

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

A Message From Pastor Jay

John 14:1-14 is part of the farewell discourse of Jesus to the disciples. It contains some wonderful messages we often hear at funerals – “let not your heart be troubled” and “in my Father’s house there are many dwelling places” (KJV – mansions) that await us. The hope of a home in heaven is great to hear about, but then Thomas had to ask how to get there. And then Jesus uttered the words that have been used by Christians to clobber people over the head or cut them off from grace: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Ouch. So, what is a preacher to do? If you are dumb like me, you plunge in and try to offer an alternative view of this one verse, and then move to a broader view of God’s desire that all come to God (2 Peter 3:9). Brian provides music; Tom is liturgist; and JJ & Ziggy celebrate Cinco de Mayo.



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 first Sunday in May

AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

- After-church fellowship will honor all having birthdays in a given month on the third Sunday of the month with a cake and gluten-free cupcakes.
- 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.

WOMANSONG WILL BE OUR MUSICAL GUESTS DURING WORSHIP ON MAY 21

KNIT WITS GROUP MEETS THURSDAY MAY 25 AT 1PM IN THE CHURCH OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

**ZOOM FAITH FORUM RETURNS SAT. MAY 6 FOR 3 WEEKS
BEFORE A SUMMER BREAK
TOPIC – THEODICY – HOW DOES A GOOD GOD ALLOW EVIL AND SUFFERING?
EMAIL CHURCH OFFICE TO RECEIVE ZOOM LINK –
fccprescott@gmail.com**



CHURCH PAINTING ON DISPLAY THIS SUNDAY 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!

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 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.



THANKS TO JULIE PINDZOLA AND THE INTERFAITH CLIMATE ACTION TEAM FOR THE EARTH DAY SERVICE IN OUR SANCTUARY ON APRIL 27! THE INTERFAITH CHOIR WAS LARGE AND OUTSTANDING!



CHURCH CALENDAR

MAY 14 - MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 21 - WOMANSONG MUSICAL GUESTS

MAY 28 - PENTECOST SUNDAY - THE SWC EL PASO ATTENDEES

JUNE 25 - OPEN AND AFFIRMING SUNDAY

JULY 19 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Spring" (excerpts) from "The Four Seasons" by Vivaldi

Brian Moore

Words of Welcome – Announcements – *Passing of the Peace

Gathering Song: "I Say 'Yes,' Lord / Digo 'Sí,' Señor" by Donna Peña
I say "Yes," my Lord. Digo "Sí," Señor.

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:

Tom Macy

L: We are God's household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

P: our hearts a shelter for the outcast; our hands open to the stranger.

L: We are God's people, created in the divine image:

P: to tell others of God's love, to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.

L: We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:

P: chosen to serve the lost and lonely, gifted to minister to a hurting world.

*Hymn: "Some Glad Morning"

New Century Hymnal #595

Prayer of Invocation

Tom Macy

Most precious God, as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we pray that we may be bound together in Christian love, and that our faith and fellowship may be a witness through which your spirit will bring others into your church. We humbly thank you for your many blessings you have given us. We ask that we may learn how to truly be Easter people and always remember that we are celebrating resurrection day every day, for we pray through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

Tom Macy

*Hymn: "God's Eye is on the Sparrow"

New Century Hymnal #475

Sermon: "Who is In, and Who is Out?"

Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "Do Not Let Your Hearts be Troubled" by David Haas

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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 Song: Pan de Vida by Bob Hurd and Pia Moriarty

***Pan de Vida, cuerpo del Señor, cup of blessing, gift of Christ, the Lord.**

At this table the last shall be first, **poder es servir, porque Dios es amor.

*(*Bread of Life, body of the Lord - **power is for service, because God is Love.)*

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "Our God Has Done Great Things for Us" by Barbara Hamm Brian Moore

*Doxology (Tune: Canon Tallis)

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

Tom Macy

With hearts of praise, O God, we dedicate to you these gifts as tokens of our lives and work. Use them, as you use us, to the fulfilling of your purposes for creation, that we might give glory to you not only in the hearing, but in the doing of your word.

*Hymn: "I've Got Peace Like a River"

New Century Hymnal #478

*Benediction

Pastor Jay

*Postlude: "The Honduras Alleluia" by Robert Glover

Brian Moore

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.

TREASURER REPORT

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER – JULIE MCCURDY
MARCH 2023

Income is \$47,653
Expenses are \$49,812
Expenses exceed income by \$2,159

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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