

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

## Pentecost — Many Languages Proclaiming God's Power

A Celebration for the Festival of Pentecost  
Strengthen the Church: Faithfully Building the Body of Christ

Pentecost Sunday

Welcome; What's up?; Maligayang Pagdating; Jambo; Malomalam; Willkommen; Bienvenue; Welkome; Aloha; Bonjour; Selamat Datang; Vanakkam; Tuloy Po Kayo; Karibu; Hola.

On the first Pentecost, recorded in today's passage from Acts, the gift of God's Spirit gave the disciples a multitude of languages to proclaim God's power. This festival service celebrates many languages in which God's name is praised and God's word proclaimed today in the United Church of Christ. One of the newest greetings in the United Church of Christ is Salaam Alaykum (Arabic), spoken at First Sudanese United Church of Christ of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. A quick count suggests that there are at least seventeen languages spoken today in worship in the United Church of Christ. This service includes Spanish, Tagalog, Samoan, Arabic, Hawaiian, and English.

We give thanks to be living into a new Pentecost age among congregations with growing energy for outreach and evangelism. Through the United Church of Christ special offering, Strengthen the Church: Faithfully Building the Body of Christ, your congregation can support the nurture and welcome of new congregations, as well as the vitality of existing congregation in the United Church of Christ.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 28 – EL PASO TEAM TO PRESENT!**  
**THE CONGREGATION IS ASKED TO WEAR RED**



**They're Back!**

**Our thanks to Ed Znetko - with help from David Tyrrell & Tom Macy - for reinstalling our doors!**

**(The severe wind in early March brought them down).**

[Watch Worship Services Here](#)

## **PICTURE DIRECTORY OF CONGREGATION**

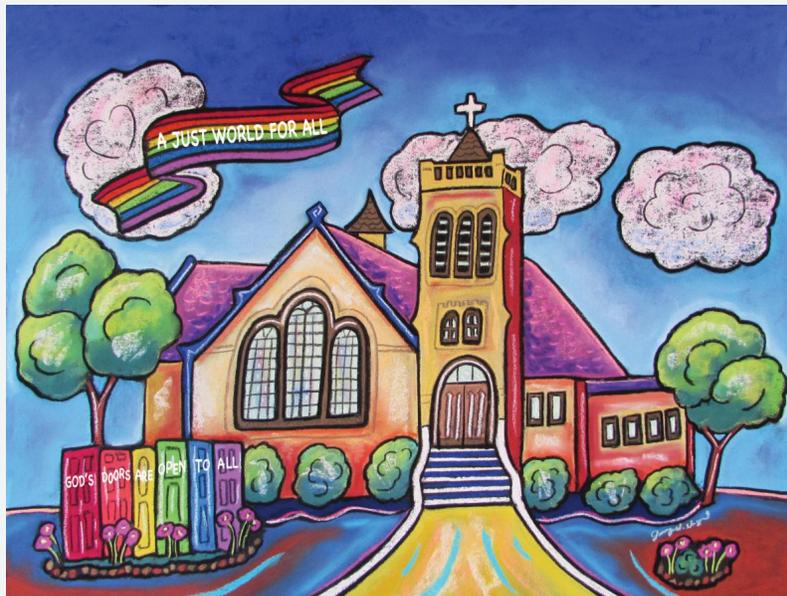
**We are taking photos for our directory - every Sunday after church in Perkins Hall from Easter through last Sunday in May**

### **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 pot lucks 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 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.

## OUR THANKS TO WOMANSONG FOR BEING OUR MUSICAL GUESTS DURING WORSHIP ON MAY 21



### 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](mailto:bafwriter@gmail.com), our current group admins. All event questions and suggestions should be directed to the church email at [FCCprescott@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 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.

**JJ AND ZIGGY WERE FOUND TO BE LISTENING IN TO THE SPANISH CLASS  
IN PERKINS HALL - THIS EXPLAINED THEIR ABILITY TO SPEAK SPANISH  
DURING A RECENT CHILDREN'S TIME**



### CHURCH CALENDAR

MAY 28 - PENTECOST SUNDAY - THE SWC EL PASO ATTENDEES PRESENT  
JUNE 25 - OPEN AND AFFIRMING SUNDAY  
JULY 19 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS

## SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 21, 2023

10:30 a.m.

*\*Those who are able may stand*

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Deep River" arr. Daniel Burton Carole Sue Linson & Harpist Anne Purcel

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

Acts 2:5-8, 12-13

At the time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee, and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!" They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other. But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, "They're drunk, that's all!"

A Time for Children of All Ages – Sandy Znetko

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

Prayer of Invocation: Spirit of God, descend upon us today. We invite you into our lives to guide us, give us strength and let your Spirit of truth abide with us so that we may live in hope, grow in faith, and keep your commandments of love; in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

\*Hymn: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" New Century Hymnal #286

Call to Worship Sandy Znetko

L: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

**P: The day of Pentecost has come and we have gathered in this place**

L: We are nothing without you, O Lord. Send forth your Presence and grant us your mercies and love

**P: Creator God, reign down your Spirit that we, too, may prophesy!**

L: Praise God who sends forth his spirit! Praise the Lord who renews the face of the earth

**P: Jesus Christ, reign down your spirit that we, too, may see visions!**

L: May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

**P: Everlasting God, reign down your Spirit that we, too, may dream dreams! Praise the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-4; Acts 2:14-16; Acts 2:17-21; Acts 2:22-24;  
Acts 2:25-31; Acts 2:32-35; Acts 2:36-42

\*Hymn: "Holy Spirit" by Ken Canedo

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

Sermon: SWC Sharings

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "Camanae Parisienses" arr Samuel Milligan Carole Sue Linson & Harpist Anne Purcel

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

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Thomas Porter, Brian Moore

\*Doxology (Tune: Tallis' Canon)

Brian Moore

**Praise God who gives all blessings birth; praise God all creatures on the earth; Praise God, who makes, sustains, sets free, one Holy God in persons three.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Edie Diel

**Creator God, the source of all, thank you for your many blessings. Receive these gifts, bless them and multiply them so that we may use them to do your will. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "Every Time I Fell the Spirit" New Century Hymnal #282

\*Benediction

Sandy Znetko

## MAY MISSION NEWS

**MONTHLY FOCUS:** Each month we highlight a different mission outreach project/program. For the month of May, our featured program is **Frontera de Cristo (FdC)**.

**Frontera de Cristo** is an ecumenical border ministry in Agua Prieta, Mexico—across the border from Douglas, AZ working in partnership with several Agua Prieta churches and local social service organizations to help meet the needs of migrants arriving at the border. **Frontera de Cristo** provides shelter, counseling, food/clothing assistance, education classes, and job training for migrants choosing to remain in Mexico.

**Frontera de Cristo** works to build relationships and understanding across borders. From their website (<https://fronteradecristo.org>):

"People often see borders as nothing more than division, but at Frontera de Cristo we see a place of encounter...By demonstrating gospel values in all that we do, Frontera de Cristo seeks to build relationships that demonstrate God's will, and build bridges rather than walls....We offer shelter, resources, education, emotional support, medical care, and new solutions. Our hope is that everyone we meet knows they are made in God's image, they are worthy of respect, and they are welcome here."

Donations can be made by making your check payable to the church with the memo: **FdC**.

Mission donations which do not specify a particular project will be disbursed as determined by our Mission team members.

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](mailto:beckybryant2255@gmail.com).*

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## TREASURER REPORT

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER – JULIE MCCURDY

**APRIL 2023**

Income is \$60,959  
Expenses are \$72,845  
Expenses exceed income by \$11,886

To-date, Reserve Funds of \$4,131 have been spent to offset some of the deficit.

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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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