

## A Message from Pastor Jay

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

This Sunday we will have our regular Zoom fellowship gathering at 10am and also a parking lot gathering at 10am. Communion will be offered.

Sunday's recorded worship service will feature a variety of music from previous recordings to give Jim our video technician a break, a sermon on Joshua 7-9, and JJ caught stealing and learning a lesson.. Refresh your memory of "Achan" in chapter 7 for Sunday.

Stay safe, and give and receive grace,

Jay

### ZOOM BOOK STUDY OCTOBER 18

You are invited to join in a book study of

**"White Too Long" by Robert P. Jones**

**To be held every Sunday Evening at 5:30  
For six weeks beginning on October 11<sup>th</sup>  
And ending on November 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Study will be by Zoom  
And led by Ralph Wagner  
If you are on the Church email list  
You will receive a weekly invitation**

**You may purchase the book on Kindle for 13.49 and hard cover for 20.91. The book is also available on audiobook for free and can be purchased on audio CD on Amazon.**

**Wednesday Zoom Bible Study at 10am**

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 2020

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: “O God of Love, O God of Peace” – Henry W. Baker  
Brian Moore

Words of Welcome – Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (*Based on Psalm 65*) – Tom  
Macy

Praise waits for you, O God, in all your world!

**You hear our prayers, forgive our sins and call us to dwell with you!**

God of our hope, you are the life of the entire world.

**Your faithfulness calls forth songs of joy from the ends of the earth.**

You formed the mountains and still the roaring sea.

You calm the uproar of the nations.

You care for the land, bless it with water, and fill it with grain to feed the people.

**Let all creation shout and sing for joy.**

Opening Prayer – Tom  
Macy

**We give you thanks for all the ways that you bless our lives: the beauty and abundance of nature, the love of family and friends, the joy of knowing you and hearing your word. Send Your Spirit during this time of worship so that we might dream your dreams and see visions of the world as you created it to be. Guide our thoughts and actions. Bring us closer to you so that we might do your will and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

Hymn: “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer” – New Century

Hymnal # 18  
Brian Moore

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## ROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Joshua 7-9 – Pastor Jay

Sermon: "Pride & Deceit" – Pastor Jay

A Time for Children Of All Ages - JJ

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "Be Thou My Vision"  
Piano, Brian Moore; Flute, Melissa  
Gates

Prayers of the People / The Lord's  
Prayer

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Doxology: "Rejoice You Pure in Heart" Brian  
Moore

Prayer of Dedication – Tom  
Macy

**Loving God, we offer these gifts in response to your abundant blessing and ask that you use them and the commitment they represent to share your good news with all the world. Amen.**

Hymn: "Called as Partner's in Christ's Service" New Century  
Hymnal #495  
Linda Foote

Benediction – Pastor  
Jay

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy. O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console, To be understood, as to understand; to

be loved, as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is i  
pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Postlude: "Go Make a Difference" Sing! Prayer and Praise  
Hymnal #199

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**SEPTEMBER MISSION NEWS**

**Mission Outreach Update:**

Each month throughout the year, your mission outreach team identifies particular mission project/programs to which we might choose to donate. This month's mission emphasis is our denomination's Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM). Most of what is donated to OCWM remains within our Southwest Conference. Donations support staff expenses, conference meetings, educational programs for adults and youth, summer camps, new church development, and ecumenical endeavors. Your check may be made payable to the church, with the memo line note, OCWM. From donations to prior month's mission emphasis projects, checks have been sent to Discovery Gardens (\$400) and to our denomination's special offering, Neighbors in Need (\$400).

**As we do each month,** volunteers pack food bags for those served by the

Community Food Bank (CFB), and prepare monthly meals for women/children staying at the PASS shelter. From the beginning of the COVID 19 pandemic in March to September 25, CFB volunteers from our church and other faith communities have packed 64,675 pounds of food serving 9,345 people. Thanks also to the generous response of our PASS volunteers, all of this month's meal needs are met except for the need for desserts and bread rolls. We will deliver this month's meal on Wednesday, October 21. If you can help provide a dessert or bread rolls, please advise our PASS meal coordinator, Patty Gard (928-460-3042).

**In lieu of the October 28<sup>th</sup>, Open House originally scheduled for the PASS shelter, they will be hosting a Lemonade Event on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, from 1-3 PM at the shelter - 336 N. Rush St, Prescott. To maintain social distancing and to keep everyone's safety in mind, they have changed the annual Open House to this Lemonade Event. The event will be held outside and everyone is welcome.**

**As always**, thank you for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2) Your mission outreach team is: Becky and Bill Bryant, Helaine Berman, Patty Gard, Linda Moore, and Gary Gard, Chairperson.

## JOSHUA SERMON SERIES

### Preaching Through Joshua

- Sept 6 - Joshua 1 - "Crossing Over"
- Sept 13 - Joshua 2 - Dealing with Uncontrollable Circumstances
- Sept. 20 - Joshua 3-4 - "We Have Not Passed This Way Before"
- Sept 27 - 140th Anniversary - Rev. Bill Lyons Preaching
- Oct. 4 - Joshua 5 - "Spiritual Preparation"
- Oct. 11 - Joshua 6 - "When God Doesn't Make Sense"
- Oct. 18 - Joshua 7,8,9 - "Deceiving Ourselves"
- Oct. 25 - Joshua 10 - "Choosing to be on God's Side"
- Nov. 1 - Joshua 13-19 - "Saint Caleb"
- Nov. 8 - Joshua 20 - "Finding Refuge"
- Nov. 15 - Joshua 22 - "Opportunities & Obstacles in Times of Change"
- Nov. 22 - Joshua 23-24 - "The Importance of Conviction"

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## ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

### THE PROBLEM WITH LIGHT/DARK AESTHETICS

## **DARK IS GOOD & GODLY**

Nov. 29 - Dark is Good & Godly - "The Via Negativa"  
Dec. 6 - Dark is Good & Godly - "Dealing With White Fragility"  
Dec. 13 - Dark is Good & Godly - "Light Burns & Blinds"  
Dec. 20 - Dark is Good & Godly - "Beyond White Jesus"

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

As of the end of September, the year-to-date income is \$136,000 (which includes the generous contribution of \$51,000 from the Foundation). The impact of the pandemic has most likely reduced income by \$10,000 or more. This is due to the church being closed to outside groups.

The pandemic—and the church being closed—has also impacted expenses. Year-to-date expenses are \$131,000 and have been reduced by about \$20,000, mostly from employee wages and payroll expenses. We are on a new path to self-sufficiency through volunteerism! In summary, income has continued to be sufficient to cover expenses. Net income is nearly \$5,000. These are strange times, indeed. We can get through this together! Keep your pledges and contributions coming!

Thank you,

Julie McCurdy, treasurer

## **140TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH**

### **FCC History**

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
CELEBRATES 140<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
FOUNDED SEPTEMBER 26, 1880**

### **Chinese in Prescott**

It was a very brave move that Rev. McLean and Deacon Otis made to attempt to provide some education and if desired some Christian teaching for the Chinese boys in Prescott in 1895. When the Union Pacific Railroad was completed in 1869, joining at Promontory, Utah, 5,000 to 12,000 Chinese laborers had helped to connect the nation east to west. These men, mostly boys, were terminated on the spot. This caused an influx into the surrounding settlements including Prescott.

These men imported mostly from southern China as laborers, having sent most of their money home to support their families, had no way to go home and were prohibited from becoming citizens or importing their families. This from the Arizona Weekly Miner, Prescott, May, November, and

December 1896:

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We have heretofore neglected to inform our readers that a veritable young Celestial arrived at Fort Whipple a short time ago. Should he live long enough to become a man, Yavapai county will contain one Chinaman.”  
“A real live Chinaman, with tail and other appendages.....For our part, we have seen as many of them as we care to see.” “Three more Chinamen arrived here during the week, and have gone to work. There are now four of them in this vicinity, which is quite enough.” “Since our last, some ten or twelve more Chinamen have arrived.”

Again in 1877 with the Southern Pacific Railroad completion to Yuma from Las Angeles there came more or other Chinese to Yavapai County. By 1880 there were 101 and 1900 there were 229 Chinese tallied in the census. The Exclusionary Act of 1882 prohibited the importation of laborers from China but it did allow those then in residence to continue. However, and most importantly it denied them citizenship and the immigration of their families. So here they were in the land of opportunity without citizenship or family.

The usual complaints were that these men took jobs that white people should have, they sent the money that they earned to China or if they spent it locally it was in shops of their brothers who purchased their goods in China and then returned the profits to China. They did not assimilate as did other minorities. They wore clothing from China, did not learn sufficient English either to read or speak and they continued to wear the Queue. A part of the truth is that these young men left home or were sold to a company at 10 or 12 years of age for the sole purpose of the support of their families in China. They had little contact with their culture other than those persons with similar circumstance and those were from a mix of cultures and languages. They were denied their families and general social acceptance and incurred some outright antagonism. If they cut their Queue they incurred the wrath of their fellows and death if they returned to China.

Interestingly, these men had at least limited access to our courts for there are several cases recorded where the petitioner is evidently Chinese. This may be due to Judge T. W. Otis. From the Arizona Weekly Miner, January 1872:

“Monday night last, at a Chinese wash-house, on Granite Street, three tea and opium inspired devils from the Flowery Land, attacked a countryman of theirs, who had sawed off his tail, cut him up horribly and would have killed him outright had not Jennings, the night watchman, rushed in and stopped the war. Yee Fook Tang or Jea Fook Chiang joined the Congregational Church January 1, 1882 by transfer of his membership from the Chinese Presbyterian Church, San Francisco. We do not know his profession or his origin but the church record states that he was in the Dakotas in 1884. Fong Fe Murphy joined our congregation. From the Arizona Journal Miner: “Caught in the confused web of exclusionary laws was another pair of the town's Chinese, whom some companionate Euro-American neighbors helped reenter. Fong Murphy and Hee Long, both well-known Chinese residents of Prescott, are in trouble in San Francisco. They have been on a visit to the flowery kingdom, and on their return trip were refused permission to land at San Francisco. Murphy is a member of Kwong Hing mercantile

company here as well as the most popular caterer that lived here. Hee Long is also a restaurant man. A petition for permission for them to land will be forwarded to San Francisco.”

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Back in town by the time of the 1900 census tabulation, Hee Long, who claimed to have been in the United States since 1871, said he lived at 158 South Montezuma Street. His companion, Fong Murphy, then fifty-five years old and a resident in the United States since 1874, roomed down the block at number 164. After all their legal difficulties, they had returned to Prescott just in time to be burned out in the great July fire. It must have posed a critical decision for Hee Long; he was gone by the next census. Undaunted, the personable Fong Murphy continued stirring his cookpots in Prescott until July 5, 1912, when he was placed to final rest in the Citizens Cemetery.”

Tony Wong Wook and June Moy joined the first Sunday in October 1900. June ran to Mrs. Otis, away from her master and the Women’s Fellowship provided her clothing. She stayed and worked in the Otis’ home until she married.

We do not have any information to know how the school initiated by Rev. McLean and Deacon Otis affected other of the young Chinese men but we do know that there are many in China who know Jesus due to one Charlie Jan Wan.

## CHURCH CLOSED THROUGH OCTOBER

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The church Cabinet decided at its September 24 meeting to remain closed through October and continue to worship virtually. Parking lot gatherings may continue as weather permits. Check the Parish Caller each week for details. Toward the end of October, decisions will be made based on the spread of the virus.

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## SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH DURING CORONAVIRUS!

- Online – go to our website: [www.fccprescott.org](http://www.fccprescott.org) and look for the tab on the front page



- You can set up regular, ongoing giving or one-time giving.
- Use your credit card and get some points!
- Your bank may have free online bill pay. You find the tab on your online account, fill in the details of the check as you would a regular check, and the bank mail will mail it for you! You can set up a one-time check or recurring scheduled check amount.
- Mail a check out to the church and mail it to 216 East Gurley Street, Prescott, AZ 86301

The church office is closed going forward, however, someone will pick up the mail on a daily basis to place checks into the safe.

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**Celebrating YOU!!!**

**Anniversaries**

WAGNER, Ralph & Susan Lemons	09/05
GILGES, Ralph & Cheryl	09/09
BRYANT, Bill & Becky	09/22
JAQUETTE, Julie & Sandra Johns	09/24
FONE, DJ & Marita Callaway	09/28
GESSERT, Jeni & Ben	10/21
JORDAN, Bruce & Jennifer Cortez	11/11
OSBORN, Alex & Jane	11/11
STEVEN, Ritch & Janet	11/23
MCCOLLOUGH, Dennis & Barbara	11/27

**Birthdays**

BROUSSARD, Suzanne	09/06
DINSMAN, Christy	09/07
MCCOLLOUGH, Dennis	09/09
MACY, Tom	09/14
MATSUMOTO, Yoichi	09/18
RELTH, Arlene	09/22
WILSON, John	09/28
KAUL, Linda	09/29
GILGES, Ralph	10/09
GATES, Melissa	10/13
MONSKA, Paul	10/13
DEVILLE, Dave	10/15
FOOTE, David	10/17
GATES, Elizabeth	10/21
LOBAUGH, Hal	10/22
LOBAUGH, Suzy	10/23
MCFADDEN, Michele	10/24
LANTRIP, Patty	10/25
GARRISON, Marti	11/01
JOHNS, Sandra	11/01
MCCURDY, Julie	11/01
STAATS, Debbie	11/01
GALE, Nancy	11/03
PROHASKA, Carolyn	11/10
ELY, Judy	11/11
ROUSE, Bill	11/15
WALLACE, Andrew	11/18
HUFF, John	11/23
WILSON, Fay	11/24
TAYLOR, Josh	11/25
BRADSTREET, Bob	11/28
LINSON, Bill	11/28
CICHON, Patti	12/03
MCCURDY, John	12/03
WILDMAN, Tommie	12/06
LINSON, Carole Sue	12/08
BERMAN, Helaine	12/15
WILCHER, Jay	12/17
NORUM, Pete	12/18
EBY, Jay	12/24
STEPHENS, Don	12/25