

A Message From Pastor Jay



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 with proceeds going to the church. (Coco Lanigan)

SNOW POLICY

Since Prescott has so many different elevations / communities, those who can will always gather regardless of snow amount. But - your safety comes first, so please stay home as you need and watch the recorded worship service!

**SCAM ALERT: THEY ARE AT IT AGAIN!
I WILL NEVER ASK YOUR FOR MONEY OR GIFT CARDS!**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM
NURSERY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30AM**

Lent has begun! On the first Sunday of Lent, we will focus on the traditional first Sunday theme of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1- 11). If you have visited St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, there is a mosaic in the church that illustrates the three temptations very well – see if you can remember what the three were from looking at the mosaic. Every year my task

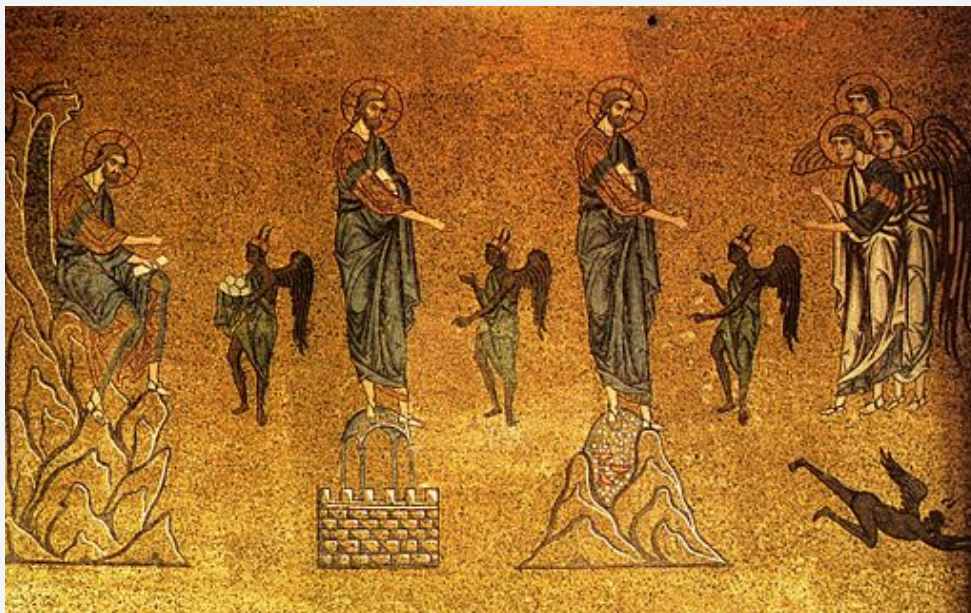
is to try to save Lent and this temptation story from simple and easy interpretations. Lent is more than giving up chocolate, and temptation is more than “the devil made me do it.” Here are some quotes to ponder for Sunday...

“It is not that suffering or failure might happen, or that it will only happen to you if you are bad (which is what religious people often think), or that it will happen to the unfortunate, or to a few in other places, or that you can somehow by cleverness or righteousness avoid it. No, it will happen, and to you! Losing, failing, falling, sin, and the suffering that comes those experiences – all of this is a necessary and even good part of the human journey.” (Richard Rohr, *Falling Upward*)

“There are several good protections against temptation, but the surest is cowardice” (Mark Twain)

"Over the years, I have come to realize that the greatest trap in our life is not success, popularity, or power, but self-rejection....When we have come to believe in the voices that call us worthless and unlovable, then success, popularity, and power are easily perceived as attractive solutions....Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the 'Beloved.' Being the Beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence." (*Henri J.M. Nouwen, 20th century*)

"You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you." *St. Augustine, Confessions 1.1.1*)



[Watch Worship Services Here](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, our current group admins. All event questions and suggestions should be directed to the church email at FCCprescott@gmail.com.

TEACHING SEDER WITH RABBI SUSAN SCHANERMAN
SUNDAY, APRIL 2 AT 1:30PM PERKINS HALL
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – SIGN UP SHEET IN PERKINS HALL

"KNIT WITS" REVIVAL

Before COVID, we had a group that would meet once a week to knit, crochet, etc. items that would be given to those in need. There is an interest in reviving this weekly gathering at the church. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall.

DATE FOR 8 – NINE AND DINE

A sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall for our first gathering for a meal and conversation. All who wish to participate will be divided into groups with a host who will coordinate the menu, date, and place to gather. This is an opportunity to get to know each other.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Friday Lenten Brown Bag Lunch and Study – Noon on March 10, 17, 24, and 31
Sunday adult class 9:30am– Sundays March 5, 12, 19 and 26 – Why Did Jesus Die?
Zoom Faith Forum Saturdays at 10am – Atonement Theology

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 27-29 IN EL PASO, TEXAS

The Southwest Conference staff, along with Annual Gathering Coordinator Karen Richter, have the planning well underway. Hosting the Annual Gathering in El Paso will require most delegates to travel for the in-person event. As a border city in Texas, El Paso gives us the opportunity to highlight the uniqueness of the geographical region, our local churches and their work and outreach, and the intersectionality of advocacy for social justice, humane immigration, and reproductive liberty.

Thursday, April 27 will be a travel day with a banquet dinner.

Friday, April 28 will be a day full of worship, workshops, reconnecting, and other meaningful experiences.

Saturday, April 29 will be the business day, closing worship, and the day for departure. New this year, we'll be hosting virtual meetings in advance of the in-person

dates to work on hearings and resolutions.

The business session on Saturday will be the only portion of the event that will be hybrid (available online to delegates who are not able to travel).

Pricing is as follows:

\$199 early registration per person closes March 1

\$250 regular registration closes March 24

\$275 late registration closes March 31

All meals are included except for Friday dinner (includes Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast & lunch, Saturday breakfast & lunch).

All worship, meetings, and workshops will be held at the Radisson-El Paso Airport, where we have a room rate of \$129 per night.

Travel reimbursement is available for \$225 for airfare or driving. Other scholarships may become available.

If your church would be interested in carpooling with another church or two, please indicate that on the survey. We can help coordinate.

Let Pastor Jay know if you are interested in being one of our five delegates.

MOVIE SCENES TO BE FILMED AT CHURCH THURSDAY AND FRIDAY!

**MOVIE EXTRAS NEEDED THIS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
CONTACT TOM FOR MORE INFORMATION (480) 862-0153**

Here's a little breakdown of the days. Anyone from your congregation can choose what they'd like to do - if they'd like to do more than just the Sunday mass type scenes.

I'm thinking the best time for them would be the first scenes on Thursday, March 2 at 8:00am. If they can stay for all three scenes, it will be about 5-6 hours. Or if staggered, the first two scenes are on the same script/movie day and will take about 2 hours. The second scene that takes place later in the movie will take 2 hours, so if anyone can't show up at 8:30, they could show up at 10:30am for the third scene.

If can stay that full block for both, it would be great if they could bring a change of clothes. Women a different dress to change into. Men could just put on a different jacket. They'd be dressed in their Sunday best. Whatever that is for them. If they aren't able to bring a change, could still use them, just put in a different location. Nothing too loud and flamboyant, but color is good.

On the same day we have a church clothing drive scene.

3pm-6:30 – approx. time 3-4 hours.

This would be casual dress. Jeans ok. Less formal than above.

Then on Friday March 3.

Same 8:00am call time. This scene is for a school bake sale the church is hosting. Casual dress. Would love families here, kids, teens, parents. Not only those, but having a number of full families would be great.

This will be about 4 hours.

Let me know if you have any other questions. The needs are broken down below:

DAY 6 (Thu., March 2)

Approx: Crew Call: 8:00AM

First BG Call: 8:00AM

Details: Scenes 30; 29; 71 (bring multiple outfits) – sermon and after 30+ (congregation)

Ft. BG: Matt's Mom, Matt's Dad; Est. Time: 6 hours

·We can ask for some of them if they are interested in staying and have a wardrobe option that's less formal/dressy... they could stay and become our 2nd call BG,

Approx. Second Talent Call: 2:30PM (Elderly Woman)

Second BG Call: 3:00PM

Details: Scene 103 – clothing drive; 8-12 (volunteers) Est. Time: 3.5 hours

DAY 7 (Fri, March 3)

Approx. Crew Call: 8:00AM

First BG Call: 8:30AM

Details: Scene 47 – bake sale for school; 15-20 (parents and kids if possible!) Est. Time: 4 hours (+2 for Young Couple)

Second BG Call: 4:00PM

Details: Scene 75; 1 staff member, 3 homeless; Est. Time: 2 hours

Third BG Call: 5:30PM

Scene 94; 2 (Ft. BG: young couple = CREW: Brandon & Mashell)

Pureflix Channel

Lively Productions, Scottsdale

CHURCH CALENDAR

MARCH 4 - ZOOM FAITH FORUM 10AM

MARCH 5 - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM – WHY DID JESUS DIE?

MARCH 10 - LENTEN BROWN BAG LUNCH AND STUDY - NOON

MARCH 11 - ZOOM FAITH FORUM 10AM

MARCH 25 - LAUNCHPAD TEEN CENTER SHARE THE LOVE EVENT – 5PM

APRIL 2- TEACHING SEDER WITH RABBI SUSAN – PERKINS HALL 1:30PM

APRIL 6 - MAUNDY THURSDAY – 5:30PM

APRIL 7 - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - NOON

APRIL 9 - EASTER SUNDAY – NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

APRIL 16 - HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

April 27 - EARTH DAY EVENT IN PERKINS HALL

Brought to you by the

QUAD CITY INTERFAITH COUNCIL

Come be a part of the

Quad City Interfaith Choir

Practices held the first Saturday of each month at

Trinity Presbyterian

630 Park Ave
Prescott

12:30 - 1:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Mary Lou Prince (520) 400-0831	Kellie Hart (480) 227-7587	Juli Dalton (928) 713-2365
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The poster features a background of concentric, swirling lines in shades of blue and green, resembling a stylized sun or a galaxy. The text is primarily in white and yellow/gold. There is a small logo for the Quad City Interfaith Council in the top left and a musical note icon in the top right.

FEBRUARY MISSION NEWS

FEBRUARY MISSION OUTREACH UPDATE

Each month throughout the year, our Mission Outreach team identifies particular mission programs to support. Our emphasis for February is Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS).

Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS) provides shelter for local women and children in need. Volunteers from our church family also provide a monthly hot meal, along with miscellaneous snacks, personal hygiene items, and laundry supplies for those sheltered there.

Here's a recent thank you note to our congregation from Katee Norris, Director of Programs at PASS:

"It is hard to put into words how much it means to the guests we serve to have a delicious meal to come back to each evening. Being homeless and living in a shelter brings about many challenges, but the things we can do to provide some comfort truly make a difference. Thank you so much for providing a meal on the 3rd Wednesday of the month over the years! We wish there were more ways to express our gratitude, thank you does not feel like enough, but THANK YOU."

If you wish to contribute financially, please make your check payable to the church, with the memo of PASS. Mission donations which do not specify a particular project will be disbursed as determined by our Mission team members.

We are thankful for all of our PASS volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help with the PASS meal once a month, please reach out to our PASS lead contact, Carolyn Christians, at 505-500-0533. (Also, a special note here to honor Patty Gard's many years of dedicated service as PASS Team Captain—Patty, we are deeply grateful for all your good work!)

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.

CHURCH VISION 2023

What do you wish us to be:

I love the Sat. classes, but don't have time right now. Linda Moore
Always still be open to all- James Olney
The sermons are awesome- keep up the good teaching
Loving, open community
Continue to be open to all. Maybe host community events with live music in Perkins, soup kitchen, coffee house, coat/clothing drive
Continue "before church" Sunday School for adults
Find ways to welcome young people from Launch Pad intentionally/ Plan activities & gatherings with other churches

What do you want us to do:

Service opportunity, Vibrant prayer ministry, Some newer & more contemporary worship songs- more variety of old and new
Nurture relationships with other/minority congregations or other faiths (eg Jewish, Muslim,

Indigenous

Does CCJ need support in furnishing the living spaces they find for folks?

Coffee House- Melissa

Rent out rooms to outside groups

Car wash

More community involvement, better use of kitchen- use more often for various groups

Rummage sale/donate what is left

Clothing drive

Pancake breakfast

Do we support any local social worker or social service groups with giving critical times off like Christmas, Birthday, or the children of families

“Eat with Eight” where couples/individuals sign up to host dinners- David and Edie, Linda and Laura

July 4th pancake breakfast

Small group get-togethers for dinner or other meet ups

More activities for kids, music, performances, Christian education, youth group, Sunday school for older elementary age

Sandbags for 2 downstairs classrooms, fallout shelters, water and snacks for 7-10 days for 20 people- JD

Sponsor an immigrant family

Adult class at 9:30am Sunday mornings

Sandbags for basement windows

More involvement with CCF and PCCFP

Consider partnering with Great Hearts school in rural communities- Aimee Anderson (573) 298-5466

Christmas Pageant with kids

Painting workshop and/or art tour

I'm wanting to re start a prayer group that meets maybe twice a month/ no financial impact – Sandy Z.

In home small group bible study

½ day retreats for women, men and kids

More mid-week gatherings

Rent kitchen to local people for use as commissary

I'd like to see more Christian in the form of weekly classes. Subject matters like forgiveness, spirituality, grieving

More outreach to find ways to invite more kids/ young people/families

Secret Santa – people can sign up if they want to participate and then get assigned to get someone a gift. Andrea will organize!

Outreach focus and organization through volunteers

Find ways to connect with people in need to offer help directly (food, clothing, housing)

I would like to have communion before Sunday school so kids can have communion- Winnie

More small group/weeknight fellowship or study discussions/ or just for fun

Start looking forward to the kids growing. More education/service based activities

Game night

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 26, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Campanae Parisienses" arr. by Samuel Millisgan
Anne Badger Pursell, harpist; Carole Sue Linson, Piano

Words of Welcome – Announcements - *Passing of the Peace

Gather Song: "Jerusalem, My Destiny" by Rory Cooney – verse 1 Groupe du Jour

A Time for Children of All Ages (*Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*) – JJ & Ziggy
(Children are welcome to go downstairs for Sunday school after the children's time)

Call to Worship

Thomas Porter

Leader: Temptation surrounds us at every turn, inviting us to take just a little more:

People: More food, more money, more power, more life!

Leader: "What could it hurt?" we hear, on television, from friends, in our own souls:

People: More suffering, more hunger, more need, more fear, more anger.

Leader: So we gather today in worship to hear the consequences of "more":

People: And to celebrate that we do not need "more" when we have everything in Christ.

Leader: People of God, let us drink deeply from the wellspring of God's Spirit, which has all we need to live fully, love deeply, and serve faithfully.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn: "Lift High the Cross"

New Century Hymnal #198

Opening Prayer

Thomas Porter

God, you are our hiding place and our refuge in the time of distress. We turn to you now, seeking comfort from the wounds of the world and power to face all our afflictions. Be present in our struggle, and help us to rest in your eternal promises, that we might be fed both with the bread of the world and the nourishment of your Word, strong to resist temptation and faithful in our worship of you. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Thomas Porter

We are in the business of offering fresh starts. We all make mistakes! God lets us start again. We are blessed when we admit our wrong to God. We can trust God to hold us when we feel like failures. God's unfailing love surrounds all those who trust in God.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Pastor Jay

*Hymn: "Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days"

New Century Hymnal #211

Sermon: "Dealing with Testing and Finitude"

Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "Deep River" arr. by Daniel Burto
Anne Badger Pursell, harpist; Carole Sue Linson, Piano

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "Change My Heart, O God" by Eddie Espinosa

Brian Moore

*Lenten Doxology (tune - old 100th)

Pete Norum

**Praise the Creator for each day,
thanks for our Guide who leads the way.
Bathe in discovery, Spirit led,
and live anew in days ahead. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Thomas Porter

Faithful God, let these gifts be like food and drink in the wilderness for those who have suffered and longed for your presence. May these offerings strengthen those who are resisting temptation and lead us to attend to all who need your healing touch. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our example and Savior. Amen.

*Hymn: "Change My Heart, O God"

Sing! Prayer and Praise #128

*Benediction

Pastor Jay

*Postlude: "Return to God" by Marty Haugen


Brian Moore

TREASURER REPORT

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER – JULIE MCCURDY
JANUARY 2023

INCOME is \$18,100






EXPENSES are \$17,158
Net INCOME is \$942



Let's go solar together!

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Get unbiased support
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Get a group rate on your solar
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Go solar with 50-100 people
-  **Nonprofit**
We're not a sales company
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No commitment to go solar


Join us to learn more!
Solar 101: March 22 at 6:00pm

Prescott Public Library




Founders Suite A & B
215 E Goodwin St.
Prescott, AZ
March 22 at 6:00pm

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NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED ON EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 9. A NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE ALREADY PLANNING TO JOIN ON EASTER - LET PASTOR JAY KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER!

From our church bylaws:

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

This church welcomes into its fellowship any person who subscribes to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Membership is open to all without regard to age, race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender identity, faith, marital status, and personal ability. Members may participate in any activity of this church and may serve in an elected or appointed position of leadership. Members have the right to vote at any Annual or Special Meeting.

Membership may be determined as follows: 1. By satisfactory and public profession of the Christian faith as evidenced by the covenant of this church with the United Church of Christ. 2. By the rite of Confirmation in this church. 3. By a letter of transfer from another Christian Church. Members covenant to participate fully in the life of the congregation by: 1. Attending worship, 2. Celebrating Communion, 3. Seeking to learn about and understand Holy Scripture and its implications for our lives as Christians, 4. Sharing time and talent dedicated to church work, 5. And supporting the financial and spiritual welfare of the membership and

community to the best of their ability.

Full rights and privileges of membership are granted to those members wishing to retain membership with other Christian Churches. Members shall be granted, on request, a letter of transfer to another church. Church membership rolls will be updated periodically by members of the Cabinet. 3 We recognize as friends those who are active in the life of First Congregational Church, but who choose not to join as members. They share fully in the spiritual life of this church and may participate in all its programs and activities. Friends may serve with the Ministries, but are ineligible to serve on the Cabinet or be elected an Officer. Friends are also granted the privilege of voice without vote at any Annual or Special Meeting.

SUPPORT THE CHURCH

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 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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