
A Message From Pastor Jay

The video for the worship service on October 31 is now on the website. The audio file for the 24th is also there. We are working on getting them in order of dates, so you may have to scroll down to find them in the list.

This Sunday we welcome Rev. Lloyd Evans as guest preacher. Henry serves as liturgist. Melissa and Dawna provide flute music. Mark is pianist /organist. Communion will be done in the pre-COVID style.

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.

WE ARE WEARING MASKS IN THE SANCTUARY.

HOWEVER, WITH THE GOOD WEATHER NOW, WE ARE ABLE TO BE IN PERKINS HALL FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE WITHOUT MASKS AS YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE. WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE THE WINDOWS OPEN AND FANS CIRCULATING THE AIR IN PERKINS HALL.

Nursery and Sunday school at the 10:30am service

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY SATURDAY 10AM

ZOOM SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP 2:00 PM

Let us know if you want to be added to these Zoom invitations

[Watch Worship Services Here](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Musical Guests November 7 - flutists Melissa and Dawna

NOMINATIONS for 2022

If you are interested in participating in our church management or governance here are some ways you can do

so.

1. Join one of our Ministries as a worker bee
2. Offer to put your name up for nomination as "chairperson" of a Ministry and thus be that Ministry's representative to the Cabinet.
3. Offer to put your name up for nomination as Co-Moderator of the Cabinet and work with Bill to lead our church's governance.

For any of these options, please notify Pastor Jay, Melissa or Bill, giving us your name, contact info, and what it is that you'd like to do. And of course, should you have questions about the duties of the Ministries, don't hesitate to ask us.

Ministries:

- Outreach/Missions
- Call to Care
- Education
- Physical Resources
- Welcoming

A new church directory is available on our website.

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

Interfaith Climate Action Team Forming in Prescott

Our thanks to Julie Pindzola for representing us on this team. Kat Harley-Mays has also expressed interest.

“Planning for the Resilience of Our Towns, Environment, Climate and Tourism” (PROTECT)

Climate impacts are adversely affecting communities worldwide and our planet as a whole. The Southwest has been hit particularly hard with drier, hotter temperatures, wildfires, water shortages, drought and flooding affecting human health and well-being. The PROTECT campaign is a grassroots, local movement to bring the Prescott quad-cities area together and join other municipalities in Yavapai County in this effort of mitigation and adaptation.

NOVEMBER MISSION NEWS

November's Outreach Mission project is the Coalition for Compassion and Justice (CCJ). CCJ has transitioned from primarily being an emergency shelter for those who are homeless. It now helps clients find permanent affordable housing. Once

housing upwards of 50 clients a night, CCJ now has helped dozens of those clients into mobile homes, cottage homes, apartments and lodge style facilities. Additionally, CCJ works with other agencies to help provide rental assistance. Our pastor served as president of the board from 2017-2019

This year we completed the renovation of our Madison Ave facility. The Madison Ave location now includes our " Second Chance" thrift store, emergency shelter space, and offices for our CCJ staff.

CCJ also offers programs for job opportunities. Through our "Workers for Work" program clients have access to vehicles which have been donated. Through our "Prescott Worker's Progress Agency" program, clients are trained and employed to perform landscaping jobs throughout community.

Donation checks can be made payable to the church with the memo, CCJ. As always, thank you for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis12:2)

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

BOOK STUDY OPPORTUNITY

As a new member of Prescott UCC, I am inviting others to join me for a book read and discussion of Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: A Celtic Guide to Listening to Our Souls and Saving the World. John Philip Newell shares the long-hidden tradition of Celtic Christianity, explaining how this earth – based spirituality can help us rediscover the natural rhythms of life and deepen our spiritual connection with God, with each other, and with the earth. Newell introduces some of Celtic Christianity's leading practitioners, both saints and pioneers of faith, whose timeless wisdom is more necessary than ever. We meet Fridays at 1:00 pm. Please send a note to the church office if interested in joining in this discussion. (Lisa Barnes)

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY

Come in November to small group sessions with Marcus Borg. Via DVD, Borg uses plain language to explain basic faith topics for discussion by a small group meeting with him. We're thinking two opportunities each Sunday in November, one at 9:30 – 10:15, another at 11:45 – 12:30, here at church in the Maggie B meeting room downstairs

Nov. 7 God

Nov. 14 Jesus

Nov. 21 Salvation

Nov. 28 Christian Community

Questions?? Contact Pete Norum at 928-776-8867 or email him at handle32pan@gmail.com

(We'll wear masks and 8 – 10 participating at each session will space ourselves safely)

SUNDAY BULLETIN

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 7, 2021
a.m.

10:30

Order of Worship

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Organ Prelude

A Time for Children of All Ages

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Friendship and Song of Fellowship

***Greatest God, gracious Lord, dwell in us forever.
Grant us peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes we see your face, share your grace forever.
Greatest God, gracious Lord, dwell in us forever.***

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth.

Response: Let us worship God, our help and shield.

Leader: Our hearts are glad in God.

Response: For we trust God's holy name.

Leader: Let your steadfast love be upon us, O God,

Response: even as we hope in you.

*Hymn # 351 I Was There to Hear You Borne Cry

*Prayer of Confession

Leader: Christ is with us!

People: He is with us indeed!

Leader: In joy and contrition we come before God. Let us confess our sins.

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not always done your will and we have broken your law. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Time for Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: The Lord of life has said: "I have heard you. Your brokenness is made whole. Your weakness is strength.

People: Open the door to your heart, my brother and sister, and the light of life shall come in."

Pastor: Do not choose to be a prisoner of yourself, my neighbor. By the grace of God you are accepted.

People: Let us open the door to our future! Let us receive the power of the Lord!

*The Gloria Patri " Glory Be to the Father"

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

The Old Testament Lesson: Amos 5:18 – 24

Special Music

The New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 9: 24 – 28

Sermon: The Day of God

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn # 349 I Come With Joy vs. 1-3

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Communion

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn # 349 I Come with Joy vs. 4 - 5

The Benediction

Postlude

TREASURER REPORT

Income as of October 31 is \$115,808

Total expenses as of October 31 are \$121,464.

Total EXPENSE exceeds income by \$5,656.

Year-to-date income is at 95% of the income budget of \$122,450.

Year-to-date expenses are at 83% of the expense budget of \$146,905.

Julie McCurdy, Treasurer

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Let us enter stewardship time prayerfully and with grateful hearts. Loving God, thank you for this opportunity to participate in the on-going mission of this church, your church. Help me to remember that everything I have comes from you. Open my heart and hands with generosity as I promise my support. Use my talents and financial commitments to continue your work in this church and in the world. Amen.

RIPPLES OF GENEROSITY

**STEWARDSHIP SEASON IS HERE!
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 21
ESTIMATES OF 2022 GIVING WILL BE RECEIVED
THESE ESTIMATES ARE NEEDED TO PREPARE A
CHURCH BUDGET FOR 2022**

**WHAT IS A STEWARD?
WHO IS A STEWARD?
HOW DO I BECOME A STEWARD?**

The answers to these questions are easy: A steward is a person who, with regard to a property both physical and functional, keeps it, cares for it, watches over it. As to who is a steward, well, we're hoping YOU are, or that YOU will want to become one.

How you become a steward involves the act of you giving to our church of your time, your skills and/or your finances.

There is another question to be answered. Why give to our church? First Congregational Church occupies a unique position in Prescott. We are the only historically rooted and progressive congregation in the city that follows the way of Jesus. We are both open and affirming to all. Our

sanctuary evokes historic church connections and the presence of God. The God one finds here is the One Jesus modeled for us – a God of love and grace. Many have given testimony to finding healing here from other church experiences, where God was presented as judgmental and exclusionary. Other churches have retreated to locations out of town. We have remained here on Gurley Street, downtown, easily seen, accessible and welcoming to all.

IMMEDIATE NEED

Another answer to why you would want to give to your church revolves around need, both yours and this Church's. You obviously have any number of personal reasons or needs that lead you into church participation here, where you find those needs met. Your church also has needs and right now those needs are financial. We are in unprecedented times. How do we create a church budget for 2022 with so many unknowns? How do you decide what to give to this church for 2022? When will we be able to fully open our church and return to worship? These questions have no immediate answers, so our church budget and your offer of financial giving are not set in stone. They are estimates. Your estimate of giving for 2022 will help us begin to understand what might be possible for the next year. So, with a thankful heart full of hope we are asking you to help us right now, to get through our 142nd year here in Prescott.

LEGACY ANSWERS THE LONGTERM NEED

Our church is blessed to have THE FOUNDATION as a safety net. It was formed in 1992 to manage legacy gifts from our members and friends. Legacy giving is not about death. It's about giving and continuing life. It's an affirming experience that celebrates the people, values, and goals that you cherish most. You don't have to be rich to make a bequest or legacy gift. With a will or legacy gift you can give the way you want to live, by making a better or sustained future for your loved ones and a lasting impact on your faith community. If you are interested in leaving a legacy to our church, or have questions or concerns, you can send a note to the church office and a member of the Foundation will contact you.

IT'S ALL ABOUT STEWARDSHIP - PLEASE BE OUR STEWARD!

May God bless you and our church

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 mail 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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