## First Congregational United Church of Christ

The Parish Caller January 21, 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 look at Jesus' inaugural sermon as he begins his public ministry - Luke 4:14-21. It will be a good reminder of what is most important in the ministry of Jesus and what should be most important to the church. A good subject for our church on annual meeting Sunday! Alter-Notes provides music. Melissa is liturgist. JJ shares why we come to church. The annual meeting will be held right after worship in the sanctuary.

It looks like the next few weeks will be our Omicron apex and then hopefully the virus spread will start to go down. Stay safe! Masks and vaccines are our defense!

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

Watch Worship Services Here

# THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS SET FOR JANUARY 23 AFTER WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

## NOMINATIONS FOR 2022 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

#### **2022 CABINET NOMINEES**

Diane Mares, Co-Moderator / 2-year term ending January 2024 Suzanne Broussard, Clerk / 2-year term ending January 2024 Julie McCurdy, Treasurer / 2-year term ending January 2024 Melissa Gates, member-at-large / 1-year term ending January 2023

Angela Imbierowicz, member-at-large / 1-year term ending January 2023

Pam Robinson, member-at-large / 1-year term ending January 2023

**2022 Foundation Nominee -** Jim Robinson / 3 year-term ending January 2025

### MINISTRIES NEW APPOINTEES for 2022 (no term limit):

Called to Care - Sandy Znetko, Coco Lanigan, David Pifer Education - Lisa Barnes, Alice Kring, Linda Mast Outreach - Carolyn Christians
Physical Resources - Ed Znetko
Welcoming - Sue Hodge-Parker

**Cabinet leadership continuing to serve in 2022 -** Bill Bryant, Co-Moderator 2-year term ends January 2023

#### 2022 Continuing Foundation Board Members

James Christopher 3-year term, ends January 2024 Dave Foote 3-year term, ends January 2023 Alice Kring 2-year term, ends January 2023 Patty Lantrip 3-year term, ends January 2024 Susan Lemons 3-year term, ends January 2024 Sue Hodge-Parker 3 year-term, ends January 2024

#### **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**

#### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 23, 2022

10:30 a.m.

\*Those who are able may stand

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

Prelude:

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)

Words of Welcome – Announcements -\*Passing of the Peace

Gather Song: "Come On In!"

Alter-Notes

Call to Worship (from 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 19-20, 26-27)

Melissa Gates

L: For just as the body is one and has many members,

All: the members of the body are one, as it is with Christ.

L: For in the one Spirit we are all baptized into one body. We all drink of one Spirit.

All: If we were all a single member, where would the body be?

L: Christ has made us: many members, different gifts, but one body.

All: We suffer together, we rejoice together, and we worship together.

L: For we are the body of Christ together. Let us worship God!

\*Hymn: "God, You Have Set Us"

New Century Hymnal #372

Invocation Melissa Gates

Spirit of Life, breathe upon us. Give us the courage to proclaim release to the captives, to let

the oppressed go free. Give us the strength to see things in new ways, to guide others to view your beloved community growing on earth as it is in heaven. Spirit of Life, grant us the wisdom to use the gifts you have given us for healing and restoration, for bridging together rather than building walls. Spirit of Life, remind us that you have created us not to be alone, but to be together. You have made us one people on one planet; a people made in your image, to live and grow and care for the earth you created. Help us to remember our created intention, to live into that purpose with your breath of life, so that others may also live. Amen.

#### **PROCLAIMING GOD'S**

#### **WORD**

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:14-21 Melissa Gates

Sermon: "Jesus' Plumb Line" Pastor Jay

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

Anthem: "Journey In Peace" by Andy Beck and Ben Cohn Alter-Notes

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

We remember:

Tommie Wildman, February 15, 2019 Sue Savage, January 5 Andree Shrimpton, February 6 Cindy Feuerriegel, February 17 Laramie Jarvi, July 17 Tom Robbins, September 28

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication Melissa Gates

\*Hymn: "O God in Whom All Life Begins" New Century Hymnal #401

\*Benediction Pastor Jay

Annual Congregational Meeting - Melissa Gates and Bill Bryant, Co-Moderators

**AGENDA** 

Greetings and Call to Order

Establishing a Quorum

**Opening Prayer** 

Remembering Those Who Passed

Minutes from 141st Annual Meeting, January 31,

2021-2022 Budget

Nominations for 2022

Leadership Bylaws Revision

Voting

2022: Looking to the future Closing Prayer

#### 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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