

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**

Our annual congregational meeting is this Sunday after worship. The meeting is open to members and all who wish to attend. We will be voting on approving the minutes of last year's meeting, a slate of officers for 2023, and a budget for 2023. You may find the annual report on the website under resources. If you cannot attend in person, you may join the meeting by Zoom this year. The meeting will begin at 12:15 pm. after our potluck meal. (Zoom does not allow 15 minute intervals, but you may wait until 12:15 to join). The Zoom invite:

Jay Wilcher is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Annual Meeting
Time: Jan 29, 2023 12:00 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting
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Sunday's texts rank up there as some of the most familiar and quoted in scripture. The beatitudes of Jesus (Matthew 5:1-12) and Micah 6:8 ("do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God") provide some of our foundation for Christian living. We could reduce them to commands and test ourselves against them. A sermon could show us how far short of these texts we live, and then call us to the altar for repentance. I prefer the way of inspiration! I like how Cameron B.R. Howard chose to treat these texts as poetry. She quotes Emily Dickinson: "I dwell in possibility---A fairer House than Prose." Poetry inspires us by "showing" rather than "telling." The beatitudes certainly have an eschatological component to them. I think this Sunday we will enter the poetic world of Micah 6 – the mountains and trees are called into the jury box – Israel is called to the witness stand – and the prosecutor is called to present the case – God! Bring your poetic imaginations...

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.

[Watch Worship Services Here](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spanish Lessons
Starting Tuesday, January 31
6:45 - 7:45

Perkins Hall - enter by the Alarcon Street door

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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INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY JANUARY 27

PASS MEAL WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 5:00PM

The PASS meal delivery is Wednesday, February 15 at 5:00 pm. Our church provides a monthly meal for Prescott Area Shelter Services, a home for women in transition. We need several items of food for that Wednesday. The meal items are brought to our parking lot at 5:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

**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 2-TEACHING SEDER WITH RABBI SUSAN – PERKINS HALL 1:30PM
APRIL 6 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 7 - GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 9 - EASTER SUNDAY – NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED
APRIL 16 - HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY
April 27 - EARTH DAY EVENT IN PERKINS HALL

**TEACHING SEDER WITH RABBI SUSAN SCHANERMAN
SUNDAY, APRIL 2 AT 1:30PM PERKINS HALL
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – SIGN UP SHEET IN PERKINS HALL**

There will be seating for 60. After the end of February, The UU church and Temple members will be invited to fill remaining spots.

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, spirituality, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 29, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "His Eye is On the Sparrow"--arr. Robert J. Hughes

Mark Achuff

Words of Welcome – Announcements - *Passing of the Peace

Gathering Song: "Welcome to This House"

Alter-Notes

*Hymn: "Lead On Eternal Sovereign"

New Century Hymnal #573

A Time for Children Of All Ages (Jesus Loves Me, This I Know)

(Children are welcome to go downstairs for Sunday school after communion)

Call to Worship

Morgan Greenwald

L: Jesus, Teacher, your teaching surprises us!

P: **Not the world's wisdom, but God's.**

L: You move us with sorrow for the sorrow of the world

P: **And make us strong through our tears.**

L: You offer us humility to admit our failures

P: **And plant seeds of hope in the ashes.**

L: You make us hungry for justice

P: **And give us food that lasts.**

L: You invite us to practice what we preach

P: **And offer joy in that challenge.**

L: You support us in standing firm for truth, even when it costs

P: **And promise the truth will make us free.**

Opening Prayer

Morgan Greenwald

God of our lives, you are always turning the world upside down, calling us to follow you into new ventures, new challenges, new ways to care, new ways to touch the hearts of all. When we get tired, or feel disappointed, remind us that you can bring change and hope out of the most difficult situations, so that we may do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you always. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Micah 6:1-8

Morgan Greenwald

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Morgan Greenwald

*Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

New Century Hymnal #547

Sermon: "In the Courtroom with God"

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "Ha-la-lalujah, Raise Your Song" – Pepper Choplin.
Djembe Elizabeth Gates

Alter-Notes

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

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "Just As I Am"--arr. Dale Wood

Mark Achuff

*Epiphany Doxology

Mark Achuff

**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

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*Hymn: "For the Healing of the Nations" (Alternate Tune) New Century Hymnal #576

*Benediction

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*Postlude: "Lead On, O King Eternal"--arr. Franklin Ritter

Mark Achuff

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

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FEBRUARY 12

During the children's time on Sunday, Feb. 12, the kids will be coming around with soup pots to collect dollar bills for Souper Bowl of Caring. This is a chance for them to participate in giving to those in need. It should be fun and instructive for the kids.

In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since then, more than \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need.

Through this mission, people learn they can make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country.

Share in God's love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. All of the donations collected will go directly to our Tackle Hunger Charity of Choice:

OUR CHILDREN WILL DECIDE!

To learn more, visit: TackleHunger.org

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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