
A Message From Pastor Jay

This Sunday we celebrate our 141st anniversary! Our reading is James 5 and contains some wisdom directed to the church. JJ welcomes a surprise guest to the children's time. Music is provided by Joyful Noise and Denise. Melissa serves as worship leader.

**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER 26
SEPTEMBER 26, 1880 – SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

Please plan to join our Anniversary Celebration after worship services on September 26 in our parking lot. This will be a chance to get acquainted with our new members and visit with church friends. If you would like to bring a refreshment or light snack to share, that would be great, but not necessary. Join us for this time of fellowship. The church basement rooms and the church office next door will be open after worship to tour. If it rains, we will gather in Perkins Hall

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.

PER CDC GUIDELINES, WE HAVE RETURNED TO WEARING MASKS IN THE SANCTUARY AND 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 Guest September 26 - Denise Nasso

Per CDC guidelines, we are returning to mask wearing on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary and Perkins Hall.

A new church directory is available on our website. Please call the office for the password to access it.

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

SEPTEMBER MISSION NEWS

Our September Mission Outreach will be directed to two Special UCC offerings. [1] Ida Hurricane Relief (IHF) and [2] Neighbors in Need (NIN). With the devastation left by Ida, there will continue to be on-going rebuilding, repairs and infrastructure work needing to be done well into the future. If you choose this project, please mark your check's memo line, IHF. Our second offering, Neighbor's In Need, supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Through a network of justice advocates, work is accomplished to address such issues as; voting rights, hate crimes, health care, immigration and environmental pollution. If you choose this option, please mark your check's memo line, NIN.

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 will likely meet by zoom or in person, as conditions allow, once a month. Dates and times to be figured out with all who express an interest in this book study. Please send a note to the church office if interested in joining in this discussion.

Lisa Barnes

SUNDAY BULLETIN

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

141ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH

September 26, 2021

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Prière" from Suite Gothique by Leon Boëllmann

Brian Moore

A Time for Children of All Ages – JJ (JJ Welcomes a Surprise Guest!)

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

Words of Welcome – Announcements - *Passing of the Peace

Gathering: "We Are the Family" by Ray Repp

Joyful Noise

Call to Worship

Melissa Gates

L: Neighbors and newcomers, family and strangers,

ALL: we gather in this place built by God's steadfast love.

L: Strugglers and stragglers, pilgrims almost at the end of the journey, Builders of bridges in fractured communities; those who stand on either side of walls of fear,

ALL: each of us is seeks to follow Jesus, the compassionate One.

ALL: the Spirit of faithfulness calls us to live as one people – God's people!

Opening Prayer

Melissa Gates

Ever-calling, truth-telling, life-giving God, we give thanks that we are able to gather together, as one body, in this place. We present ourselves to you seeking instruction and guidance to learn and to grow, to be shaped and formed. Breathe your truth among us. We seek your wisdom, awareness, illumination of vision and revelation for this beloved community. Breathe new sight among us. We explore the amazing gifts you have given us and those you have given to others around us. Where one of us lacks, may another rise up. Breathe your Spirit among us. Amen.

*Song: "No Matter" by Roger P. Miller (vs 1 & 2)

Sing! Prayer and Praise #35

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: James 5:1-20

Melissa Gates

Sermon: "James' Message to the Church"

Pastor Jay

Solo: "Amazing Grace"

Denise Nasso

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Jay

God of the ages, thank you for drawing us into community - in this parish that has been a place called home for so many. Inspire us with the lives of those who came before before us, those ancient ones who have lived here in faith and shared your love to all those who needed it.

May you change us with a vision to continue here as a constant presence for those who travel through life, a community of extravagant welcome that cares for all.

Teach us to discern your voice as those before us have discerned your voice, guided by its call and feeding on its promise of life and hope and belonging.

May we hear your word: a comforting word in its familiar sound, yet a disturbing word in what it speaks anew and longs for us to become.

Hold us within the faith of our forebears, those who chose to meet you here in this church, who recognised this thin place as a place where your miracle of grace abides.

May we be moved by that grace into all the places that make up our community, sharing what you have given abundantly in peace, justice, and love.

Call us from our past, through the voices of our ancestors, in the songs they have sung and the prayers they have spoken that have shaped peace within this church.

And may we join our voice with their voice, in the one great song of love that will be lived and celebrated into our future; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: "In the Midst of New Dimensions" New Century Hymnal #391 (Verses 1-3)

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Pastor Jay

Prayer of Dedication

Melissa Gates

God, we thank you for this place we have to worship you. We so easily take for granted the church building, the members who keep things clean and who keep things going, the lights and plumbing and all the other things it takes to hold our worship services each week. Help us to realize that while it may not be what we consider to be an exciting cause, it is one that is important to your cause. Bless this offering. Amen.

*Song: "Go, Make a Difference"

Sing! Prayer and Praise #199

*Benediction

Pastor Jay

*Postlude: "Alla Hornpipe" from Water Music by George Frederick Handel
Arr. Brian Moore

(Communion is Available at the Front of the Sanctuary)

TREASURER REPORT

Income as of August 31 is \$99,248.

Total expenses are \$93,198.

Net income is \$6,050.

Year-to-date income is at 81% of the income budget of \$122,450.

Year-to-date expenses are at 63% of the expense budget of \$146,905.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP - THE WISDOM OF JAMES

The Letter of James may be the earliest of the New Testament writings (maybe Galatians is earlier?) James was the brother of Jesus and the leader of the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15). The Letter is practical in nature and contains helpful applications to modern day problems - facing trials in life; treatment of the poor; faith and deeds go together; taming the tongue; proper wisdom; the power of prayer; and patience in suffering.

September 5 - James 2:1-17

September 12 - James 3:1-12

September 19 - James 3:13-4:8

September 26 - James 5:1-20

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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