

## A Message From Pastor Jay



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 by the congregation and community with proceeds going to the church. (Coco Lanigan)

**SCAM ALERT: THEY ARE AT IT AGAIN!  
I WILL NEVER ASK YOU FOR MONEY OR GIFT CARDS!**

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

Last Sunday we had 106 in worship with 16 children! Thanks to all who made it such a special day! This Sunday's text contains the story of the "woman at the well" in John chapter 4. She is not given a name. Nicodemus got one in John 3. That is not the only misogyny in the story. She is judged wrongly by all the old preachers - including me from my sermon notes I found from 1989! Thanks to feminist theologians, she has been rescued from labels like whore and prostitute. Come Sunday to find out who she really was. And come Sunday to find out why this story speaks so powerfully to our current situation in America. Jesus had to go to Samaria to offer inclusive love to a marginalized and excluded woman. So many in our day are working to narrow who is acceptable and bury our racial history behind white supremacy. We will choose to follow the way of Jesus!

Groupe du Jour provides music; Melissa is liturgist; and JJ & Ziggy sit by a well.

[Watch Worship Services Here](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AED TRAINING APRIL 16 AT NOON

New Life CPR will be offering a CPR Adult/Child/Infant CPR with AED as well as choking for Adult/Child and Infant. We will discuss the NEW AED that you have on site and make sure everyone is comfortable on how to use this AED. You will have a great time. Come on and join us! Lesa West

#### American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR/AED Training Course

Please join us to become certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). The training will be led by New Life CPR. This is useful training for all and especially since the church now has an AED on site, it would be great to have trained users in the congregation. The Heartsaver CPR AED course trains participants to give CPR, and use an AED in a safe, timely, and effective manner. Reflects science and education from the American Heart Association Guidelines Update for CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC).

The training will be held in Perkins Hall after the church service on Sunday, April 16th, and it should last approximately 2.5 hours. The church will cover the cost of the training and also provide pizza to trainees.

If you are interested, RSVP to Morgan Greenwald as soon as you are able at [Morgan.Greenwald@gmail.com](mailto:Morgan.Greenwald@gmail.com) or 570-660-2227. The RSVP will help us to get a headcount prior to the training.

Thanks for your interest!

### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION AFTER WORSHIP MARCH 26TH

#### 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).



**TEACHING SEDER WITH RABBI SUSAN SCHANERMAN  
SUNDAY, APRIL 2 AT 1:30PM PERKINS HALL  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – SIGN UP SHEET IN PERKINS HALL**

**"KNIT WITS" REVIVAL**

Before COVID, we had a group that would meet once a week to knit, crochet, etc. items that would be given to those in need. There is an interest in reviving this weekly gathering at the church. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall. **A brief organizational meeting will be held after worship on March 12 in Perkins Hall.**

**DATE FOR 8 – NINE AND DINE**

A sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall for our first gathering for a meal and conversation. All who wish to participate will be divided into groups with a host who will coordinate the menu, date, and place to gather. This is an opportunity to get to know each other.

**LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Friday Lenten Brown Bag Lunch and Study – Noon on March 17, 24, and 31  
Sunday adult class 9:30am– Sundays March 12, 19 and 26 – Why Did Jesus Die?**

**Zoom Faith Forum Saturdays at 10am – Atonement Theology**

**People Who Care Volunteer Informational Meeting**

**Date & Time: March 15<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

**Place: PEOPLE WHO CARE OFFICE 1580 Plaza Dr. W.**

**928-445-2480**

People Who Care volunteers provide caring non-medical assistance for adults unable to drive due to age-related and/or physical limitations.

Image being an older individual, low income and having a disability that does not permit the ability to drive. No family in the area to assist. Isolation now causing depression and illness. These are the individuals we assist. Remaining safe in their own environment is key to their well-being.

People Who Care is a community-based nonprofit with programs in Prescott, Prescott Valley, Dewey and Chino Valley. Volunteers help in the community where they and enrolled Neighbors live. People Who Care offers volunteer assistance with a one to one situation by helping with:

- transportation to healthcare/business appointments
- grocery shopping – shopping for on-line grocery shopping – grocery delivery
- personal paperwork – and so much more!

**SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING  
APRIL 27-29 IN EL PASO, TEXAS - THANKS TO  
MORGAN, ANDREW, AND EDIE FOR SIGNING UP!**

## CHURCH CALENDAR

MARCH 15 - PRESCOTT AREA SHELTER SERVICES MEAL DELIVERY - 5PM

MARCH 17 - LENTEN BROWN BAG LUNCH AND STUDY - NOON

MARCH 18 - ZOOM FAITH FORUM 10AM

MARCH 19 - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM – WHY DID JESUS DIE?

MARCH 25 - LAUNCHPAD TEEN CENTER SHARE THE LOVE EVENT – 5PM

APRIL 2- TEACHING SEDER WITH RABBI SUSAN – PERKINS HALL 1:30PM

APRIL 6 - MAUNDY THURSDAY – 5:30PM

APRIL 7 - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - NOON

APRIL 9 - EASTER SUNDAY – NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

APRIL 16 - HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

April 27 - EARTH DAY EVENT IN PERKINS HALL



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Come be a part of the

Quad City  
Interfaith Choir

Practices held the first Saturday  
of each month at

Trinity Presbyterian

630 Park Ave  
Prescott

12:30 - 1:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Mary Lou Prince (520) 400-0831	Kellie Hart (480) 227-7587	Juli Dalton (928) 713-2365
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The poster features a background of swirling blue and yellow lines, resembling a fingerprint or a musical staff. It includes logos for the Quad City Interfaith Council and a musical note icon.

## MARCH MISSION NEWS

Each month we highlight a different mission outreach project/program. For the month of March, our highlighted program is Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity (PAHH).



Seeking to put God's love into action, Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Their inspiring mission:

- demonstrates the love of Jesus Christ;
  - focuses on shelter;
  - advocates for affordable housing;
  - promotes dignity and hope;
- supports sustainable and transformational development.

Your contributions are so helpful for these families in need! If your own family has the ability and desire to provide a donation, checks can be made payable to the church with the memo: PAHH.

Undesignated mission donations continue to be welcome as well, and will be used 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](mailto:beckybryant2255@gmail.com).

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN

### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2023

10:30am

*\*Those who are able may stand*

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "God be thanked" Freylinghausen's Songbook, arr. Brian Moore

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

Gather Song: "Metta Prayer" Traditional Buddhist

Groupe du Jour

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 (based on Psalm 95)

Melissa Gates

L: O come, let us sing to our GOD;

**P: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

L: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise!

**P: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before our Maker!**

L: Yes! God is our God, and we are God's people

**P: O that today we would listen for the Lord's voice!**

L: For forty years God contended with the Israelites and said,

**P: "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."**

L: Today, Holy One, we have learned from their struggles.

**P: Today, we rededicate our hearts to you and strain our ears to hear your voice.**

L: Speak now, Still-Speaking God, for your people are listening!

\*Hymn: "We Worship You, God"

New Century Hymnal #26

Lenten Prayer of Confession Melissa Gates

**God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people. For every time we promised to trust you but turned to our own way, grant us mercy, O God. For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused, show us what it means to love again, O God. For our silent sins, and our indifference to the suffering around us, forgive us, Loving One, and quench our thirst with your grace; remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance (based on Romans 5 and John 4)

Because of God's great love for us, we have peace with God and access to God's grace all through Jesus Christ who died to free us. Therefore, we may ask God to give us the living water that quenches the dryness of our souls.

### **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

Congregational Response:

**Everyone: "Give us living water, give us living water"**

\*Hymn: "When, like the Woman at the Well" [Tune: Land of Rest] New Century Hymn. #196

Sermon: "Why Did Jesus Cross the Road?"

Pastor Jay

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

Anthem: "As the Deer Longs for flowing Streams"

Groupe du Jour

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

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "Teach Me" by Sandy O'Shea

Brian Moore

\*Lenten Doxology (tune - old 100th)

Pete Norum



**Praise the Creator for each day, thanks for our Guide who leads the way.  
Bathe in Discovery, Spirit led, and live anew in days ahead. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Melissa Gates

**Great Provider, bless these offerings and multiply them according to your will. May they restore hope and wholeness to those who benefit from them. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "Teach Me"

Sing! Prayer and Praise #165

\*Benediction

Pastor Jay

\*Postlude: "Talis Canon" by Thomas Talis

Brian Moore

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## TREASURER REPORT

### A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER – JULIE MCCURDY FEBRUARY 2023

INCOME is \$30,592  
EXPENSES are \$35,472  
Net EXPENSE is \$4,880

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# Let's go solar together!

Join the Quad Cities Solar Co-op

## Why join a Solar Co-op?



**Expert help**  
Get unbiased support



**Save money**  
Get a group rate on your solar



**Community**  
Go solar with 50-100 people



**Nonprofit**  
We're not a sales company



**Free to join**  
No commitment to go solar

Join us to learn more!

Solar 101: March 22 at 6:00pm

Prescott Public Library

Founders Suite A & B  
215 E Goodwin St.  
Prescott, AZ  
March 22 at 6:00pm

OR

Join us on Zoom!



*Learn about solar energy and its benefits to your home. We'll take you through the technology, economics, financing, and more!*



Yavapai Group



[solarunitedneighbors.org/QuadCities](http://solarunitedneighbors.org/QuadCities)

**NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED ON EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 9. A NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE ALREADY PLANNING TO JOIN ON EASTER - LET PASTOR JAY KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER!**

## 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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