

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY 10:30 AM

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

There will be a congregational potluck lunch as we gather to vote on church officers and a budget for 2024.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT FOOD ITEM YOU ARE BRINGING ON THE
SIGN-UP BOARD IN PERKINS HALL.**

**LOOK FOR AN EMAIL WITH THE ANNUAL MEETING REPORT ATTACHED
PAPER COPIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST (50 PAGE DOCUMENT)**

From the Pastor

We had 17 children and 5 teens in worship last Sunday! There were no special invitations or promotions to entice them to come. It must be a God thing. Or maybe our wonderful teachers, Jeni and Audra. Or maybe our wonderful congregation that welcomes them and makes them feel at home. See Jeni and Audra's requests for supplies below.

The Book of Jonah is our focus on Sunday. What a good story for 2024 in the midst of our political and cultural divisions! As with Jonah, I can imagine our different sides sitting on the hill and waiting for God to crush the "other." Jonah is angry that God will not crush Nineveh. Lots of anger and angry people in our country! Everyone should sit with the question at the end of the book - the last verse - God asks: "Should I not show compassion toward Nineveh?" Brian, Melissa, and Thomas provide music; Henry is liturgist; and the children act out the drama of Jonah.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Since Prescott has so many different elevations / communities, those who are able 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!

We are still receiving estimates of giving for 2024. These are needed to help us prepare a budget for 2024. You can place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office: 216 East Gurley Street, Prescott, AZ. 86301. The estimates are kept confidential and known only to our treasurer and financial secretary. Thank you to everyone that has turned in an estimate of giving for 2024. Because of you, we will live into our 144th year. And because of you, our church changes lives!

CONTINUING A SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

Beginning Sunday, January 14 -- 9:15-10:15, in the meeting room downstairs, join us to view and discuss selections from the "Living the Questions" video series.

Topics:

January 14 - - the prophetic Jesus (and MLK)

January 21 - - evil and suffering

January 28 - - redemptive violence – the cross

February 4 - - resurrection

February 11- - prejudice in our world

Each session is self-contained, come for one, a few, or all of them!

Questions? and child care needs: Pete Norum at handle32pan@gmail.com.

Come one, Come all, to our FCC COFFEE HOUSE! Last Friday of every month - January 26 - 4 to 6 pm - Perkins Hall - Serving: good conversation, light beverages and snacks, lots of games, music of all kinds, dancing if you want it, and any other creative ideas you can come up with. Please use the Alarcon St door to enter. See you then!

VIDEO SERIES

"When Black Female Preachers Speak - Seven Important Discussions with Black Female Theologians" A part of our decentering whiteness efforts (not to mention patriarchy)

The next gathering will be today at noon in the church office conference room. Bring your own lunch / snack and drink.

When black female preachers speak, we should all listen. The insight and intention provided by black theologians illustrate their ability to bring the history of black culture and religious experience into the life of Christians and the liturgical life of the church. For centuries black mothers have passed on wisdom – in the white world, in the black community, and with men. This wisdom has illustrated how God reveals prophetic word and action for Christian living.

We have brought together some important themes coupled with visionary insights from Rev. Jacqui Lewis, Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglass, Rev. Traci Blackmon, Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, and Bishop Yvette Flunder.

PASS - PRESCOTT AREA SHELTER SERVICES

PASS, our local women's shelter, serves as a place for women and children experiencing homelessness. The third Wednesday of every month (**February 21**) our church provides dinner

for the guests at the shelter. Meal items are brought to the church parking lot at 5:00 pm and then taken by one of our members to the shelter. Carolyn Christians has taken over this role from Patty Gard. We need new members to sign up to help each month. The sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE ON OUR WEBSITE
FCCPRESCOTT.ORG
UNDER THE RESOURCES TAB – PASSWORD PROTECTED
EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR PASSWORD
fccprescott@gmail.com**

**SATURDAY FAITH FORUM OPEN TO ALL
SATURDAYS AT 10AM ON ZOOM
A NEW TOPIC EACH WEEK - BIBLE, CURRENT EVENTS,
THEOLOGY, ETC.
A LIVELY DISCUSSION
EMAIL PASTOR JAY TO BE ADDED TO THE ZOOM INVITE
jayfccprescott@gmail.com**

**AMAZON SUPPLIES TO PROVIDE FOR JENI AND AUDRA IN
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Copy and paste this into your browser:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3GNXWTEHGJL87?ref_=wl_share

**This QR code will take you to the supplies that can be ordered and
provided:**



[Watch Worship Services Here](#)

JANUARY MISSION NEWS

MONTHLY FOCUS: Happy New Year! January's Mission Outreach project is our local **Prescott Community Cupboard (PCC)**. Through **Prescott Community Cupboard** individuals and families are able to receive nutritionally balanced bags of food packed by volunteers from various churches and organizations in the surrounding areas.

Prescott Community Cupboard "recognizes the innate worth of every human being and accepts people as they are and seeks to assist them in receiving necessary food to support their daily nutritional needs. Our support is designed to provide supplemental food to residents in Yavapai County experiencing food insecurity."

Seven local churches founded the **Prescott Community Cupboard** in 1973 as a temporary food source for the Prescott area. It was designated as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization in 1981. Six of the original founding churches continue to support Community Cupboard after more than 45 years.

Donation checks can be made payable to the church, with the memo: **PCC**.

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

Mission Outreach Committee members for 2024 are Patty Gard, Carolyn Christians, Roxanne Matthews, 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.

LENT AND EASTER ARE EARLY THIS YEAR!

Ash Wednesday	Feb. 14
First Sunday in Lent	Feb. 18
Maundy Thursday	March 28
Easter Sunday	March 31

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11 IS JAZZ SUNDAY, BOY SCOUT SUNDAY, AND SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY – The music gets jazzy as we prepare for Lent; the Boy Scouts join us to express thanks for meeting in our special Scout room; and the children collect donations in soup pans at the door on Super Bowl Sunday – they decide who receives the offering.

ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP COMING IN APRIL-MAY

We did this workshop back in 2016. Participants enjoyed getting to know themselves better and understanding others better. An Enneagram instructor will be leading the workshop. There will be a fee for attending – scholarships will be available if needed.

From The Enneagram Institute:

What is the Enneagram?

Don Riso has defined the Enneagram as “a geometric figure that delineates the nine basic personality types of human nature and their complex interrelationships.” While the Enneagram suggests that there are nine basic personality types of human nature, there are, of course, many subtypes and variations within the nine fundamental categories. Nevertheless, the assertion of Enneagram theory is that these nine

adequately map out the territory of “personality types.”

The Enneagram is also a symbol that maps out the ways in which the nine types are related to each other. This is the aspect of the Enneagram most people are familiar with because it offers them a framework for understanding themselves and everyone they deal with. As a psychospiritual typology, the Enneagram helps people to recognize and understand an overall pattern in human behavior. External behaviors, underlying attitudes, one’s characteristic sense of self, conscious and unconscious motivations, emotional reactions, defense mechanisms, object relations, what we pay attention to, our spiritual potentials and much more—are all parts of a complex pattern that forms each personality type. Therapists, business counselors, human resource directors, and spiritual seekers from around the world are all finding the Enneagram to be immensely useful for self-understanding and personal growth. Always remember however, that the Enneagram does not put you in a box; it shows you the box you are in and the way out!

What use is the Enneagram? How can it help me?

The Enneagram can be extremely useful to everyone as a source of self-knowledge because it acts as a kind of “mirror” to reveal features of our personality that normally are invisible to us. Most of the time, people function habitually, as if on “automatic pilot,” according to the pattern of their basic personality type. Usually this allows people to get along well enough in their lives, but when their normal routines break down or the stresses of their lives increase too much, their normal way of coping also tends to break down or become dysfunctional. Seeing clearly what our habitual patterns are—seeing what we are doing and why we are doing it, and at what cost to ourselves and others—holds the key to our liberation. By knowing your type correctly, you are able to see yourself—to “catch yourself in the act”—as you move throughout the day. With this increased self-awareness, you are also able to avoid reacting in negative and potentially dangerous ways.

Once real balance has been restored to the personality structure, the Enneagram can help us to orient ourselves to the higher spiritual and psychological qualities that each type has in abundance. Thus, at its highest, the Enneagram invites us to look deeply into the mystery of our true identity. It reveals that we are not our personality, but something more—a spiritual being who has lost contact with his or her true nature. Living out of this realization shifts completely how we see ourselves, others, and the world, bringing liberation, freedom, and joy. (See pages 27-48 in *The Wisdom of the Enneagram* or pages 11-17 of *Understanding the Enneagram (Revised Edition)* for more about the psychological and spiritual context of the Enneagram.)

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult" by Cecil F. Alexander

Brian Moore

Words of Welcome – Announcements - *Passing of the Peace

Gather Song: "Two Fishermen" by Suzanne Toolan, SM Melissa, Brian, and Thomas

A Time for Children of All Ages – JJ & Ziggy

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

*Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult"

New Century Hymnal #172

Call to Worship

Henry Dahlberg

One: We gather to respond to the call of God's love.

All: Thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.

One: May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others.

All: Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.

One: Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.

All: May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Litany and Confession Introducing Jonah

Henry Dahlberg

ONE: From the time of Creation to now, our God redeems,

ALL: Always saving, always transforming, always forgiving...

ONE: At the heart of God is grace, mercy, and an abounding love,

ALL: Always accepting, always lenient, always embracing...

ONE: The burden of anger is gone, the need for punishment is no more,

ALL: Always peaceful, always relenting...

ONE: The end of the story of the prophet Jonah reveals a jealous and angry prophet who is not nearly as forgiving as the God who sent him to Nineveh in the first place.

Jonah is jealous, angry and stubborn. How much are we like Jonah?

ALL: Why are we stubborn enough to die in our anger rather than live in peace?

Why are we so prepared to direct our ire at the little things instead of opening our eyes

to the infinite blessings you provide? Forgive us, Lord. Perhaps you see in us more than we see in ourselves.

ONE: Even Jonah had to admit this: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. Believe the Good News made real in Christ Jesus: We are forgiven people. Let us live in peace!

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Jonah Chapter 3

Henry Dahlberg

*Hymn: "You have come down to the Lakeshore"

New Century Hymnal #173

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Jonah Chapter 4

Henry Dahlberg

Sermon: "Should God Not Show Pity?"

Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "Come and Follow Me" by Tom Franzak

Brian, Thomas, and Melissa

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

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "You Walk along Our Shoreline" by Sylvia G. Dunstan

Brian Moore

*Epiphany Doxology

Praise God the source of life and breath;

Praise Christ, now born to conquer death;

Praise Holy Spirit's mystery:

One God, pure grace, who sets us free. Amen. (Tune: Old Hundreth)

*Prayer of Dedication

Henry Dahlberg

May these gifts, given to these ministries of grace, be a blessing to friends and strangers, those like us and those not, those deserving and those not, for in this way the love of God reaches all of God's beloved.

*Hymn: "You Walk along Our Shoreline"

New Century Hymnal #504

*Benediction

Pastor Jay

*Postlude: "Two Fishermen" by Suzanne Toolan, SM

Brian and Thomas

The total income for 2023 was \$184,880 and the expenses total \$190,806. Expenses exceeded income by \$5,926.



Because of You our church changes lives.

**ESTIMATES OF 2024 GIVING ARE STILL BEING RECEIVED
THESE ESTIMATES ARE NEEDED TO PREPARE A CHURCH BUDGET FOR 2024**

WHAT IS A STEWARD? WHO IS A STEWARD? HOW DO I BECOME A STEWARD?

The answers to these questions are easy: A steward is a person who, with regard to a property both physical and functional, keeps it, cares for it, watches over it. As to who is a steward, well, we're hoping YOU are, or that YOU will want to become one. How you become a steward involves the act of you giving to our church of your time, your skills and/or your finances. There is another question to be answered.

IMMEDIATE NEED

Why give to our church? First Congregational Church occupies a unique position in Prescott. We are the only historically rooted and progressive congregation in the city that follows the way of Jesus. We are both open and affirming to all. Our

sanctuary evokes historic church connections and the presence of God. The God one finds here is the One Jesus modeled for us – a God of love and grace. Many have given testimony to finding healing here from other church experiences, where God was presented as judgmental and exclusionary. Other churches have retreated to locations out of town. We have remained here on Gurley Street, downtown, easily seen, accessible and welcoming to all.

Another answer to why you would want to give to your church revolves around need, both yours and this Church's. You obviously have any number of personal reasons or needs that lead you into church participation here, where you find those needs met. Your church also has needs and right now those needs are financial. We are in unprecedented times. How do we create a church budget for 2024 with so many unknowns? How do you decide what to give to this church for 2024? These questions have no immediate answers, so our church budget and your offer of financial giving are not set in stone. They are estimates. Your estimate of giving for 2024 will help us begin to understand what might be possible for the next year. So, with a thankful heart full of hope we are asking you to help us right now, to get through our 144th year here in Prescott.

LEGACY ANSWERS THE LONGTERM NEED Our church is blessed to have THE FOUNDATION as a safety net. It was formed in 1992 to manage legacy gifts from our members and friends. Legacy giving is not about death. It's about giving and continuing life. It's an affirming experience that celebrates the people, values, and goals that you cherish most. You don't have to be rich to make a bequest or legacy gift. With a will or legacy gift you can give the way you want to live, by making a better or sustained future for your loved ones and a lasting impact on your faith community. If you are interested in leaving a legacy to our church, or have questions or concerns, you can send a note to the church office and a member of the Foundation will contact you.

IT'S ALL ABOUT STEWARDSHIP - PLEASE BE OUR STEWARD!

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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