

## A Message From Pastor Jay

### EASTER WORSHIP 10:30AM

Easter Sermon: "Are We More Than A Sarcophagus Planter?"

Several years ago, we took the train from London to York for a day visit. York began as a Roman outpost in the year 71. Portions of old Roman walls can still be seen as well as Roman sarcophagi scattered around old town.

They cannot be removed by law, so some have been creatively repurposed as planters. When I saw them, I immediately knew the title for my Easter sermon that year! - and now this year also (Preachers are weird that way). As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, it is a good day to ponder our own. Easter and resurrection give us a chance to ponder what the future holds for all of us. My thinking this year goes to school shootings and lives cut short - is there a future and justice for them? Invite your friends and family to Easter worship! The children's choir and Alter-Notes provide music; Henry is liturgist; and it's time for the annual appearance of the butterfly-caterpillar with JJ & Ziggy

Christ is Risen!

RECORDED GOOD FRIDAY PLAY:  
APRIL 2, 2021 (PAST WORSHIP SERVICES TAB ON WEBSITE)  
PLAY BY MICKI SHELTON



[Watch Worship Services Here](#)

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED THIS EASTER SUNDAY - LET PASTOR JAY KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER! IT LOOKS LIKE 13 NEW MEMBERS WILL BE JOINING! SKY AND STAR WILL BE BAPTIZED!

## PICTURE DIRECTORY OF CONGREGATION

At church this Sunday, we will start taking photos for our directory - every Sunday after church in Perkins Hall from Easter through first Sunday in May



### CHURCH PAINTING ON DISPLAY THIS SUNDAY IN PERKINS HALL

It's an Original Pastel 18 x 24, painted by Jenny Willigrod from Fountain Hills, AZ.

It's a gift to the church from Coco Lanigan, David Pifer, Sandy and Ed Znetko.

Cards will be available for purchase by the congregation and community this Easter Sunday with proceeds going to the church. (Coco Lanigan)

### AED TRAINING APRIL 16 AT NOON

New Life CPR will be offering a CPR Adult/Child/Infant CPR with AED as well as choking for Adult/Child and Infant. We will discuss the NEW AED that you have on site and make sure everyone is comfortable on how to use this AED. You will have a great time. Come on and join us! Lesa West

American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR/AED Training Course

Please join us to become certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). The training will be led by New Life CPR. This is

useful training for all and especially since the church now has an AED on site, it would be great to have trained users in the congregation. The Heartsaver CPR AED course trains participants to give CPR, and use an AED in a safe, timely, and effective manner. Reflects science and education from the American Heart Association Guidelines Update for CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC).

The training will be held in Perkins Hall after the church service on Sunday, April 16th and it should last approximately 2.5 hours. The church will cover the cost of the training and also provide pizza to trainees.

If you are interested, RSVP to Morgan Greenwald as soon as you are able at [Morgan.Greenwald@gmail.com](mailto:Morgan.Greenwald@gmail.com) or 570-660-2227. The RSVP will help us to get a headcount prior to the training. Thanks for your interest!

### **FACEBOOK UPDATE**

"We have a new Facebook group, First Congregational Church Prescott FCC - which you can join. We will be posting events, and meetup information for the community, as well as exploring ways to bring back our outreach partners; the LGBTQ community youth, AA, etc. and other groups who have used the church pre-Covid for meeting spaces. Please join the group, and join in the discussion! If you have any questions, you can email Brit and Mike Flores at [bafwriter@gmail.com](mailto:bafwriter@gmail.com), our current group admins. All event questions and suggestions should be directed to the church email at [FCCprescott@gmail.com](mailto:FCCprescott@gmail.com).

### **RELAY FOR LIFE JUNE 2 (CANCER AWARENESS)**

THE 29th RELAY FOR LIFE of the Quad Cities is scheduled June 2nd 2023.

Anyone interested in creating a team representing FCC can contact the church email at [FCCprescott@gmail.com](mailto:FCCprescott@gmail.com)

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD THE WEEK OF JULY 19**

THE "SOUPER BOWL OF CARING" OFFERING TAKEN BY OUR CHILDREN DURING WORSHIP ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY - TAKEN TO THE YAVAPAI HUMANE SOCIETY - THANKS WYATT AND WINNIE! "A ROUND OF A PAWS" TO THE CHILDREN AND ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED. "PAW-SOME" INDEED!



## CHURCH CALENDAR

- APRIL 9 - EASTER SUNDAY – NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED
- APRIL 16 - HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY
- APRIL 16 - AED TRAINING - NOON
- APRIL 19 - PASS MEAL 5PM
- APRIL 27 - KNIT WITS AT THE CHURCH OFFICE - 1PM
- April 27 - EARTH DAY EVENT IN PERKINS HALL
- JULY 19 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS

## EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023

10:30 a.m.

*\*Those who are able may stand*

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "This Day Was Made by the Lord" by Christopher Walker Children's Choir

Words of Welcome – Announcements Pastor Jay

Welcome of New Members – Baptism - \*Passing of the Peace Pastor Jay

Gather Song: "Halle, Halle, Halle" Traditional Carribean,  
verse by Marty Haugen Alter-Notes

A Time for Children of All Ages – JJ & Ziggy  
(Children are welcome to go downstairs for Sunday school after the children's time)

Prayer of Invocation Henry Dahlberg

Good News God, your angels appeared to the faithful women of Jesus' company, bringing the news more wonderful and awe-inspiring than they could imagine – Christ is Risen! Surely you angels can interrupt our lives, too, breaking into our losses and sorrows and offering a message of tremendous joy to change our lives! Come this Easter morning, we pray, and fill us with joy that our lives may be renewed in hope and glory. Let us roll back the stone of fear and doubt and experience the resurrected Christ once again! In Christ we pray, Amen.

Easter Acclamation L: Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

\*Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" New Century Hymnal #233

#### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10 Henry Dahlberg

Hymn: "I Come to the Garden Alone" New Century Hymnal #237

Sermon: "Are We More Than a Sarcophagus Planter?" Pastor Jay

Anthem: "A Gaelic Easter Celebration" by Patti Drennan Alter-Notes

#### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (use trespasses) Pastor Jay

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts Pastor Jay

Offertory: "This is the Day" by Bobby Fisher Brian Moore

\*Easter Doxology (tune: Old Hundredth) Brian Moore

**Let trumpets sound and voices sing! Let all on earth their praises bring!  
For Christ has conquered sin and death, and given life eternal breath.**

\*Prayer of Dedication Henry Dahlberg

**God of seekers and doubters, bless these gifts so that the world may know that you are  
always appearing. Bless our lives so that your love might appear in the work we share.  
Amen.**

\*Hymn: "This is the Day" by Bobby Fisher

**This is the day! This is the day!  
This is the day that the Lord has made!  
Let us rejoice! Let us rejoice! Let us rejoice and be glad!**

\*Benediction

Pastor Jay

Go forth to live boldly, as if death has no power over you. Live as if your lives count for something--because they do. God calls us in abundant love to serve something greater than our own finite lives, a greater cause for which we would even lay down our lives, as Jesus did. For just as death on a tree could not stop the Christ, so our lives in service to God become larger than ourselves, part of the ever in-breaking realm of God. Go in peace, to love, to serve, and to proclaim:

One: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Many: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

\*Postlude: "Honduras Alleluia" by Robert Glover Brian Moore and Thomas Porter

## APRIL MISSION NEWS

**MONTHLY FOCUS:** Each month we highlight a different mission outreach project/program. For the month of April, our highlighted program is **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** is one of four annual special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation.

Through **One Great Hour of Sharing**, lives are literally changed daily.

If you wish to make a donation, checks may be made payable to the church with the memo: **OGHS**. Undesignated mission donations will be used at the discretion of the Mission Outreach team.

So far in 2023, our Mission Outreach ministry has delivered \$710 in contributions to Prescott Community Cupboard for January, \$594 to Prescott Area Shelter Services for February, and will shortly be sending collected March donations to Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity. We are deeply grateful to our congregation for providing the funds to so meaningfully assist these worthy organizations!

As always, thank you for remembering that we are blessed to be a blessing (Genesis 12:2).

*Mission Outreach Committee members are Patty Gard, Carolyn Christians, and Becky Bryant, chairperson. If you would like to serve with us, or have any other outreach matters to discuss, please contact Becky at (928) 910-2820 or [beckybryant2255@gmail.com](mailto:beckybryant2255@gmail.com).*

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## TREASURER REPORT

### A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER – JULIE MCCURDY MARCH 2023

Income is \$47,653  
Expenses are \$49,812  
Expenses exceed income by \$2,159

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### **Interfaith Service — Earth Care amidst Climate Change**

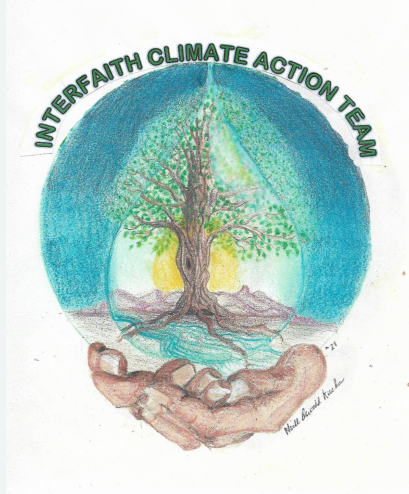
The Prescott area Interfaith Climate Action Team (ICAT) invites you to come together to pray and praise the love of our Earth, the importance of the Environment, recognizing that Climate Change is happening and must be addressed locally and beyond. This is done in the spirit and unity of all faiths.

First Congregational Church 216 E Gurley St (E Gurley St at N Alarcon St), Prescott

When: Thursday April 27, 2023 at 5 pm

Several spiritual leaders representing different faith traditions will each give a brief message. The service will include Song and Prayer, Peace and Reflection. We humans do not live in a vacuum. Our planet is fragile. We need to honor and protect the Earth for a more just and sustainable future.

For more information on Earth Day and Earth Week visit - <https://prescottearthdav.org>



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## SUPPORT THE CHURCH

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 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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