

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

From the Pastor

WEAR RED SUNDAY FOR PENTECOST!

Sunday is Pentecost Sunday - the birthday of the Church - as recorded in Acts 2:1-21. The power of the Holy Spirit came upon those early disciples of Jesus, and they began to spread the good news locally and eventually around the world. Where do we see the power of the Holy Spirit today? Brian, Thomas, and the Celtic Chorale provide music; Jean is liturgist; and JJ & Ziggy join the children in a birthday party for the church.

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED ON SUNDAY!

That day of Pentecost, there was new life for each of them as they found their authentic voices, shared their story, and inspired others to notice the Holy at work in the world. Whether the language the disciples used was as familiar as what was shared around the dinner table or as foreign as the language of quantum physics or ancient Syriac, each found others who understood what they meant. They spoke of new life as always possible and a God who remains close when all seems lost. Maybe that's when it dawned on them as well, that these moments of finding their authentic voice and the courage to name the truth about who you are and who God is, is itself like resurrection. (UCC)

CHURCH POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY - MAY 26 - AFTER WORSHIP PLEASE ADD YOUR DISH TO THE SIGN-UP IN PERKINS HALL

FROM THE FACILITIES TEAM

Isn't it great to see so many kids in worship and in Sunday School? We are fortunate to have caring teachers in Audra and Jeni. To that end we want to keep them safe and happy. This past week new carpet was installed in the Sunday School classroom. We spent a great deal of time securing the best price and are pleased to say Miele Floors accommodated our requests. Please venture to the lower level and see the new carpet.

Tom, David, and Ed

SCAM ALERT! THE PASTOR WILL NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, EVER ASK

Watch Worship Services Here

MAY MISSION NEWS

MONTHLY FOCUS: Each month we highlight a different mission outreach project/program. For the month of May, our highlighted program is the newly created **Rev. Gary Gard Memorial Scholarship** for Discovery Gardens preschool families.

The **Rev. Gary Gard Memorial Scholarship** supports Discovery Gardens preschoolers whose families have fallen behind in tuition payments due to unforeseen life circumstances. In April, funds supported a young girl who had recently lost her father to suicide, allowing her to continue to attend preschool through the end of the school year and providing her with a safe, secure environment during this difficult time—exactly the kind of situation Rev. Gary Gard would have stepped in to do all he could for.

The goal of future scholarship offerings is to likewise provide a helping hand to families at Discovery Gardens temporarily struggling to cover preschool costs for their child. Your donations assist such families for 1-2 months so that their preschooler's education is not interrupted due to unexpected financial pressures.

If you wish to make a donation, checks may be made payable to the church with the memo: **GG**. Undesignated mission donations 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 Carolyn Christians, Roxanne Matthews, Bill Bryant, 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.

Come one, Come all, to our FCC COFFEE HOUSE! Last Friday of every month - May 31 - 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!

MINISTRY OF PHYSICAL RESOURCES NEEDS ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO HELP TAKE CARE OF OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS – SEE ED ZNETKO FOR DETAILS

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 (**June 19**) 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.

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Spirit of the Living God" by Daniel Iverson

Thomas and Brian

Words of Welcome – Announcements – Reception of New Members

*Passing of the Peace

Gather Song: "Come, Holy Spirit, Come!" by Brian Óg

The Celtic Chorale

A Time for Children of All Ages

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

*Hymn: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

New Century Hymnal #286

Call to Worship

Jean McMahon

L: Jesus said, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, he abides with you, and he will be in you." (John 14)²

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love.

L: May we worship God in spirit and in truth!

Litany for Pentecost

Jean McMahon

L: Come, Spark of justice: enliven our passion for those who are imprisoned behind bars and fears;

P: those held captive by prejudices and poverty.

L: Come, Shelter for life: calm us when our worries toss and turn us in the night;

P: comfort us when hurtful words silence all around us.

L: Come, Advocate of the oppressed:

P: tear down the walls of silence which keep us from hearing our neighbors;

L: build bridges across the widening chasms of our rampant isolationism. Come, Creator of mystery:

P: Open our eyes to the wonders of this life you have provided.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Call to Reconciliation

Jean McMahon

In this time of social isolation, we forget we are created to be in community. In a world which tells us it is all up to us, we overlook Jesus' promise that we are not left alone, but gifted with the Spirit of hope, peace, and joy. Let us confess our lives to God:

Prayer for Forgiveness

Jean McMahon

Spirit of life, we confess that our fears drive us into the shadowed places of our lives. We slide the deadbolt crafted out of our doubts, turn the key to lock us away from your searching grace. But you will not remain at arm's length from us, Spirit of cleansing. You rush in to sweep away our worries, replacing them with wonder. You dance in our cold hearts until they ignite in love for everyone around us. You offer oldsters visions of hope, and youngsters dreams of peace for a broken world. May we be as faithful in our believing, and in our living, as was Jesus Christ. Amen.

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Jean McMahon

*Hymn: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

New Century Hymnal #293

Sermon: "The Power of the Spirit"

Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Holy Spirit, come into our lives.

Holy Spirit, make us truly wise.

Prayer of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "Spirit Wind" by Scott Soper

Brian and Thomas

*Doxology (tune: Old Hundredth)

Brian Moore

Let earth and heaven's saints proclaim the pow'r and might of God's great Name;

Let us exalt on bended knee now and throughout eternity. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Jean McMahon

We delight in your Creation, Loving God. We rejoice in your hopes, visions and dreams. In a spirit of thanksgiving, we ask that you give us the courage to take these gifts and talents to build and not bury. Amen.

*Hymn: "Every

Time I Feel the Spirit"

New Century Hymnal #282

*Benediction

Pastor Jay

Leave behind in God's keeping the negative things you brought with you this morning – anxieties, fears, hurt feelings, resentments, faithlessness, guilt, and timidity. Invigorated by the wind of the Spirit, inflamed with the fire of Divine love, face the new week with your heads held high, looking to Jesus the author and finisher of your faith. You will never walk alone. The love of God will be with you, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ will heal you, and the friendship of the Spirit will encourage you all your days.

*Postlude: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Arr. Greg Gilpin

Brian and Thomas

**AMAZON SUPPLIES TO PROVIDE FOR JENI AND AUDRA IN
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

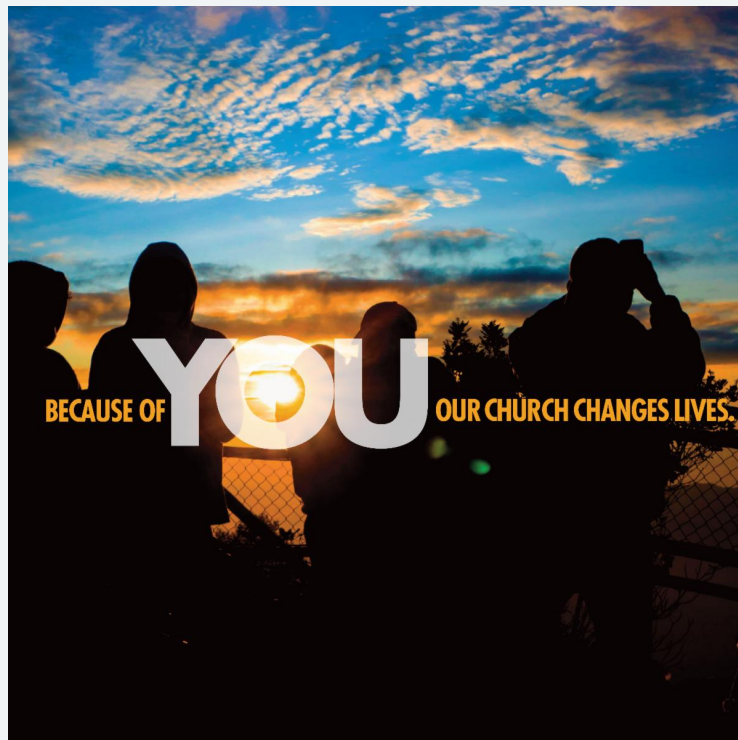
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provided:**



TREASURER REPORT

The total income as of April 30 is \$76,603
and the total expenses are \$68,581.
The net income is \$8,022.

Julie McCurdy, Treasurer



Because of You our church changes lives.

THANKS TO ALL WHO PROVIDED ESTIMATES OF

GIVING FOR 2024!

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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