
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**

What did Jesus say to make the synagogue congregation so angry that they wanted to throw him off a cliff? (Luke 4:21-30) We will explain the answer Sunday and find it very relevant to our current social situation. Joyful Noise provides music. Elizabeth is liturgist. And JJ dramatizes the love chapter - 1 Corinthians 13.

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](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION MINISTRY

Our Needs:

Preserve each of our sense of sacred experience in and with church

Desire to contribute to church community

To be responsive to congregant's interests for fellowship, education, and spiritual growth

Work together as a team, to offer opportunities with dispersed leadership for programs

Caveats of Prescott UCC Education Ministry at this time:
Small church community
Increased social isolation due to virus variants

Aims of Education Ministry:

Utilize community resources and teachers

Offer programming in church and to community ex: at library, Las Fuentes, Museums

Use the arts as a framework for exploring faith, Spirit and the Divine Presence in all

Survey to Prescott UCC Community:

The newly formed Education Ministry Team is seeking your input for programming ideas. Listed are ideas we've heard from others or are interested in ourselves. Please rank in order your priorities 1 = most interest. Add other interests for us to ponder.

Thank you. Alice Kring, Linda Mast and Lisa Barnes

Please rank your interests for Education Ministry and email /mail to church: fccprescott@gmail.com or 216 East Gurley Street, Prescott, AZ 86301

- Lent series of discussion guide to the text behind Handel's Messiah
- Interfaith conversations focused on faith and the arts
- Using the Library Cultural Passes carpool to a cultural

event

- Attend – well spaced seating – a Natural History Institute Lecture by Robin Kimmerer on Braiding Sweetgrass – Indigenous culture reflections of caring for this sacred earth
- Invite art docent from Prescott Center for the Arts to speak on art and Christianity
- Attend talk about training and use of therapy dogs, with dogs present
- Invite several artists to talk about their works of art which have grown out of observing nature
- Take a trip to the Phoenix Botanical Gardens this spring to experience the desert in bloom
- Seek teacher to provide several classes on contemplative spiritual practices

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

February 5: Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: A Celtic Guide to Listening to Our Souls and Saving the World by John Philip Newell

February 12: Yale Series - Women of the Bible: Sarah

February 19: Yale Series - Women of the Bible: Tamar

February 26: Yale Series - Women of the Bible: Women Warriors

SUNDAY BULLETIN

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 30, 2022

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "You Have Anointed Me" by Gary Daigle

Joyful Noise

A Time for Children of All Ages - JJ

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

Welcome & Announcements and *Passing of the Peace

Gather Song: "You Are Welcome Here" by Marty Parks

Joyful Noise

Call to Worship

Elizabeth Spence

L: Love one another,

All: For the one who loves has fulfilled the law.

L: Love one another,

All: For all the commandments are fulfilled, if we love God and neighbor.

L: Love one another, for this is the law of Christ.

All: Love does no wrong to a neighbor,

L: Therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

All: Come, worship Christ, who calls us to love one another!

*Hymn: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" New Century Hymnal #495

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13

Elizabeth Spence

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21-30

Pastor Jay

Song: "Dream God's Dream"

Sing! Prayer and Praise! #120

Sermon: "Jesus Made the Congregation Angry"

Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "God Has Chosen Me" by Bernadette Farrell

Joyful Noise

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

Your love is patient; we give you thanks for all those who have been patient with us and have taught and cared for us; and we pray for the patience to love others as you have loved us.

Your love is kind; give us the courage to be kind to others and to serve those with patience who are so often unkind, rude, difficult to love, or our enemies. They are your children and our sisters and brothers and they were made in your image.

Your love is not pompous; give us insight to speak the truth in love and for the sake of your kingdom and not out of a need to appear clever or right and in all our relationships give us the wisdom to listen far more than we speak.

Your love does not seek its own interests; we thank you and pray for those who serve the poor and those in need, who give tirelessly of themselves and who have much to do and little time for themselves.

Your love is not quick-tempered; we pray for those who are angry and for the violent and their victims; for children who fear, elders who are abused, and people trapped in relationships that injure and harm.

Your love bears all things; we remember before you those with heavy burdens, many cares, much stress, and too little comfort and help. Open our eyes to those around us and their needs and give us the wisdom to offer help without any prying or sense of superiority.

Your love never fails; even death does not trespass on the breadth and depth of your love. We thank you for those we have loved in this life and who now dwell in the peace and joy of your presence and let your comfort settle on those who are bereaved or who are lonely this day. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

(From the Presbyterian Church in Canada)

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

Elizabeth Spence

Loving God, we have been blessed with so much through your goodness. As we bring our gifts in gratitude this morning, you remind us that it doesn't matter what we have in our lives, if we do not have love, we have nothing. Help us to share your love with others. Amen.

Song: "Go Make a Difference"

Sing! Prayer and Praise! #199

*Benediction

Pastor Jay

*Postlude: "I Am the Light of the World"

Joyful Noise

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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