

## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY 10:30 AM

### From the Pastor

Lots of important words and concepts in Sunday's text from Matthew 18:15-20. Conflict resolution, forgiveness, reconciliation, mediation, living in community, confrontation are important relational realities in family, church, work, and really all levels of life with others. Jesus gives us a blueprint to try to solve conflict and says some surprising things about the power of the congregation. Brian, Thomas, Carole Sue, and Brenda provide music; Rev. Bill is liturgist; and JJ & Ziggy are not talking to each other.

### ZOOM FAITH FORUM RETURNS SATURDAY, SEPT. 9 AT 10AM

Let Pastor Jay know if you would like to be added to the Zoom invite each week. A lively discussion each week – no requirements to speak. The group includes attendees from Florida, New York, and Wisconsin. Topics range from the Bible, spirituality, history, theology, and current events. The first subject is Noah and the Ark. Future subjects include the Dead Sea Scrolls, understanding Trans issues, and the prosperity gospel.



### CHURCH CALENDAR

SEPT. 9 – RETURN OF ZOOM FAITH FORUM 10AM  
SEPT. 22 - BLACK PREACHERS VIDEO - NOON - CHURCH OFFICE

SEPT. 24 – CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY WITH CONFERENCE STAFF  
SEPTEMBER 29 – COFFEE HOUSE – PERKINS HALL, 4-6PM  
OCTOBER 4 – BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – PARKING LOT – 4:00 PM

OCTOBER 19 – HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE – WILCHERS – 2-4PM  
OCT. 28 - PRESCOTT COMMUNITY CUPBOARD 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION –PERKINS HALL 1:00-4:00 PM

## LAUNCH PAD TREK FOR TEENS

Andrew Greenwald is participating in the Launch Pad's Trek for Teens fund raising campaign. The Launch Pad is an all-inclusive teen center in Prescott that provides space and opportunity for Prescott youth. The youth are very involved in every aspect of its operation, and it is an excellent organization that promotes community development, youth entrepreneurship, and guidance.

**Andrew has committed to hike the Grand Canyon rim to rim, 24 miles, on October 7th** in an effort to support the youth by raising money for The Launch Pad. If you would like to contribute to support this event and this important local resource for teens, please visit Andrew's team's website using this link or

<https://give.thelaunchpadteencenter.org/fundraiser/4795850>

**Come one, Come all, to our FCC  
COFFEE HOUSE!**

**Last Friday of every month**

**September 29 - 4 to 6 pm - Perkins Hall**

**Serving: good conversation, light beverages and snacks, lots of games, music of all kinds, dancing if you want it, and any other creative ideas you can come up with.**

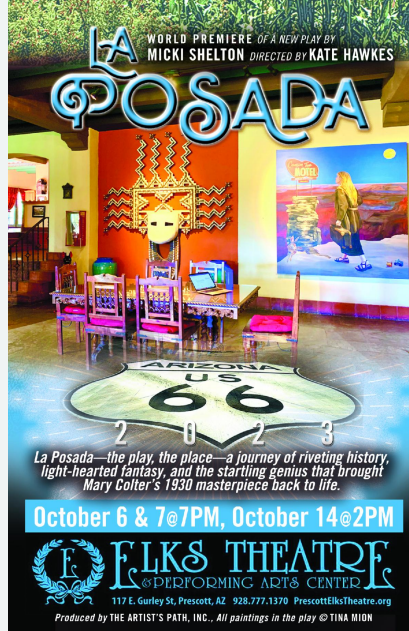
**Please use the Alarcon St door to enter. See you then!**

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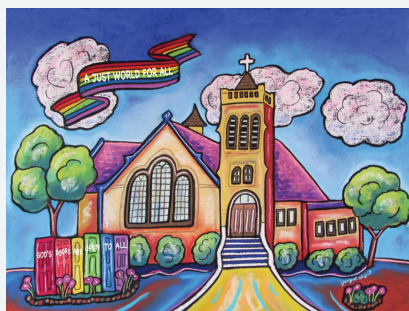
### LA POSADA PLAY BY MICKY SHELTON

*La Posada*—the play, the place—a journey of riveting history, light-hearted fantasy, and the startling genius that brought Mary Colter's 1930 masterpiece back to life. Written by Micki Shelton and directed by Kate Hawkes, this new play blends Arizona history and fantasy to tell a glorious story of renewal. La Posada Hotel and Gardens in Winslow, Arizona, designed by groundbreaking architect Mary Jane Colter, opened in 1929, but closed a mere 27 years later and fell into neglect. In the 1990s, an unlikely couple—peace activist Allan Affeldt and artist Tina Mion—brought it back to life. This is their story. Come enjoy this timely, uplifting theatre experience brought to life by actors, projection, staging, and costumes.

*La Posada* plays October 6 & 7 at 7PM and October 14 at 2PM. Tickets and information at [www.prescottelksthreatre.org](http://www.prescottelksthreatre.org) or call (928) 777-1370. Tickets \$25—\$27. Groups of 5 or more \$20 and \$30 at the door.

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**“SUP WITH SEVEN” IS PLANNING ANOTHER ROUND OF DINNERS  
IN HOMES.  
A SIGN UP SHEET IS IN PERKINS HALL**



**143RD CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
**SUNDAY, SEPT. 24**  
**10:30AM WORSHIP**  
**POT-LUCK MEAL TO FOLLOW IN PERKIN'S HALL**

**VIDEO SERIES**

**"When Black Female Preachers Speak - Seven Important Discussions with Black Female Theologians"** A part of our de-centering whiteness efforts (de-centering patriarchy also). The first gathering will be Friday, Sept. 22 at noon in the church office conference room. Bring your own lunch / snack and drink.

**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).

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## SEPTEMBER MISSION NEWS

**MONTHLY FOCUS:** Our September Mission Outreach will be directed toward **Neighbors in Need (NIN)**. This is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that 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.

**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice.

Donation checks may be made to the church with the memo **NIN**. Checks marked simply "Mission" will be used at the discretion of our mission 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*



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 10, 2023

10:30 a.m.

*\*Those who are able may stand*

#### GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Largo" G.F. Handel Brenda Olsen, Cello & Carole Sue Linson, Piano

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

Gathering Song: "Where Two or Three Are Gathered" by Harding/Moore Brian & Thomas

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 (from Romans 13:8, 10)

Rev. Bill Linson

L: Owe no one anything, except to love one another

**P: For the one who loves has fulfilled the law.**

L: Love does no wrong to a neighbor;

**P: Therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.**

L: Live into God's ways of love, justice, and peace;

**ALL: Let us worship Christ, who leads us into light. Amen.**

Unison Opening Prayer

Rev. Bill Linson

**God of the past, accept the people we have been and the baggage we drag behind us. God of the present, accept the people we are now and the potential that lies within us. God of the future, accept the people we could be and by your Spirit transform us. May you help us deal with all that life brings our way. And may you give us grace and strength as we worship you today. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "What a Covenant"

New Century Hymnal #471

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

Epistle Reading: Romans 13:7-10

Rev. Bill Linson

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Rev. Bill Linson

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

New Century Hymnal #396

Sermon: "Dealing With Conflict"

Pastor Jay

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Special Music: “We Are the Family” by Ray Repp      Brian Moore & Thomas Porter

Prayers of the People / The Lord's  
Prayer

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: “I Will Pray” by James Stevens  
Linson, Piano

Brenda Olsen, Cello & Carole Sue

\*Doxology

Brian Moore

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Bill Linson

\*Hymn: “Let it Shine”

Sing! Prayer and Praise #196

\*Benediction

Pastor Jay

\*Postlude: “Alla Hornpipe” from “Water Music” by George Frederick Handel  
Brian Moore

### 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 (September 20)** 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.

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## TREASURER REPORT FOR AUGUST 2023

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER – JULIE MCCURDY

### Activity as of August, 2023

#### ***Income vs Expense:***

Income is \$132,952.

Expenses are \$128,879.

Net Income is \$4,074.

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STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER!  
BECAUSE OF YOU, OUR CHURCH CHANGES LIVES

We are in the process of developing our church budget for 2024. If you are new to church, or this church, our stewardship Sunday is November 19. The

Sundays in late October and early November give us the opportunity to present our budget needs for 2024 and begin to ask for estimates of giving for the next year. We try to live within our means, so having an idea of how much income to expect helps us plan accordingly. As you can see from the year-to-date income and expenses listed above, we are doing a good job!

More details to come...

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## 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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