

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)

SNOW POLICY

Since Prescott has so many different elevations / communities, those who can will always gather regardless of snow amount. But - your safety comes first, so please stay home as you need and watch the recorded worship service!

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

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

This Sunday we consider perhaps the most recognized verse in the Bible – John 3:16 (thanks to the rainbow wig and John 3:16 sign at all sporting events for years!) John 3:1-17 is an account of a visit to Jesus by Nicodemus, and he gets more than he bargained for as Jesus confuses him with talk of being “born again.” I can't think of a more important topic

for our Lenten journey than our spiritual state. Are you "saved?" Are you "born again?" Come Sunday and find out! Groupe du Jour provides music; Linda is liturgist; JJ & Ziggy ponder being born of the Spirit as they sit in front of a fan.

[Watch Worship Services Here](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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 10, 17, 24, and 31

Sunday adult class 9:30am– Sundays March 5, 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 15th – 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

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

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!**

**MOVIE SCENES TO BE FILMED AT CHURCH
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY!**

**MOVIE EXTRAS NEEDED THIS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
CONTACT TOM FOR MORE INFORMATION (480) 862-0153**

Here's a little breakdown of the days. Anyone from your congregation can choose what they'd like to do - if they'd like to do more than just the Sunday mass type scenes.

I'm thinking the best time for them would be the first scenes on Thursday, March 2 at 8:00am. If they can stay for all three scenes, it will be about 5-6 hours. Or if staggered, the first two scenes are on the same script/movie day and will take about 2 hours. The second scene that takes place later in the movie will take 2 hours, so if anyone can't show up at 8:30, they could show up at 10:30am for the third scene.

If can stay that full block for both, it would be great if they could bring a change of clothes. Women a different dress to change into. Men could just put on a different jacket. They'd be dressed in their Sunday best. Whatever that is for them. If they aren't able to bring a change, could still use them, just put in a different location. Nothing too loud and flamboyant, but color is good.

On the same day we have a church clothing drive scene.
3pm-6:30 – approx. time 3-4 hours.

This would be casual dress. Jeans ok. Less formal than above.

Then on Friday March 3.

Same 8:00am call time. This scene is for a school bake sale the church is hosting. Casual dress. Would love families here, kids, teens, parents. Not only those, but having a number of full families would be great.

This will be about 4 hours.

Let me know if you have any other questions. The needs are broken down below:

DAY 6 (Thu., March 2)

Approx: Crew Call: 8:00AM

First BG Call: 8:00AM

Details: Scenes 30; 29; 71 (bring multiple outfits) – sermon and after 30+ (congregation)

Ft. BG: Matt's Mom, Matt's Dad; Est. Time: 6 hours

·We can ask for some of them if they are interested in staying and have a wardrobe option that's less formal/dressy... they could stay and become our 2nd call BG,

Approx. Second Talent Call: 2:30PM (Elderly Woman)

Second BG Call: 3:00PM

Details: Scene 103 – clothing drive; 8-12 (volunteers) Est. Time: 3.5 hours

DAY 7 (Fri, March 3)

Approx. Crew Call: 8:00AM

First BG Call: 8:30AM

Details: Scene 47 – bake sale for school; 15-20 (parents and kids if possible!) Est. Time: 4 hours (+2 for Young Couple)

Second BG Call: 4:00PM

Details: Scene 75; 1 staff member, 3 homeless; Est. Time: 2 hours

Third BG Call: 5:30PM

Scene 94; 2 (Ft. BG: young couple = CREW: Brandon & Mashell)

Pureflix Channel

Lively Productions, Scottsdale

CHURCH CALENDAR

MARCH 4 - ZOOM FAITH FORUM 10AM

MARCH 5 - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM – WHY DID JESUS DIE?

MARCH 10 - LENTEN BROWN BAG LUNCH AND STUDY - NOON

MARCH 11 - ZOOM FAITH FORUM 10AM

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



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.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

March 5, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: Andante (from Surprise Symphony) by Haydn

The Ringing Bells

Words of Welcome – Announcements - *Passing of the Peace

Gather Song: “Change My Heart, O God” by Eddie Espinosa

Groupe du Jour

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

Linda Foote

L: We gather here to celebrate life's beauty and find healing for its pain,

P: to wonder at the mystery that gave us birth,

L: and to listen for the Wisdom that guides us.

P: Let us then celebrate the richness and diversity of life in the presence of God.

L: Life is a journey with others; we travel as a people, on a winding road.

P: We share our lives, our experiences, our hopes, our fears.

L: With joy and hope we welcome other travelers to share our lives.

P: We learn from each other. We laugh and cry with each other.

L: In this season of Lent, may we become more aware of the presence of Holy God: in each other, in music, as we give and receive gifts of love.

*Hymn: “How Firm a Foundation”

New Century Hymnal #407

L: In these days of information overload, we need to look and listen deeply for the call of the Spirit in our midst. Enlightening Spirit, when we get discouraged in seeking your truth in the midst of bewilderment:

P: Have mercy and clear our eyes.

L: Challenging Spirit, when witnessing to your truth seems to take more courage than we have:

P: Have mercy and strengthen our determination.

L: Surprising Spirit, when we settle for half-truths in building your Beloved Community:

P: Have mercy and show us a better way.

L: We know the love of God knows no bounds, so let us feel ourselves forgiven, and go forth with courage renewed. Thanks be to God!

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17

Linda Foote

*Hymn: "Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eyes"

New Century Hymnal #466

Sermon: "Trusting the Wind"

Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "Why Me, Lord?" Kris Kristofferson

Thomas Porter

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music: "Panis Angelicus" (Bread of the Angels) by César Franck

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

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "Metta Prayer" Traditional Buddhist

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

Linda Foote

Thank you, O God, for loving us and laboring with us as we seek you and as we help others in their seeking. Bless these offerings that we return to you, that in our seeking and our serving, our light might illumine someone's path. Guide us in your wisdom and love that we may use these gifts to manifest your presence in the world in all that we do. Amen.

*Hymn: "Metta Prayer"

Sing! Prayer and Praise #32

*Postlude: "The Cross of Jesus" by Francis Patrick O'Brien

Brian Moore


*Benediction

Pastor Jay

TREASURER REPORT






A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER – JULIE MCCURDY FEBRUARY 2023

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




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

				
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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!

From our church bylaws:

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

This church welcomes into its fellowship any person who subscribes to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Membership is open to all without regard to age, race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender identity, faith, marital status, and personal ability. Members may participate in any activity of this church and may serve in an elected or appointed position of leadership. Members have the right to vote at any Annual or Special Meeting.

Membership may be determined as follows: 1. By satisfactory and public profession of the Christian faith as evidenced by the covenant of this church with the United Church of Christ. 2. By the rite of Confirmation in this church. 3. By a letter of transfer from another Christian Church. Members covenant to participate fully in the life of the congregation by: 1. Attending worship, 2. Celebrating Communion, 3. Seeking to learn about and understand Holy Scripture and its implications for our lives as Christians, 4. Sharing time and talent dedicated to church work, 5. And supporting the financial and spiritual welfare of the membership and community to the best of their ability.

Full rights and privileges of membership are granted to those members wishing to retain membership with other Christian Churches. Members shall be granted, on request, a letter of transfer to another church. Church membership rolls will be updated periodically by members of the Cabinet. 3 We recognize as friends those who are active in the life of First Congregational Church, but who choose not to join as members. They share fully in the spiritual life of this church and may participate in all its programs and activities. Friends may serve with the Ministries, but are ineligible to serve on the Cabinet or be elected an Officer. Friends are also granted the privilege of voice without vote at any Annual or Special Meeting.

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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