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## 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 ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Epiphany is Friday. This Sunday we will focus on epiphanies as we begin the new year. As the Magi went home by another way (Matthew 2:1-12), so we need to go down some new paths in 2023. This Sunday's sermon is extremely important! Sounds kind of self-serving, I know, and you may wonder what I think about the other sermons. Good point. But if you have made new year's resolutions or wish to lose weight or make other changes in your life, and you find it is not working very well, then this is the sermon for you. Resolve to be here Sunday, and I promise to provide an answer to this problem: "A recent study showed that when doctors tell heart patients they will die if they don't change their habits, only one in seven will be able to follow through successfully. Desire and motivation aren't enough: even when it's literally a matter of life or death, the ability to change remains maddeningly elusive. Given that the status quo is so potent, how can we change ourselves and our organizations?" (Robert Kegan and Lisa Lahey). We always start every new year with the fourteen frog illustration and the man ordering three shots at the bar every day after work story. And James Taylor's song "Home By Another Way," which Deana recorded for us. It's always one of my favorite services and topics.

**Join us in person or online!**

Pastor Jay

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](#)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 9AM  
HELP TOM TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 10AM - ZOOM FAITH FORUM  
THE BOOK OF ACTS - INVITATION FORTHCOMING

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 10AM  
MLK, JR. MARCH AROUND SQUARE  
ASSEMBLE AT PRESCOTT COLLEGE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 5:30PM PERKINS HALL  
MLK, JR. WEEK EVENT WITH DEWEY CHURCH  
VIEWING OF "THE COLOR OF FEAR"

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29  
CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK MEAL  
AFTER WORSHIP

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

**SPANISH LESSONS WILL BE OFFERED BY MELISSA GATES AND RALPH  
MORA ONE DAY A WEEK HERE AT THE CHURCH.**

**THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET IN PERKINS HALL FOR THOSE WHO ARE  
INTERESTED. PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER AND TELL  
THEM WHAT DAY THAT IS BEST SUITED FOR YOU.  
FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE FORTH COMING AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.**

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## 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, 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. **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.*

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## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST / EPIPHANY

January 8, 2023

10:30 a.m.

*\*Those who are able may stand*

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

*Epiphany ("manifestation") is both a day, January 6<sup>th</sup>, and a season of the church year that ends at the start of Lent. Epiphany Day celebrates the coming of the Magi to visit Jesus, and these Gentiles illustrate how the revelation of Christ will come to all nations. As we begin a new year and a new journey together, we will ponder the Magi deciding to return home by another way. Sometimes life forces us to go down roads we did not expect, and sometimes we decide in January to get out of our rut and venture down some new paths. Either way, we need God to enlighten us, to help us have needful epiphanies to change our minds and ways. The Magi remind us to avoid Herod and all the schemes that would return us to darkness. Sometimes it is best to "go home by another way."*

Prelude: "Home By Another Way"

Deana Wilson - Recorded

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

Gather Song: "Welcome to This House"

Alter-Notes

\*Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (Jesus the Light...) New Century Hymnal #160

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

Call to Worship

Henry Dahlberg

One: Arise! Shine! Your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

**All: *We have seen the star in the east, and we are following.  
We have remembered God's wonder and promise,  
and we are worshipping.***

**All: *We have come not to get presents, but to give them!***

One: Lift up your eyes and look around; God's people now gather together,  
to open our hearts and sing out our praise.

**All: *The mystery of God's wonder and grace is here: Come, let us adore!***

Unison Opening Prayer Henry Dahlberg

**God of wonder and mystery, today we remember how you surprise us in every age. Into the gloom of fear and want, you bring light; into emptiness, you bring abundance; into the cold, you bring warmth. Into the hardness of the world, you bring the greatest power we have known, in the seemingly powerless form of an infant. Enter now, Holy One, among us and within us, and move us to joyful adoration of your mystery and wonder.**

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Henry Dahlberg

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

Henry Dahlberg

\*Hymn: "Many Are the Lightbeams"

New Century Hymnal #163

Sermon: "Resolutions and Assumptions"

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### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "I Believe"

Soloist Sandy Znetko; Flute Melissa Gates

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

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory:

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

Henry Dahlberg

**God of every good gift, here we present our offerings. There is money here, fulfilling our pledges to support the ministries we do in your name. And there are other gifts, not physically on this table but held in the altar of our hearts. God, we offer them all to you. We ask your blessing on all that we give, so that your loving care reaches into us and out to all the world, ever more deeply and gracefully. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "As With Gladness Those of Old"

New Century Hymnal #159

\*Benediction

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\*Postlude:

Mark Achuff

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## TREASURER REPORT

## 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

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## SUPPORT THE CHURCH

Online – go to our website: [www.fccprescott.org](http://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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