

A Message From Pastor Jay

We received 13 new members this past Sunday! There are 6 more that will be joining in coming weeks! Welcome to all! Thank you all for giving us a bright spot in the midst of our COVID malaise. This Sunday, we begin a series on the letter of James. James chapter 2 is about not showing favoritism in the church. The sermon title is "No Caste System Here." Brian and Ervie provide music. Tom is worship leader. JJ decides to sit in the seat of honor,

Our video technician, Jim, has moved to Maryland and we are in a transition time - bear with us as we give our new technician, Donna, some time to learn the process. We are also transitioning to our new YouTube channel. It will take some time to move the videos from the past year to our new channel.

PER CDC GUIDELINES, WE HAVE RETURNED TO WEARING MASKS IN THE SANCTUARY AND PERKINS HALL.

After church social time with refreshments and finger foods has been suspended until COVID cases decline.

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

[Watch Worship Services Here](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Musical guests September 5 - Ervie & Brian

Per CDC guidelines, we are returning to mask wearing on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary and Perkins Hall. Our after-worship fellowship time in Perkins Hall is on pause until COVID cases decline in our community.

New members will be received in coming weeks. Let

Pastor Jay know if you would like to join.

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

Our church anniversary is Sunday, September 26. Due to COVID, we decided to have a gathering in the parking lot after worship. No sit down meal, but a time of fellowship, refreshments, and light snacks.

SEPTEMBER MISSION NEWS

Our September Mission Outreach will be directed to two Special UCC offerings. [1] Ida Hurricane Relief (IHF) and [2] Neighbors in Need (NIN). With the devastation left by Ida, there will continue to be on-going rebuilding, repairs and infrastructure work needing to be done well into the future. If you choose this project, please mark your check's memo line, IHF. Our second offering, Neighbor's In Need, supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Through a network of justice advocates, work is accomplished to address such issues as; voting rights, hate crimes, health care, immigration and environmental pollution. If you choose this option, please mark your check's memo line, NIN.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Bert Austin – attends Emmanuel Lutheran also; security team at church; tech. geek; interested in our Foundation and adult teaching

Charity Knight – wants to be called Knight; works at Dept. of Child Services; married to Brandee; music, security, and archives interest

Linda Mast - Dr. Mast teaches nursing at Northcentral Univ.; Presbyterian Elder in past; Army Nurse Corps vet.; welcoming/outreach

Patty Brenner – no intro needed; picks up our attendance registers each week; quite the dancer with her husband!

David Pifer – retired nurse; trained parish and hospice nurse; music - hand bell choir; called to care; welcoming; small groups

Coco Lanigan – retired nurse; trained parish and hospice nurse; called to care; small groups; hospitality

Sandy Znetko - Church of the Palms; music; welcoming; office support; Called to Care - a commissioned Stephen Minister; greeting card creator

Ed Znetko – Church of the Palms; music; physical resources; woodworking

Lee Danaher – Community Cupboard board member; retired from financial industry

Donna Hill – our video tech; lives in Chino Valley; piano; flute; singer; hand bell choir;

Carolyn Christians – a professional clown!; jewelry making; PASS - Community Cupboard - Outreach

Tim Robinson - retired in 2020 - moved from Simi Valley to Prescott; golf; hiking; travel; grandkids; FCC foundation board; Community Cupboard

Pam Robinson - moved from Simi Valley to Prescott in 2020; hiking; travel; grandkids; social justice; money counter; office support

6 more new members will be welcomed in coming weeks! Welcome to all! God bless you!

SUNDAY BULLETIN

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5, 20

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Worker God, whose hands built the earth, molded our bodies, and sowed the stars across the sky, we gather in your presence this morning with praise and thanksgiving for your mighty deeds. Meet us here, Worker God; strengthen our hearts and our hands to work with you in the building of a world filled with justice and peace.

Prelude: Variations on “Heaven and Earth and Sea and Air”

A Time for Children of All Ages - JJ

(Children are welcome to go downstairs for Sunday school after the children's time)

Words of Welcome – Announcements - *Passing of the Peace

Gathering Song: “Welcome to this House” Sing! Prayer and Praise #7

Call to Worship:

Tom Macy

L: Loving, Working God, on this Sunday we ask your special blessing on all

people who labor, either for pay or as volunteers, in jobs or at school, in the workplace or at home, in the U.S. and around the world.

P: We especially pray for your blessings on workers who do not have jobs and for those whose inadequate pay does not allow them to live a full life.

L: Creator God, help us to build a new world in the midst of the old.

P: A world where all workers are valued.

L: A world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in.

P: A world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill.

L: We pray for the coming of a world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us.

ALL: We ask these things knowing that you give us the courage and strength to live out our faith in the workplace and the marketplace, as well as in the sanctuary. Amen.

*Hymn: "Heaven and Earth and Sea and Air" New Century Hymnal #566

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: James 2:1-10; 14-17 Tom Macy

Sermon: "No Caste System Here" Pastor Jay

Anthem: "Psalm 126: God Has Done Great Things for Us" Ervie & Brian

"God has done great things for us, filled us with laughter and music."

*Hymn: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" New Century Hymnal #18

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer Pastor Jay

Pray for those who are hungry. Pray harder for those who will not feed them.

Pray for those who struggle each week to pay their bills.

Pray harder for the wealthy who do not care

Pray for those who are homeless. Pray harder for those who deny them shelter.

Pray for the sick and lonely. Pray harder for those who will not give them comfort.

Pray for those who cry out for dignity. Pray harder for those who will not listen.

Pray for those oppressed by unjust wages. Pray harder for those who exploit them.

Pray for those who bear the yoke of prejudice.

Pray harder for those who discriminate against them.

Pray for those whose basic needs are denied.

Pray harder for public officials who cater to the greedy and ignore those bound unjustly.

"I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me" African American Spiritual Sing! Prayer and Praise #139

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts Pastor Jay

*Benediction

Pastor Jay

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold onto what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor all persons. Honor all creation. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may the love of God, the Light of Christ, and the power and communion of that Spirit be with us all. Go in peace. Amen.

*Postlude: "The Honduras Alleluia" by Richard Glover

Communion is Available at the Front of the Sanctuary

TREASURER REPORT

Income as of July 31 is \$88,782

Total expenses are \$81,390.

Net income is \$7,392.

Year-to-date income is at 73% of the income budget of \$122,450.

Year-to-date expenses are at 55% of the expense budget of \$146,905.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP - THE WISDOM OF JAMES

The Letter of James may be the earliest of the New Testament writings (maybe Galatians is earlier?) James was the brother of Jesus and the leader of the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15). The Letter is practical in nature and contains helpful applications to modern day problems - facing trials in life; treatment of the poor; faith and deeds go together; taming the tongue; proper wisdom; the power of prayer; and patience in suffering.

September 5 - James 2:1-17

September 12 - James 3:1-12

September 19 - James 3:13-4:8

September 26 - James 5:13-20

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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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