First Congregational United Church of Christ

The Parish Caller January 20, 2023

A Message From Pastor Jay

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

COMMUNION WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE WORSHIP STARTING AT 10AM AND AFTER WORSHIP AS WELL

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING: SUNDAY, JANUARY 29
CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK MEAL
AFTER WORSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING IN-PERSON OR ZOOM AT 12:15 PM
ZOOM INVITE WILL BE SENT JAN. 25
VOTING ON THE SLATE OF OFFICERS AND 2023 BUDGET WILL BE DONE INPERSON OR BY ZOOM
MAIL-IN BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT ATTEND
PLEASE EMAIL FCCPRESCOTT@GMAIL.COM OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE:
928-445-4555 FOR A MAIL- IN BALLOT

We continue the season of Epiphany with a call story - Jesus calls his disciples to come and follow him, and they will be "fishers of people" (Mathew 4:12-23). God's call comes to us in a variety a ways. We will think about the times God has directed us - sometimes only revealed as we look back at our life paths. A lot of us have moved to Prescott from other places. Think about that move as a mysterious call, whether relatives influenced it, or weather, or your own research. What would God have you do here? JJ & Ziggy share the call they received to help with the children's time each week.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spanish Lessons Starting Thursday January 26 6:45 - 7:45

Specific location in the church TBA

No text necessary but we will be taking material from the following 2 books that you may purchase.

Yavapai College bookstore
Puntos en breve (for Spanish 1)
Amazon
Living Language Conversational Spanish
Hope to see you there!

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 10AM - ZOOM FAITH FORUM
THE BOOK OF ACTS – GENTILES JOIN THE MOVEMENT (9-12)
EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO BE ADDED TO THE ZOOM INVITE
FCCPRESCOTT@GMAIL.COM

TWO DONATION BOXES ARE ALWAYS PRESENT AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY FOR THE COMMUNITY CUPBOARD AND DISCOVERY GARDENS PRESCHOOL

CHURCH CALENDAR

JANUARY 29 – ANNUAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 16 - CHURCH FOUNDATION MEETING VIA ZOOM AT 5:15PM

FEBRUARY 19 - JAZZ SUNDAY - MUSICAL GUESTS MOOD SWING

FEBRUARY 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 5PM

FEBRUARY 26 - FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT APRIL 6 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 7 - GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 9 - EASTER SUNDAY – NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

APRIL 16 - HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

JANUARY MISSION NEWS

MONTHLY FOCUS: 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 in the surrounding areas.

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. If you are interested in volunteering as a packer, please contact Angela (708) 712-1448.

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 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, sprituality, 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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 22, 2023

10:30 a.m.

*Those who are able may stand

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

"We honor the past, but we cannot live there anymore.

We sometimes must run to catch up with the present.

The God who calls us into the future expects more of us than we can ever imagine.

But that same God gives us tools and energy, and most of all, goes alongside us with love."

Prelude: "Metta Prayer" Traditional Buddhist Brian Moore & Thomas Porter Words of Welcome - Announcements - *Passing of the Peace Gathering Song: "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In" Groupe du Jour Call to Worship Angela Imbierowicz We gather together in this space, to sing praises to our God! L: P: We are old and young, men and women, all children of God. L: We gather together to pray for each other and to pray to our God. \square P: We come from all walks of life, but we are all children of God. □ We gather to listen, to be in fellowship, and to celebrate our God. \square L: P: We are poor and rich, ill and healthy, strong and weak - \Box together we are the people of God! Together, let us worship! \Box *Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" New Century Hymnal #4

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

Unison Opening Prayer Angela Imbierowicz

Gracious Light-Bearer, into the shadows of our isolation you speak words of life and community. Challenger of our lives, you call us from places we call home to lead us more deeply into the world you love. With your gentle, healing touch you redeem the broken places of our lives, and you heal the wounded places of the earth. Inspire our worship here this day, so that we may receive liberation in your word, and be filled to

overflowing to share your reconciling love throughout the earth. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

Angela Imbierowicz

*Hymn: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

New Century Hymnal #173

Sermon: "Moving with the Call of God"

Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "The Lord is My Light" by Lillian Bouknight

Group du Jour

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts- Minute for Mission -Community Cupboard – Lee Danaher

Offertory: "Pass the Love" by Doris Ketner

Brian Moore & Thomas Porter

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

Angela Imbierowicz

God, to you we dedicate these gifts this day. May this act of giving inspire other ways that we may "fish for" your people, seeking out those who need your nourishing spirit. And we pray that you will multiply them and the gifts of all your faithful people that your love may be revealed on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*Hymn: "Children of God"

Sing! Prayer & Praise #195

*Benediction

Pastor Jay

Go now in peace, for Christ has called you to live in peace among your brothers and sisters in Christ. Go now in courage, for Christ has called you from the places of your life to be agents of redemption and partners in healing. Go now in joy and thanksgiving, for Christ is our light! Go now as one body, to love and serve God as you love and serve the world!

*Postlude: "Dance into Joy" by Carol Ann Camp Brian Moore & Thomas Porter

^{*}Epiphany Doxology

TREASURER REPORT

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER – JULIE MCCURDY

2022 Year-End Report from the Treasurer

Year-end total contributions: \$154,023 Year-end total expenses: \$151,149 Net Income for 2022: \$2,875

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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