# First Congregational United Church of Christ

The Parish Caller February 4, 2022

A Message From Pastor Jay

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

Nursery and Sunday school at the 10:30am service

NEW COVID PROCEDURES UNTIL OMICRON WAVE ABATES:

WE ARE WEARING MASKS IN THE SANCTUARY &
PERKINS HALL
AFTER WORSHIP REFRESHMENTS AND FINGER
FOODS ARE SUSPENDED
SOCIAL DISTANCING IS ENCOURAGED

The call of God can be life-changing, exciting, and disturbing! Our two texts for Sunday certainly point that out (Luke 5:1-11; Isaiah 6:1-8). The average person would welcome a visit from God, but the best kind of visit may be a disturbing one. The sermon title Sunday is "God's Irritating, Disturbing Presence!" Tom is liturgist. Music provided by Melissa and Dawna with a flute duet. JJ hears the call.

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves;
When our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little;
When we arrived safely because we sailed too close to shore...
Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery; where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes; and to push us into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love.

Attributed to Sir Francis Drake, 1540-1596

Our past worship services are now on the website! Click on the "past worship services" link on the opening page of the website and you will find all the services back to January of 2020! Thanks to Jim for letting us use his YouTube channel for easy access.

**ZOOM FAITH FORUM SATURDAY 10AM** 

**ZOOM SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP 2:00 PM** 

Watch Worship Services Here

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Musical Guests Sunday - Melissa & Dawna, Flutists

## **EDUCATION MINISTRY**

Our Needs:

Preserve each of our sense of sacred experience in and with church

Desire to contribute to church community

To be responsive to congregant's interests for fellowship, education, and spiritual growth

Work together as a team, to offer opportunities with dispersed leadership for programs

Caveats of Prescott UCC Education Ministry at this time:

Small church community

Increased social isolation due to virus variants

Aims of Education Ministry:

Utilize community resources and teachers
Offer programming in church and to community ex: at library,
Las Fuentes, Museums
Use the arts as a framework for exploring faith, Spirit and the
Divine Presence in all

Survey to Prescott UCC Community:

The newly formed Education Ministry Team is seeking your input for programming ideas. Listed are ideas we've heard from others or are interested in ourselves. Please rank in order your priorities 1 = most interest. Add other interests for us to ponder.

Thank you. Alice Kring, Linda Mast and Lisa Barnes

Please rank your interests for Education Ministry and email /mail to church: fccprescott@gmail.com or 216 East Gurley Street, Prescott, AZ 86301

- · Lent series of discussion guide to the text behind Handel's Messiah
- Interfaith conversations focused on faith and the arts
- Using the Library Cultural Passes carpool to a cultural event
- · Attend well spaced seating a Natural History Institute Lecture by Robin Kimmerer on Braiding Sweetgrass – Indigenous culture reflections of caring for this sacred earth
- · Invite art docent from Prescott Center for the Arts to speak on art and Christianity
- · Attend talk about training and use of therapy dogs, with dogs present
- · Invite several artists to talk about their works of art which have grown out of observing nature
- · Take a trip to the Phoenix Botanical Gardens this spring to experience the desert in bloom
- · Seek teacher to provide several classes on contemplative spiritual practices

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

Due to COVID spread in Prescott, outside groups are still not able to meet in the church

# FEBRUARY MISSION NEWS

This month's mission outreach project is the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS). PASS began as an emergency shelter in 2007, providing shelter during inclement weather for women and women with children. It's doors are now open year round. Guests (usually a maximum of 30) may stay for up to 90 days. During this time, various resourse programs assist our quests to evaluate their goals and

how they might achieve them. With the assistance of PASS staff, almost 90% of our guests have found permanent housing.

Local churches and organizations help provide evening meals, sundries needed by our guests and supplies used to clean the several rooms of the PASS shelter. Thanks to our loyal crew of volunteers, our PASS team provides a monthly hot meal and other sundries/supplies.

If you are interested in joining our team, contact our PASS team captain Patty Gard 928 460 3042 or at <a href="mailto:gggard7963@gmail.com">gggard7963@gmail.com</a>. If you would like to serve on our Mission Outreach Committe, please contact Becky Bryant 928 910 2820 or at <a href="mailto:beckybryant2255@gmail.com">Beckybryant2255@gmail.com</a>.

As always, thanks for remembering that we are blessed to be a blessing. [Gen 12:2].

## STUDY OPPORTUNITY

#### **ZOOM FAITH FORUM**

The new faith forum will allow a variety of faith issues to be explored. Call or email the church office to be added to the weekly Zoom invitation: 928-445-4555; fccprescott@gmail.com.

February 5: Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: A Celtic Guide to Listening to Our Souls and Saving the World by John Philip Newell

February 12: Yale Series - Women of the Bible: Sarah

February 19: Yale Series - Women of the Bible: Tamar

February 26: Yale Series - Women of the Bible: Women Warriors

## **SUNDAY BULLETIN**

#### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 6, 2022
\*Those who are able may stand

10:30 a.m.

#### **GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude: "Ave Verum Corpus" by W. A. Mozart

**Brian Moore** 

A Time for Children of All Ages - JJ

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

Welcome & Announcements - \*Passing of the Peace

Gather Song: "Come All You People" by Alexander Gondo

**Gathering Prayer** 

Tom Macy

Holy God, by your grace: you touch our fears with the fire of your compassion; you touch our brokenness with the fire of your forgiveness; you touch our hearts with the fire of your love.

Jesus Christ, by your grace: you step into our lives and an unpredictable journey begins; you challenge us to new thinking, with overflowing results; you so confront our doubts that we can cast out our fears.

Holy Spirit, by your grace: you give us eyes to see the emptiness of our world; you give us ears to hear the good news; you give us words to bring hope to all people.

God in Community, Holy in One, by your grace we are who we are: your children, your people, your church, worshipping and praying together. Meet us here!

\*Hymn: "My Anchor Holds"

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#### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Tom Macy

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

Pastor Jay

\*Hymn: "Jesus Call Us, o'er the Tumult" New Century Hymnal #172

Sermon: "God's Irritating, Disturbing Presence!"

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#### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

Anthem: "The Prayer" arr. by Stephen DeCesare Melissa Gates & Dawna Hill, **Flutists** 

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

Pastor Jay

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Pastor Jay

\*Prayer of Dedication

Tom Macy

God of life and life anew, we bring our offerings, our symbols of faith and, our hearts to you this day. We seek your renewing Spirit so that we can make new beginnings with openness and trust. Help us to be open to new ways of seeing, to new avenues of acting, to a renewal of our relationships, so that we can join you in making all things new. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

\*Hymn: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" New Century Hymnal #173

\*Benediction Pastor Jay

\*Postlude: "Sing of the Lord's Goodness by Enest Sands Thomas Porter and Brian Moore

## TREASURER REPORT

The income for January is \$13,724. Expenses are \$13,100. Net income is \$624.

Julie McCurdy, treasurer

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Worship 10:30am Nursery & Sunday School 10:30am

On Zoom:

Feb. 17 Church Foundation Board Mtng. 5:15pm Feb. 28 Church Cabinet Mtng. 5:30 pm

In-Person

March 2 Ash Wednesday Service 5:00pm April 14 Maundy Thursday Service 5:30pm April 15 Good Friday Service Noon April 17 Easter Worship 10:30am

New Members Received on Easter Sunday

## 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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