

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

Just in time for summer vacations, Jesus offers an invitation to find rest (Matthew 11:28). The Apostle Paul offers a familiar struggle from Romans 7 - *I realize that I don't have what it takes. I can will it, but I can't do it. I decide to do good, but I don't really do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway. My decisions, such as they are, don't result in actions. Something has gone wrong deep within me and gets the better of me every time.* **21-23** *It happens so regularly that it's predictable. The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God's commands, but it's pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge.* **24** *I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question?* **25** *The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does. He acted to set things right in this life of contradictions where I want to serve God with all my heart and mind but am pulled by the influence of sin to do something totally different.*

How can we find the rest Jesus offers? Rest from our internal struggles; rest from our own mind. We will explore on Sunday. One of the ways we will find it is through music - Dave Russell will be our musical guest on sax and flute (Dave will be playing on the square July 18 as part of the summer music on the square series). JJ and Ziggy model rest through meditation.



Then Jesus said,
"Come to me, all of
you who are weary
and carry heavy
burdens, and I will
give you rest."
Matthew 11:28



CHURCH CALENDAR

JULY 17 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS
JULY 19 - PASS MEAL 5PM
JULY 20 - KNIT WITS 2PM
JULY 24 - CABINET RETREAT 4:30PM
JULY 26 - PASTOR JAY & CHERIE HOST RECEPTION PERKINS HALL
JULY 28 - COFFEE HOUSE 4-6 PERKINS HALL
JULY 30 - 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK AFTER WORSHIP
AUGUST 1 - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 6PM CHURCH PARKING LOT
AUGUST 26 - EMBRY-RIDDLE CHAPEL TO GREET NEW STUDENTS

GUEST MUSICIANS IN JULY WORSHIP

JULY 9 - DAVE RUSSELL (SAX AND FLUTE)
JULY 16 - DENISE NASSO (PIANO AND SOLO)
JULY 23 - JEFF WIESEL (PIANO AND SOLO)

[Watch Worship Services Here](#)

**Back By Popular Demand
Come One, Come All
To the Second
COFFEE HOUSE
Friday July 28
4 – 6pm
Perkins Hall**

PLEASE ENTER BY THE LOWER ALARCON DOOR

Light beverages and snack food,
socialize, nibble, play board games,
listen or dance to a wide range of music.
Even more entertainment possibilities
should this become a monthly occurrence.

MARTIE DIAL PASSED AWAY JUNE 24

she would have been 98 July 10

Martie was a faithful member of the church, attending as long as her health allowed. She volunteered her time playing the piano in the local hospital lobby and also at Margaret T. Morris Center for the guests there. Martie requested that no celebration of life service be held, but rather that friends do something they enjoy and remember her - she loved Denver sports and Lemon Meringue pie. We can all use one of her favorite sayings this week: "It is what it is."

PICTURE DIRECTORY OF CONGREGATION

Photo taking has concluded and photos are now being added to the directory. Make-up photos will be available throughout the year on Sundays when we welcome new members.

AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

- **July 2 and Sept 24** we will host an ice cream social after church with lactose free options, sherbet and all the trimmings for making sundaes.
- We plan congregation involved potlucks for the **fifth Sunday** of each month that has one - **July 30, Oct 29 and Dec 31**
- **Dec 17**, birthday celebration Sunday, we plan a Christmas cookie share and exchange involving the whole congregation.

The rest of the time will remain as it is with congregants signing up to provide something substantial for sharing and the church providing salty snacks, cookies and fruit as needed.



CHURCH PAINTING ON DISPLAY IN PERKINS HALL

It's an Original Pastel 18 x 24, painted by Jenny Willigrod from Fountain Hills, AZ.

It's a gift to the church from Coco Lanigan, David Pifer, Sandy and Ed Znetko.

Cards will be available for purchase (\$2.00 per card) by the congregation with proceeds going to the church. (Coco Lanigan)

FACEBOOK UPDATE

"We have a new Facebook group, First Congregational Church Prescott FCC - which you can join. We will be posting events, and meetup information for the community, as well as exploring ways to bring back our outreach partners; the LGBTQ community youth, AA, etc. and other groups who have used the church pre-Covid for meeting spaces. Please join the group, and join in the discussion! If you have any questions, you can email Brit and Mike Flores at bafwriter@gmail.com, our current group admins. All event questions and suggestions should be directed to the church email at FCCprescott@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD THE WEEK OF JULY 17

Registration for our Vacation Bible School is Now Open!

THERE ARE STILL OPENINGS FOR VBS CHILDREN! LET MORGAN KNOW OF POSSIBLE ATTENDEES

Dates: July 17-21, 2023

Times: 9:00 to 3:00

Location: First Congregational Church: 216 East Gurley Street, Prescott, AZ 86301

Cost: Free!

Age Range: Potty-trained Preschoolers through Sixth Graders

Description: During our morning session, kids will engage in our VBS curriculum with our beloved Sunday School teachers, Ms. Jeni and Ms. Audra! Our curriculum is entitled "Hero Hotline". The goal of this VBS is to help children learn to work together and share their gifts as they answer God's call on their lives as they strive to bring peace and build each other up in this world. There will be art and music components and some outdoor activities as well. The morning session will be followed by a lunch break. Please bring a bag lunch and water each day.

Has that big and wonderful stage in Perkins Hall been calling out to you? It is just waiting to be brought back to life! Our afternoon session will give the kids a chance to shine on the stage by learning and rehearsing a play throughout the week, which will culminate in a performance on Friday. This performance will be open to the public and will give our kids the chance to learn some acting skills and perform in front of an audience. Andrew Greenwald and Britt Flores will be working together to create the play.

Registration: To register, please contact our Education Ministry Cabinet Member, Morgan Greenwald at morgan.greenwald@gmail.com. Feel free to contact Morgan (570-660-2227)

with any questions. Our maximum number of participants will be 16, so sign up soon to secure your spot!

Volunteers: If you are interested in volunteering to help with our VBS program, thank you! Please contact Morgan soon as well so that we can make sure to complete the necessary background checks.

PASS - PRESCOTT AREA SHELTER SERVICES

PASS, our local women's shelter, serves as a place for women and children experiencing homelessness. The **third Wednesday of every month (July 19)** our church provides dinner for the guests at the shelter. Meal items are brought to the church parking lot at 5:00 pm and then taken by one of our members to the shelter. Carolyn Christians has taken over this role from Patty Gard. We need new members to sign up to help each month. The sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUGUST 1ST AT 6PM CHURCH PARKING LOT NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY A POLICE OFFICER WILL JOIN US

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August.

EMBRY-RIDDLE CHAPEL OPEN HOUSE OUR THANKS TO MELISSA AND ELIZABETH FOR ATTENDING AGAIN THIS YEAR!

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Fred and Fay Haas Memorial Interfaith Chapel will be hosting its annual Open House on Saturday, August 26, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. As has been done in previous years, we are inviting local religious and spiritual organizations to participate in this event. This event will allow for Embry Riddle Aeronautical University parents and students to become acquainted with the different faith and spiritual organizations represented in the Prescott area.

Each organization participating should have 1-2 representatives present to engage with incoming students and their parents to help them become acquainted with your organization. You are encouraged to bring pamphlets, memorabilia representing your group, and a calendar of anticipated activities that your organization has planned for the upcoming months that the student may wish to attend. Each group will have a table and chairs set up in our main chapel space, unless otherwise requested. If you have any special requests or accommodation needs, please do not hesitate to contact us as soon as possible.

SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 9, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Softly As in a Morning Sunrise" Dave Russell and Michael Jaramillo

Words of Welcome – Announcements - *Passing of the Peace

Gathering Music: "Doxy" Dave Russell and Michael Jaramillo

A Time for Children of All Ages – JJ & Ziggy
(Children are welcome to go downstairs for Sunday school after the children's time)

Call to Worship

Sandy Znetko

L: Jesus says: "Come to me, all who are battling on under a heavy load, and I will give you rest."

P: Let any who are feeling at odds with life, come, and find reconciliation.

L: Let any who are sad, come, and find comfort for your aching hearts.

P: Let any who feel worn and weary, come, and find rest for your souls.

L: Let any who are afraid, come, and find faith and renewed courage.

P: Let any who feel ashamed, come, and find unadulterated forgiveness.

L: Let any who are feeling unwanted, come, and find hospitality that is divine.

P: Let all who are feeling happy, come and have your happiness blessed.

L: Let all who wish to renew their vows, come and trust the Spirit of truth and joy.

P: Let all who love the Lord come and let your love overflow in praise.

*Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"

New Century Hymnal #28

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer Litany

Sandy Znetko

L: Eternal God, you sing a song of silence to our noisy hearts,

P: inviting us to still our fidgeting souls and find our peace in your yoke of liberty.

L: Jesus Christ, you are called to reveal God to us and do so in the gentleness of your words, the goodness of your heart, the peace of your shared yoke.

P: Spirit of Rest, your presence opens our eyes to the wonders of the world.

L: As we hand you our anger, our hurt, our sin, may our burdens become our songs of joy.

P: May we find our rest, our hope, in you, God in Community, Holy in One.

Call to Reconciliation Sandy Znetko
Fretful, agitated, longing for more and more of this and that, we spend our lives in a never-ending, never-fulfilled search for that which satisfies. But Christ knows that we will only find the end of our journey in God, and so invites us to that peaceful place known as his yoke or burden. May we let go of our burdens of anger, hurt and sin so we can find our rest.

Prayer of Confession Sandy Znetko
We are so skilled at being in control, at taking charge, that we are not very good at resting. We think we have to be constantly busy, so we have no time for you. We are trained to be extremely productive, and so create our harried, stress-filled lives. Forgive us, Shalom Giving God. Help us to let go of our distractions, so you can act in us; calm our creaturely activity, so you can re-create us; help us to follow Jesus, not only into discipleship, but into our rest with you. Amen.

Epistle Reading: Romans 7:15-25a Sandy Znetko

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:28-30 Sandy Znetko

Sermon: "Jesus Offers Rest" Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Musical Selection: "There is No Greater Love" Dave Russell and Michael Jaramillo

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "Old Folls" Dave Russell and Michael Jaramillo

Prayer of Dedication Sandy Znetko

O God, we offer these gifts, tithes, and offerings for the building of your realm on earth. Bless the gift and the givers. Bless all who offer time, talent and treasure in your service. We offer this prayer in your holy name. Amen.

*Hymn: "The Old Rugged Cross" (On a Hill Far Away) New Century Hymnal #195

*Benediction Pastor Jay

*Postlude: "Yardbird Suite" Dave Russell and Michael Jaramillo

MONTHLY FOCUS: **Discovery Gardens Preschool (DGP)** and the Southwest Conference's **Sow The Seed (STS)** fund are our mission projects for July.

Discovery Gardens Preschool (DGP) offers children a loving environment where they can prosper both academically and socially, regardless of their life's challenges. DGP provides child-directed, developmentally appropriate practices in a center-based early childhood environment, and is a licensed tuition-based preschool operated through the Prescott Unified School District.

Your kind donation will help provide a scholarship to the family of a three-year old in need. Please make your check payable to the church, with the memo **DGP**.

The Southwest Conference's **Sow the Seed (STS)** fund has traditionally been used for camp and youth event scholarships, but has recently been expanded to award financial grants for ministry projects undertaken by SWC congregations for, to, and with children, young adults, and families.

Our own congregation has recently been gifted with a grant from Sow the Seed to conduct our upcoming **Vacation Bible School (July 17-21)** and we're deeply appreciative of the broadening of this initiative to encourage and support our churches to think and act creatively to engage in new ministries for faith formation. Pls use the memo **STS** if you wish to contribute to Sow the Seed to help other churches in our conference receive similar opportunities.

A memo of simply "Mission" will be disbursed at the discretion of the Mission Outreach Team.

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.

TREASURER REPORT FOR MAY 2023

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER – JULIE MCCURDY

JUNE 2023

Income is \$96,791

Expenses are \$98,764
Expenses exceed income by \$1,971

\$53,000 has been spent from reserves in the Lummel Fund as 50% down-payment for roof replacement on the church and office. It is anticipated that the roof expense will be covered by the Foundation.
Additional Reserve Funds of \$4,131 have been spent to offset some budgeted expenses.

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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