

A Message From Pastor Jay

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

Nursery and Sunday school at the 10:30am service

MASK WEARING IS NOW OPTIONAL AS WE FOLLOW THE LATEST CDC UPDATED GUIDELINES. REFRESHMENTS AND FINGER FOODS ARE BACK NOW AFTER WORSHIP IN PERKINS HALL

SUNDAY IS PENTECOST - WEAR RED!

SUNDAY TOPIC:

WE WELCOME DR. ED COMBS AS GUEST PREACHER TODAY!

A third generation member of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Bachelor of Science degree, Arizona State University,

Master of Divinity Degree, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University,

Doctor of Ministry, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University.

He was ordained by The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at his home church in Tempe in June 1977.

Dr. Ed has served pastorates in Ft. Worth, Texas, Tampa, Florida, at 3 disciples churches in Arizona and one in Bozman, Montana. He is the founder of Tempe Center for Professional Counseling where he served as Director and Family Counselor for 18 years. Ed has 2 adult children and his wife, Loren Cuppy has 3 adult children and 1 granddaughter. Ed and Loren moved to Prescott in 2020.

Joyful Noise provides music; Tom is liturgist; Sue shares with the children.

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

The Zoom Forum is taking a summer break - will return in September

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEEDED: CHURCH SECURITY TEAM MEMBERS

We really would like to have one or two more people to help with church security. Of course, it would be great if you (male or female) had/have military, law enforcement or security experience but, certainly NOT necessary. If interested, please contact Melissa Gates, 207-391-3276, mgates716@gmail.com.

NEEDED: VOLUNTEER OFFICE HELP – FLEXIBLE HOURS

Help needed to learn how to produce the Sunday bulletin, create and post the newsletter on Constant Contact, and post items to our webpage. Your service will be needed during pastor vacations and emergency situations.

NEEDED: GREETERS AND HOSPITALITY HOSTS

A new schedule of dates and 'empty' spaces are ready for all of you who would enjoy serving as a GREETER or HOSPITALITY HOST. The sign up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

New Members will be received soon.

Let Pastor Jay know if you are interested in joining the church

Musical Guests Sunday - Joyful Noise

Office Open by Appointment - Call Pastor Jay 928-899-9066

JUNE MISSION NEWS

JUNE MISSION PROJECT

Our June outreach emphasis will help fund two programs: our denomination's **Strengthen the Church (STC)** offering and the **Yavapai Food**

Bank (YFB).

Strengthen the Church (STC) is an annual UCC special offering with donations supporting new church development, creative ministries directed to youth and young adults, spiritual development ministries, and misc. projects addressing today's challenging issues.

The Yavapai Food Bank (YFB) provides food boxes for approximately 400 families weekly. Additionally, donations support "Start Right," a program to assist impoverished families needing assistance with back-to-school supplies and backpacks for K-12 children and youth.

If you would like to donate to either project, please make your check payable to the church, with the memo of **STC** or **YFB**. Mission donations which do not specify a particular project will be disbursed as determined by our Mission team members.

To date in 2022, mission disbursements have been made to: Prescott Community Cupboard (\$545); Prescott Area Shelter Services (\$755); Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity (\$350); and UCC's One Great Hour of Sharing (\$335).

Our special collection for the Southwest Conference's Ukraine Humanitarian Relief fund collected \$3,735 (thank you for your generosity!) and a check was recently sent to help aid the struggling people of Ukraine.

May's mission focus was Frontera de Christo and will be disbursed and reported shortly.

As always, thank you for remembering that we are blessed to be a blessing (Genesis 12:2).

Mission Outreach Committee members are Gary & 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.

STUDY OPPORTUNITY

ZOOM FAITH FORUM

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SUNDAY BULLETIN

PENTECOST SUNDAY

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation.

Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prelude: "Spirit
Wind"

A Time for Children Of All Ages

Sue Hodge-Parker

Words of Welcome – Announcements - *Passing of the Peace

Gathering Music: "Gather Your People" by Bob Hurd

Joyful Noise

Call to Worship

Tom Macy

L: Jesus said, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, he abides with you, and he will be in you." (John 14)²

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love.

L: May we worship God in spirit and in truth!

Litany for Pentecost

Tom Macy

L: Come, Spark of justice: enliven our passion for those who are imprisoned behind bars and fears;

P: those held captive by prejudices and poverty.

L: Come, Shelter for life: calm us when our worries toss and turn us in the night;

P: comfort us when hurtful words silence all around us.

L: Come, Advocate of the oppressed:

P: tear down the walls of silence which keep us from hearing our neighbors;

L: build bridges across the widening chasms of our rampant isolationism.

L: Come, Creator of mystery:

P: Open our eyes to the wonders of this life you have provided.

*Hymn: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

New Century Hymnal #286

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Call to Reconciliation
Macy

Tom

In a cult of the individual, we forget we are created to be in community. In a world which tells

us it is all up to us, we overlook Jesus' promise that we are not left alone, but gifted with the Spirit of hope, peace, and joy. Let us confess our lives to our God, who will make us one in grace and wonder. Let us join together, as we pray saying,

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Tom

Macy

Spirit of life, we confess that our fears drive us into the shadowed places of our lives. We pull the shutters of sin tight, to close out the light of your love. We slide the deadbolt crafted out of our doubts, turn the key to lock us away from your searching grace. We fall silent as we hear the footfalls of your hope just outside the door of our hearts. But you will not remain at arm's length from us, Spirit of cleansing. You rush in to sweep away our worries, replacing them with wonder. You dance in our cold hearts until they ignite in love for everyone around us. You offer oldsters visions of hope, and youngsters dreams of peace for a broken world. May we be as faithful in our believing, and in our living, as was Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 103:8-14)

Tom

Macy

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God will not always accuse, nor will God keep anger forever. God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear God; as far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear God. For God knows how we were made; God remembers that we are dust.

Gospel Reading: John 10:7-18

Dr. Ed Combs

*Hymn: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

New Century Hymnal #293

Sermon: "Spirit Sightings, Glimpses of God"

Dr. Ed Combs

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "Holy Spirit" by Ken Canedo

Joyful Noise

Holy Spirit, come into our lives. Holy Spirit, make us truly wise.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Dr. Ed Combs

We come to the Lord's Table. All are invited to come forward down the middle aisle and return to your seat by the side aisle. We receive communion by intinction – please take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup and partake immediately.

Communion Music: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (NCH#293 instrumental)

Prayer of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Tom Macy

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts
Macy

Tom

Offertory: "Veni Creator Spiritus"

Brian Moore

*Prayer of Dedication
Macy

Tom

We delight in your Creation, Loving God. We rejoice in your hopes, visions and dreams. In a spirit of thanksgiving, we ask that you give us the courage to take these gifts and talents to build and not bury. Amen.

*Hymn: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

New Century Hymnal #282

*Benediction

Dr. Ed Combs

*Postlude: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" arr. Greg Gilpin
Carole Sue, Caleb, Thomas & Brian

TREASURER REPORT

Income as of the end of April is \$56,896. This is 38% of the income budget. Expenses to-date are \$50,084. This is 32% of the expense budget. Income exceeds expenses by \$6,812.

Julie McCurdy, treasurer

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Worship 10:30am

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June 12 Trinity Sunday

June 19 Father's Day

The Church of Firsts

Since 1957, the United Church of Christ has been the [church of firsts](#), weaving God's message of hope and extravagant welcome with action for justice and peace. Together, we live out our faith in ways that effect change in our communities. The UCC's many "firsts" mean that we have inherited a tradition of acting upon the demands of our faith. When we read in Galatians: "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus"—a demand is made upon us. And so we were the first historically white denomination to ordain an African-American, the first to ordain a woman, the first to ordain an openly gay man, and the first Christian church to affirm the right of same-gender couples to marry. We were in the forefront of the anti-slavery movement and the Civil Rights movement. Our response to the demands of our faith is woven into the history of our country.

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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