

A Message from Pastor Jay

The "Watch Worship Services Here" tab on the front page of our website includes worship services that go back to January of 2020. During our year of shutdown, we enjoyed recorded music each week. Starting in September, we often had singers from around the world join Deana on her Smule program that allowed for that. We even had a Roman Catholic priest in Spain join her a time or two. You could use these recorded services as daily devotionals! Check them out.

This Sunday, July 11, we welcome Alter-Notes as our musical guests. The text is Ephesians 1:3-14. The bulletin cover for Sunday reveals the basic truths of this passage - "I am blessed, chosen, adopted, accepted, redeemed, and forgiven in Christ." Praise God! JJ has quite the challenge this week - to take this one sentence in Greek - a lengthy and long smorgasbord, and make it simple to understand. He tells me he may call in sick on Sunday!

WELCOMING EVERYONE BACK TO WORSHIP AT 10:30 AM!

Per CDC Guidelines, Masks are Optional, Social Distancing Measures Have Been Lifted, But Individuals May Still Choose To Distance As Desired.

Nursery and Sunday school at the 10:30am service

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY SATURDAY 10AM

ZOOM SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP 2:00 PM

Let us know if you want to be added to these Zoom invitations

GREETERS.....USHERS.....

Now that FCC is 'open' in a more formal or informal way, we need to get back to volunteering to greet, arriving at 10 A.M. Ushers aren't needed in the same tradition as before since the 'donation' table with our offering plate is in the center aisle when you enter the front door. Also, communion is 'self serve' now. Tom, Melissa, Jay Eby and others have been there every week. PLEASE let's get a NEW list starting with smiling, eager welcomers at

the front door. We are seeing many new faces that need YOUR SMILING FACE!!

DOES **FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE** sound familiar? Well, we had one that went out in March of 2020. I don't know about you, but I think we'll scale down the extravagant spread some! Here are a few suggestions:

Store bought cookies etc for easy self serve

Smaller coffee pot, easy clean up

Continue drinks of your choice

Easier 'set up and clean up' for volunteers

(OTHER SUGGESTIONS?)

LET'S ENJOY OUR ROUND TABLE CONVERSATIONS AND RETURN TO GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER AND WELCOME NEWCOMERS!!

I'll be sending out the previous list I had for volunteers shortly. So MANY changes. If you want to remain on the list, let me know. If you WANT TO BE ADDED TO OUR LIST, you will be most welcome. Once again, if we have enough to join our list, you will only be 'hosting' every 7 or 8 weeks or so!!

Contact me--

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BULLETIN

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 11, 2021

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Fount of Every Blessing"--arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

Mark Achuff

A Time for Children of All Ages - JJ

Gathering Song: "You Are Holy" Alter-Notes

Words of Welcome – Announcements - Passing of the Peace

Hymn: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

New Century Hymnal #42

Call to Worship

Melissa Gates

L:Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

All: Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.

L:Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

All:Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.

L:Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on every single person.

All:Blessed is God, who gives us compassion to share with every single

person, even people we do not know or care about.

Opening Prayer

Melissa Gates

Eternal God, Rescuer of the weak: given every reason to judge us, you seek justice for us. **You stand with the poor in the ditches where we have discarded them.** You plant your Word of truth in the One who gives us unexpected answers. **Jesus Christ, Word of Truth: you will not pass us by, but stoop to lift us up and carry us out of our pain.** You love the faithful enough to tell us stories which will shatter our complacency and send us forth to carry mercy to others. Holy Spirit, Giver of mercy: You take us by the hand, leading us out of the ditches we have dug for ourselves, into the brightly lit streets of the kingdom. **You pray for us in every moment, especially when we are unable to pray for ourselves. Be present with us during worship and grant us your wisdom. Amen.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Melissa Gates

Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

New Century Hymnal #506

Sermon: "The Power in Us"

Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "Here I Am, Lord" by Daniel Schutte.

Alter-Notes

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer (use trespasses)

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

*Prayer of Dedication

Melissa Gates

O God, we offer these gifts, tithes, and offerings for the building of your kingdom on earth. Bless the gift and the givers. Bless all who offer time, talent and treasure in your service. We offer this prayer in your holy name. Amen.

Closing Song: "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

New Century Hymnal #459

Benediction

Pastor Jay

Postlude: "Praise Him With Trumpets"--Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Mark Achuff

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JULY MISSION NEWS

Mission Outreach Update for July:

The Discovery Gardens Preschool (DGP) is our mission emphasis project for the month of July. DGP offers children, regardless of their life's challenges, a loving environment wherein they can prosper academically and socially. DGP is a licensed tuition based preschool provided through the Prescott Unified School District. Your donation will help provide scholarship assistance to a needy three year old's family. Donations can be made with a check payable to the church, with the memo, DGP. If you choose only to write "Mission" on your memo line, the Mission Outreach team will decide where your donation will be spent. Look in next week's Parish Caller to discover the donation results from our June projects; Strength the Church and Yavapai Food Bank.

Our PASS Team needs volunteers to help provide a dinner dish on Wednesday, July 21st, for women and children at the PASS shelter. If you can help, please contact our PASS team captain, Patty Gard (gpgard7963@gmail.com or ph 928 460 3042).

Community Cupboard: Our team of volunteers continues to pack food bags for families living in the Prescott area. We do this on scheduled days throughout the year. With our new facility, we have much more space within which to work. If interested, contact our Community Cupboard captain, Angela Imbierowicz (angelaprescottaz@gmail.com or ph 708 712 1448).

As always, thanks for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2)
Your Mission Team: Becky and Bill Bryant, Helaine Berman, Patty Gard and Gary Gard, Chairperson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE REOPENING!

Most of us have been vaccinated at this point, so we will follow the science and celebrate our safety. Masks are still available for those who are not quite ready, those not yet vaccinated, and those with other health issues. The sanctuary is a "no judgment zone." Mask or no mask - All are welcome!

We will also return to wearing our name tags. Lots of new people to get to know! Please get yours in Perkins Hall. If you need a new one,

you can create your own on the table by the name tag board in Perkins Hall.

**Video Tech Needed
\$50.00 per Sunday
Let Pastor Jay know if you are interested**

New members will be received in coming weeks. If you would like to join the church, please speak with Pastor Jay

Office Open by Appointment - Call Pastor Jay 928-899-9066

JUNE WORSHIP

**July 4
"How Do We Live in Christian Freedom?"
Galatians 5:1, 13-26**

**July 11
"The Power in Us"
Ephesians 1:3-14**

**July 18
"A Dwelling in Which God Lives"
Ephesians 2:11-22**

**July 25
Guest Preacher: Rev. Bill Linson**

TREASURER REPORT

**Income as of June 30 is \$79,570.
Total expenses are \$70,512.
Net income is \$9,058.**

**Year-to-date income is at 65% of the income budget of \$122,450.
Year-to-date expenses are at 48% of the expense budget of \$146,905.**

In addition to the regular financial support from our congregational members

and friends, we have received \$5,000 from the Southwest Conference UCC in grant funding for videography and other expenses for providing “hybrid worship services,” both online and in person.

PACKERS - COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

Thanks to the following volunteers who served as packers at the Prescott Community Cupboard Food Bank. The PCC depends upon volunteers to continue its mission to provide food to the needy of the community.

The volunteers during the week of April 19-23,2021, were: Stepheny Kutsch and Lee Danaher, Patty Brenner and Randy Cook, Sue Hodge-Parker and Patty Lantrip, Henry & Linda Dahlberg and Angela Imbierowicz, Alice Kring and Barb Frank.

The volunteers during the week of June 7-11, 2021, were: David and Linda Foote, Patty Brenner and Marie Kissel, Sue Hodge-Parker and Henry & Linda Dahlberg, Kathy and Don Stephens, Randy Cook and Patty Lantrip

Six churches in Prescott and one community group provide volunteers for the PCC. The volunteers serve as packers and also as sorters and drivers. The seven churches and community groups provide packers on a 7-week rotation basis. Each packer serves one day during that week from 2:00 to 4:30.

For the balance of 2021, FCC will be providing volunteer packers for the weeks of: July 26-30, September 12-17, November 1-5, and December 20-24.

If you are interested in serving as a packer during any of those weeks or if you are interested in serving as a sorter or driver or if you would like further information regarding these opportunities, please contact Angela Imbierowicz, 708-712-1448 or angelaprescottaz@gmail.com. Thank you.

It seems to me that the current popular history of Prescott would like to emphasize the wild west, Indian wars, mining boom town, and of course Whisky Row. All of these are of course a part of our history. But, as the Capital City of the new Territory of Arizona, there was within our community a concerted effort to make our town a well planned civil place to live and raise a family. In spite of all the sin and distractions of Whisky Row, they did just that. Our predecessors in the faith at First Congregational Church worked hard to make this happen. They did it by example and action to bring churches, schools and culture to what was then a wilderness Capital in the Wild West. First Congregational Church was not the first Christian fellowship in Prescott. The persons that formed this congregation had been in fact a part of other fellowships before. All of the written histories of First Church start with:” First Congregational Society of Prescott, Arizona was organized with thirteen charter members on September 26, 1880, at the home of T. W. and Pamela Otis. This church is the oldest Congregational Church in Arizona and what is now the Southwest Conference.” Most church histories, including ours, highlight the buildings built, the Ministers that served, and the numbers of persons in the membership. These are important, but I would like to celebrate those men and women that built and sustained our City of Prescott as a great place to live and raise our families. Lest we get to prideful, we must recognize that our beginnings were with the cooperation and assistance of other congregations of faith that existed in Prescott before us. We know that Bishop Lamy from Santa Fe held at least Christmas Mass in Prescott in 1863. That what has been described as Sunday School classes were held in several buildings in Prescott from the beginning. The teaching was often augmented by Army Chaplains from Fort Whipple. The first building in town specifically built for worship was on Marina Street by those that called themselves Methodists. A Baptist congregation shared this building for some time as well as a Catholic and Presbyterian congregation.

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- 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.
- Make a check out to the church and mail it to: 216 East Gurley Street, Prescott, AZ 86301

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