First Congregational United Church of Christ

The Parish Caller January 14, 2022

A Message From Pastor Jay

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

This Sunday we remember Jesus' miracle of turning water into wine. It is a sign in John's gospel of the abundance Jesus will bring. Abundant love offered to all people. On this Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, we commit to working toward the Beloved Community:

O God, all people are your Beloved, across races, nationalities, religions, sexual orientations, and all the ways we are distinctive from one another. We are all manifestations of your image. We are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality and tied to a single garment of destiny. You call us into your unending work of justice, peace and love. Let us know your presence among us now: Let us delight in our diversity that offers glimpses of the mosaic of your beauty. Strengthen us with your steadfast love and transform our despairing fatigue into hope-filled action. Under the shadow of your wings in this hour may we find rest and strength, renewal and hope. We ask this, inspired by the example of your disciple, Martin Luther King, Jr., and in Jesus' name. Amen.

Nursery and Sunday school at the 10:30am service

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Musical Guests Sunday - Joyful Noise

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS SET FOR JANUARY 23 AFTER WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY ANNUAL MEETING MATERIALS AND BALLOTS HAVE BEEN SENT VIA EMAIL TO MEMBERS – IF YOU STILL NEED THE DOCUMENTS, LET PASTOR JAY KNOW

MLK Day Celebration Monday, January 17, 10am at Prescott College Welcome Center (corner of Grove & Western)

Join your fellow community members at 10:00 am at the Prescott College Welcome Center for the march around the Courthouse Square followed at 11:00 by an indoor celebration at Prescott United Methodist Church! Let's show the world that our city is not represented by fringe groups, but by a community committed to loving our neighbors.

January Worship

Jan. 2 Guest Preacher Rev. Charles Poole "Making Things Right" 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Jan. 9 The Baptism of Christ "The Original Self-Help Guide" Luke 3:15-22

Jan. 16 Second Sunday after Epiphany "Jesus Turns Water into Wine" John 2:1-11

Jan. 23 Third Sunday After Epiphany "Jesus' Inaugural Address" Luke 4:14-21

Jan. 30 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany "Jesus Makes the Congregation Angry" Luke 4:21-30 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

JANUARY MISSION NEWS

This month's Mission Outreach project is our local Prescott Community Cupboard [PCC]. Individuals and families receive nutritionally balanced bags of food packed by volunteers from various churches and organizations. We are grateful for our team members from First Congregational Church who faithfully serve for appointed dates throughout the year. Angela Imbierowicz is our team captain, assisted by Lee Danaher. If you are interested in volunteering as a packer, please contact either Angela [708 712 1448] or Lee [602 509 4893] both of whom also serve on the PCC board of directors. Donation checks can be made payable to the church, with the memo, PCC. Thank you for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing (Genesis 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.

January 1: No Forum

January 8: The Formation of the Biblical Canon – Hebrew Bible

January 15: The Formation of the Biblical Canon – New Testament

January 22: Christianity, Empire, and Original Sin - Constantine makes Christianity the religion of Empire

January 29: Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: A Celtic Guide to Listening to Our Souls and Saving the World by John Philip Newell

SUNDAY BULLETIN

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 16, 2022

*Those who are able may stand

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "We Shall Overcome" United States Traditional

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

Gather Song: "No Matter" by Roger P. Miller

Joyful Noise

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10:30 a.m.

Call to Worship

Angela Imbierowicz

L: Our God has made us to be One Body with many members.

All: United and uniting. This is our calling.

God calls us to share our diverse gifts activated by the one and same Spirit.

United and uniting. This is our redemption.

God longs for us to be united in love and to manifest the Spirit in our different waysUnited and uniting. This is our worship.

Let us gather in this hour to offer praise and worship to our Holy God, who challenges us and calls us to create the Beloved Community. Let us worship God!

*Song: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" Sing! Prayer and Praise #139

Invocation

Angela Imbierowicz

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

Angela Imbierowicz

*Hymn: "The Body Is One"

Sing! Prayer and Praise Hymnal #36

Sermon: "Jesus & Abundance"

Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "They'll Know We Are Christians" by Peter Scholtes

Joyful Noise

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

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts Pastor Jay

Brothers and sisters, who we are and yet becoming as individuals shows God's presence in the world. That divine presence is reflected even more fully, powerfully, and transformatively as we unite in Beloved Community. Let us bring ourselves, our gifts, and our resources together that God may be glorified.

*Prayer of Dedication Angela Imbierowicz

God of many gifts and one Spirit, we confess that sometimes it is easier to celebrate a single prophetic voice, than to honor the complex movements that give rise to freedom. When in our desire to honor leaders, we forget or gloss over all those who make change possible, forgive us. When we lift up Martin Luther King, Jr. as a visionary and leader, and ignore or disbelieve that we have a part to play in making his dreams a reality, forgive us. Empower us to take up our roles in the movement toward racial justice, knowing that each of us has unique gifts to offer, and together, we are the Spirit's movement toward love. Amen.

*Hymn: "Children of God" by James F. D. Martin

Sing Prayer and Praise #195

*Benediction

Pastor Jay

Brian Moore

*Postlude: "Children of God" by James F. D. Martin

TREASURER REPORT

From a financial perspective, the year 2021 has ended on a happy note. At \$144,679, total expenses were within our budget. Total income was \$145,371. This was \$23,000 more than anticipated. Income exceeded expenses by \$692.

Julie McCurdy

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Our thanks to all who sent in your estimate of giving for 2022. We are still receiving estimates in the mail. It looks to be a record amount in recent memory.

And in a pandemic no less! Praise God and thank you!

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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