us know "WHAT YOU THINK"!

The Cabinet and the Long Range Committee need your voice, your answers will be used to help build a Mission Statement, give feedback to leadership and help the Long Range Planning Committee shape the next 3-5 years.

[CLICK THIS LINK TO DOWNLOAD YOUR QUESTIONS.](#)

We will have a box on a table in Perkins Hall on the next 3 Sundays during Coffee Hour where you can place your answers, or if you may choose to email your answers to SandraSJohns@gmail.com

Your answers will be kept anonymous unless you indicate otherwise.

HANNAH'S HEART

The Second Annual Showing of a play based upon a book published by local author, Diane Iverson, Hannah's Heart will be performed at the Prescott High School Auditorium on December 6th & 7th at 7:00 PM, along with December 8 at 3:00 PM. **Proceeds support local family programs here in Prescott. Tickets are available through www.hannahsheartaz.org or may be purchased from Gary Gard.**



CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

During the holidays, do you find yourself reminiscing about your past Christmas traditions? Do you share these memories with your children and grandchildren with a wish that they continue these traditions in your family for years to come? Our Church family has grown over the past several years, and we would like to learn a little more about each of you. Please share these memories with us, and we will compile them into a booklet which will be available during the holidays. Write about your favorite memories, family traditions, funny/interesting happenings, favorite meals, Christmas songs, prayers, recipes, etc. It can be as short or as long as you like (but not the first great American novel, please). Send it by e-mail to Angela Imbierowicz at angelaprescottaz@gmail.com, and Marti - Garrison and I will edit it (if you so desire) and include it in what we believe will be a wonderful treasury of our congregation's Christmas memories. Thank you.



MISSION NEWS

Prescott's Coalition for Compassion (CCJ) is this month's mission outreach emphasis. CCJ's goals focus upon those who are homeless. This happens in multiple ways. (1) Provide a safe place of shelter for those whose lives have endured the trauma of life on the streets. (2) Provide counseling and job training to help stabilize and empower those who have known mostly despair and defeat. (3) Provide tools necessary to secure employment. Nightly attendance at the shelter has been greatly reduced. This year over 30 people have experienced the joy of moving into their own safe space. A place to call home. If you'd like to help, please make your check payable to the church, with the memo, "CCJ".



Last month's mission emphasis, Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), received \$363 in donations. This amount will be coupled with the \$3600 already committed in our Church's Operation Budget.

DACA family update (the Gardea family) Because of your faithfulness in support of our on-going DACA Fund, we have been able to help Franceny meet DACA renewal expenses and Prescott College tuition installment payments, and help her brother, Francisco (U of A) meet his tuition installment payments. After years of pursuit, Francisco has just been granted "Legal Permanent Status" by an agency of the US government. Hallelujah! Here's a note we received from Franceny. From her heart and from her family, she wrote: -- "*We are so very grateful God crossed our paths! You and your church family have been a true blessing, and we are so thankful. You have been a huge part of our family's journey. Many blessings have been because you have given us your unconditional love and support. We are forever grateful, and are very happy to share all of these incredible blessings with you. Love you all.*" [Our DACA Fund welcomes donations year around.]

Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS) meals: Thanks again to those who are helping provide a monthly hot meal to homeless women and children staying at the PASS shelter. If you would like to help provide this meal on the 3rd Wednesday monthly, please sign your name to the PASS list found in Perkins Hall. Questions? Contact our PASS meal coordinator, Patty Gard.

Aware that we are blessed to be a blessing (Genesis 12:2), our church is making a difference. Thank you. Our mission outreach team is: Becky and Bill Bryant, Helaine Berman, Patty Gard, Linda Moore, Staci Robbins, Gary Gard Chairperson



DECEMBER 13th 2018
ACKER NIGHT
concert
 Tapestry/Caborca Choir

First Congregational Church, 216 E. Gurley St.
 December 13th @ 5:30 pm



Christmas
Potluck
 DECEMBER 22ND

After Worship service

Bring a dish to share

Food, Fellowship & Fun!

Sign-Up Sheet in Perkins Hall

Christmas Pageant

December 22nd during Worship Service

Adult and Children's Participation
 Volunteers needed!
 email Melissa Gates: mgates716@gmail.com

Music by: Alternotes and the Chancel Singers

Experience Taizé
 A Service of Prayer, Song, and Contemplation

Due to our heavy Holiday schedule here at the church, Taize will resume in January on the 15th of the new year. Join us at 6:30 p.m. 1/15/2020

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



CHRISTMAS EVE
 SERVICE

12-24-2019 @ 7:00 PM

Lessons and Carols by candle light

2020 Stewardship

Gary Gard has been giving his best addressing our stewardship drive with personal reasons for supporting FCC.

Last week he briefly skimmed the budget and our need for an 'Estimation of Giving' from you all. Nov. 24th is our official Stewardship Sunday and an invitation with budget information will be provided to you and mailed to those without emails.

Please thoughtfully consider and review this information to make a heartfelt decision for your estimation of giving. Thank you, Stewardship Committee



Celebrating
140 Years

Estimate of Giving

Help us plan for 2020 by telling us what you think your Estimate of Giving may look like.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount _____ Weekly _____ or Monthly _____ Annual Total _____



Time and Talent

Name: _____

Usher: Sunday morning worship service, pass out bulletins, assist with the offering and count heads. I would like to volunteer for this _____	Snow Day: It doesn't take any special skill to help us with snow removal! I would like to volunteer for this _____	Communion: Serve communion or help with preparations. I would like to volunteer for this _____
P.A.S.S: Once a month, Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. provide a portion of a meal for PASS Shelter. Covered dish, dessert, salad, vegetables or bread. I would like to volunteer for this _____	Building Trustees: Be part of the physical resources team to oversee the maintenance with the church grounds, by preserving and improving our buildings. I would like to volunteer for this _____	Donate Goodies: Do you like to bake? Store bought are good too! We always need fresh goodies for coffee hour, and various fellowship gatherings. I would like to volunteer for this _____
Called to Care: There are many ways to serve; note and birthday cards, visit the homebound, and many others. I would like to volunteer for this _____	Chancel Singers & "Alter Notes" are welcoming new members. Your musical instrument talent is also a plus! I would like to volunteer for this _____	Newcomer notecards: Each week we would like to send out welcome notes to our visitors. I would like to volunteer for this _____



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Side Two

Offering Counter: Help with counting the offerings and making a deposit in the bank. Counters work in rotation in teams of two. I would like to volunteer for this _____	Nursery Helper: Periodically we need a volunteer to help with the children's ministry when one of our staff is off. I would like to volunteer for this _____	Are you tech oriented? We are looking to expand our online presence by recordings and tapings our services in 2020. I would like to volunteer for this _____
Special Events Hosts and Coordinators: offer your party organizational skills to organized helpers for the many extra events that are held here: Picnic, Christmas, Potlucks, etc. I would like to volunteer for this _____	Greeter: Sunday morning worship service, greet folks with a friendly face. This is a long-standing UCC tradition that is exceptionally important! I would like to volunteer for this _____	Decorating: Put your talent to work! Christmas decorating, flower displays, table settings and the like. I would like to volunteer for this _____
Coffee Hour host/helper: Rotate with other volunteers to prepare and serve the goodies and coffee during our Coffee Hour. I would like to volunteer for this _____	If your special gift or talent isn't listed here. That's ok, let us know how you can help. If you see an area that needs attention, then most likely it needs you! I would like to volunteer for this _____	I would rather do something different Please Explain _____

ANNIVERSARY

Janet & Ritch Steven
11/23
Dennis & Barbara
McCullough 11/27

BIRTHDAYS

John Huff 11/23
Fay Wilson 11/24
Bob Bradstreet 11/28
Bill Linson 11/28
Patti Cichon 12/03
John Mccurdy 12/03
Carole Sue Linson 12/08
Sandra Talbot 12/08
Helaine Berman 12/15
Randy Jay Wilcher 12/17
Pete Norum 12/18
Jay Eby 12/24
Dillan Osborn 12/25
Don Stephens 12/25
Christopher Hoitt 12/27
Ralph Wagner 01/01
Don Hull 01/09
Brent Walker 01/10
Darcy Walker 01/10
Nitaray Thomas 01/15
Katie Bradstreet 01/19
Jane Cheek 01/25
Julie Jaquette 01/28

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EVERY-WEEK COMMUNION

We have communion each week right after worship at the front of the sanctuary, everyone is welcome to participate.

MONTHLY COMMUNION

Our regularly scheduled communion is held the first Sunday of each month. Communion is open to all.

PASS MEAL

Once a month, we provide a meal for Prescott Area Shelter Services, the third Wednesday of the month.

CABINET MEETING

Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Office Conference Room unless otherwise announced.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

We will train you! We meet for rehearsal at 9:00 am. On Thursdays in the Hazeltine Room downstairs.

CHANCEL SINGERS

We meet Sundays at 9:00 a.m. before worship service to rehearse. All are welcome.

ALTER-NOTES

We meet at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday after Coffee Time in the Sanctuary Chancel. Contact Melissa if you are interested in joining: 207-391-3276

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children may participate with Sunday School downstairs after "Children's Time".