

A Message from Pastor Jay

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

This Sunday we will have our regular Zoom fellowship gathering at 10am and also a limited attendance sanctuary worship at 10:30am. Communion will be offered. In order to attend the sanctuary worship, a reservation must be made by calling the church office at 445-4555 and leaving a message that includes your name and a call back number. You will receive a call from the office with instructions for attendance on Sunday. Masks and social distancing will be observed. No congregational singing.

Sunday's recorded worship service will feature musical selections by Brian and Jane C., a sermon about Caleb from Joshua 14,,a remembrance of our church members who have passed away this past year, and JJ presenting himself as a saint.

ZOOM BOOK STUDY NOVEMBER 1

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 11th
And ending on November 15th.**

**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

Stay safe, and give and receive grace,

Jay

BULLETIN

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 1, 2020

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "When the Saints Go Marching In" Traditional

Words of Welcome – Announcements - *Passing of the Peace

Choral Call to Worship: "All Are Welcome" By Marty Haugen
[Previously recorded 9/20/20 #2]

Call to Worship – Jane Cheek

Sovereign of Creation, all that we have comes from you.
When we turned away, you called us home and patiently waited our return.
We gather in your presence, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, people from every tribe and nation, every race and nation, every kindred and tongue, to lift our voices in praise, to be transformed into your saints, to be sent out to gather others to share your grace and love. Hear the praise we offer, work in us and through us! Let us worship God!

Hymn: "For All the Saints" - New Century Hymnal #299

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Communion is open to all)

The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast. Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul. We receive the bread and wine connected to the ages: to the saint of old who felt unworthy, to the seeker eager to know God, to the teenager who wonders what it's all about, to the child who eats with unburdened faith. Woven into this time, the hopes and tears of generations. There is great joy here. No one is turned away for God is the host! Open yourself to the nudging God. Tender, transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table, to taste the feast, the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.

We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances. You are ever-patient, always faithful. For the One this meal remembers: for the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For those who have gone before us, whose hands touched the bread, whose lips embraced the cup, we worship

you.

And we remember those who have gone before us this past year: Ron Solt – October 23, 2019; Sylvia Neely – November 21, 2019; Marilyn Eby – December 24, 2019; Alan Michael – January 23, 2020; Jean Woodburn – January 23, 2020; Betty Corn – February 9, 2020; and Bill Neely – April 15, 2020 (*bell tolls*)

God of all, send your Spirit to this place so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment, may know your presence. □As we eat the bread and drink of the cup, make us one with the saints, and with our sisters and brothers in faith around the world. Amen.

This is the feast prepared for you. Come and share for all is ready.

The Sharing of Communion

Hymn: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"
by Fred Kaan, Potter NCH 347

Joshua 13-19 – Jane Cheek
about allocation of land to the tribes, but also contains
the story of Caleb's inheritance: Joshua 14:6-15

Song: "I Want That Mountain" Deana

Sermon: "Caleb – A Saint" - Pastor Jay

A Time for Children of All Ages - JJ

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "God Has Chosen Me" by Bernadette Farrell
[Previously recorded 6/28/20 #2]

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer - Jane Cheek

of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offering

Doxology: "Rejoice, you pure in heart" NCH #55
[Previously recorded 8/9/20 #6]

Prayer of Dedication – Jane
Cheek

God, we thank you for this place we have to worship you. We so easily take for granted the church building, the members who keep things clean and who keep things going, the lights and plumbing and all the other things it takes to hold our worship services each week. Help us to realize that while it may not be what we consider to be an exciting

cause, it is one that is important to your cause. Bless this offering.
Amen.

Hymn: "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" New Century Hymnal #295

Benediction

Pastor Jay

*Postlude: "When the Saints Go Marching In" Traditional

**First Congregational Church of Prescott
United Church of Christ**

216 E. Gurley Street

Prescott, AZ 86301

www.fccprescott.org

www.facebook.com/FccUccPrescott

928-445-4555

Founded September 26, 1880

Serving the Church

Ministers All the People of the Church

Pastor Rev. Dr. Jay Wilcher

Pastor Emeritus Rev. Robert Bradstreet

Worship Leader Jane Cheek

Alter Notes Director Melissa Gates

Organist Brian Moore

Bell Choir Director Carole Sue Linson

Moderator Rev. Ralph Wagner

Minister of the Building Rev. Bill Linson

Facilities Coordinator Tom Macy

OCTOBER MISSION NEWS

Mission Outreach Update:

As we do throughout the year, each month we offer an opportunity to support a particular new mission project. November's mission emphasis project/program is the Coalition for Compassion and Justice (CCJ). Transitioning from primarily being an emergency shelter for those who are homeless, CCJ is now focused on helping clients find permanent affordable housing. Once housing 45-55 homeless clients a night, CCJ now averages about a dozen clients. At present, 26 clients who were previously homeless now have permanent housing in 21 units; including sleep cottages, mobile homes, and lodge style facilities. Visions for 2021 included building two more lodge style facilities. In addition to offering permanent housing opportunities, CCJ works with other agencies to disburse Rental Assistance

funds. Early in 2021, CCJ will complete a renovation project at their Madison Ave facility. The present CCJ Thrift Store on Fair Street will be closed and moved into the Madison Ave. location. The Madison Ave location will then be home to the "Second Glance" thrift store, shelter space for those needing emergency shelter, and office space for staff and programming. Seeking to help clients establish work opportunities, CCJ offers [1] "Wheels for Work," a program matching a client with a vehicle gifted by local donors and [2] "Prescott Worker's Progress Agency," a program providing the community with CCJ clients being trained as landscape workers. Further information may be obtained by calling the CCJ Director, Jessi Hans [928-445-8382]. We are proud to note that our pastor, Jay Wilcher, is the chairperson of the CCJ governing board. Donation checks can be made payable to the church, with the memo, "CCJ."

In response to this year's historic fire storms, particularly in the states of Colorado and California, the UCC headquarters is receiving donations to help those trying to survive these devastating times. Your check can be made payable to the church, with the memo, "Fire Relief."

Community Cupboard food bank: Throughout the year, volunteers continue to pack food bags for those families living at/below the Federal Poverty guidelines. We remain grateful for our volunteers and to our team captain, Angela Imbierowicz. Contact Angela if you would like to volunteer.

Prescott Area Shelter Services [PASS]

The shelter guests always look forward to the monthly Wednesday evenings when our church family brings dinner. We received a lovely note of appreciation and a wooden spoon inscribed with the following: "Thank You, Meal Providers - PASS" when their evening meal was delivered last week. Their note will be posted on our Mission Outreach bulletin board in Perkins Hall and our special spoon will find a new home in the church kitchen. The content of Katee's note follows:

Dear FCC-UCC,

Thank you so very much for being a monthly meal provider at PASS and for your years of dedication and support! We truly appreciate your generosity and kindness, more than we could hope to express. At a time in our guests' lives when they need shelter and guidance, a warm delicious meal can make all the difference in their day. They feel cared for, noticed, and valued. Thank you for caring about and helping women and children in need.

Katee

Katee also referenced the following quotes:

- ***"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart."***
- ***"No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another."***
- ***"There is nothing more beautiful than someone who goes out of their way to make life more beautiful for others."***

Our team of monthly contributors have already completed the sign-up sheet for November's PASS dinner. THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL! This ministry would not be possible without so many dedicated "helping hands." Thank you for the blessings you bring. Patty Gard, PASS coordinator.

We have all been blessed to be a blessing {Genesis 12:2}. Our Mission Outreach team members are: Becky and Bill Byrant, Helaine Berman, Linda Moore, Patty Gard, 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"

[Text Link](#)

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

THE ROSE WINDOW.....

depicts the LIGHT OF FREEDOM, an inspirational tribute to the power of spiritual truth in the search for freedoms in the world. It was installed in the Church sanctuary in 1963 by Mary Hesla Gill and her Navy Capt. husband, Samuel Gill, as a memorial to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hesla. Mary, a native Prescotonian, said she and her mother often went to St. Luke's Church and enjoyed the stained glass windows. Her father was a close friend and admirer of Dr. Charles Franklin Parker, the minister of 'OLD FIRST,' so they asked Dr. Parker to design a stained glass window as a memorial to her parents.

Dr. Parker chose the theme and component sections of the whole window. Assisted by Mr. Judson of the Judson Studios in Los Angeles, Dr. Parker's idea became reality after going through at least three detailed versions. The theme, The Light of Freedom, depicted by an open Bible in the center, is encircled by eight sections which reads,

"GOD HATH MORE
LIGHT AND TRUTH TO BREAK FORTH FROM HIS HOLY WORD."

Those are the words of John Rohinson, pastor of the flock which left Holland and sailed to America to see freedom.

Starting at the upper left and moving clockwise, the following scenes are depicted:

JOHN WYCLIFFE, a 14th century English reformer who

translated the Bible from Latin into English; the signing of the MAYFLOWER COMPACT by JOHN ROBINSON; MARTIN LUTHER leading the Protestant Revolution; the Liberty Bell symbolizing our CONSTITUTION; JOHN HARVARD helping establish HARVARD UNIVERSITY (the Congregational Church's first school of higher education); the MAGNA CARTA in 1215 became the First Charter of Freedom in the English world; by the invention of the printing press, JOHN GUTENBURG freed the Bible for ALL TO READ; and the UNITED NATIONS CHARTER stating that freedoms encompass ALL people of the world.

Dr. Parker believed "ultimately those freedoms will become real and peace can abide..., LIGHT, FREEDOM, AND PEACE, all from the Word of God, the CENTER OF LIFE." Dr. Parker was adamant that the window should make a statement about truth and knowledge; "free minds lead to more light.....and from those who understand the need of liberties come documents giving light and freedoms."

(Information from Sharlot Hall Museum Library and Transitions Issue 2017)

VOTE!

Let us all vote by Tuesday! And let us pray for our nation that whatever the outcome we find a way to come together.

[Text Link](#)

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH DURING CORONAVIRUS!

- Online – go to our website: 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.

[Visit our website](#)

[Watch Services Here](#)



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