

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



At the Catacomb of Priscilla, Rome, 3rd Century

From the Pastor

The fourth Sunday after Easter is called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. Psalm 23 is also included each year on this Sunday. The image of Jesus as "Good Shepherd" is found in the catacombs as a comfort to those being persecuted before Christianity became legal in 313. Although most of us are far removed from being around sheep and shepherds, I think we are still moved and comforted by this image of Jesus/God as One who shepherds us through the ups and downs of this life and through the shadow of death. Joyful Noise provides music; Ann is back to provide music and serve as liturgist; and the children try to listen to "Simon says."

**A BRIEF MEETING OF THE COLUMBARIUM COMMITTEE
WILL TAKE PLACE APRIL 21 AFTER WORSHIP IN
PERKINS HALL**

REV. GARY GARD MEMORIAL FUND

The Mission Committee is in the process of forming the ongoing official scholarship...but in the meantime this situation arose and donations would be welcome – a student at Discovery Gardens needs the last two months of tuition at around \$800 total. Her father recently committed suicide. Donors would need to designate on their checks (or with a note) that they wish for the funds to go to the Gary A. Gard Memorial Fund.

**NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED ON MAY 19
PENTECOST SUNDAY - THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH
SEE PASTOR JAY OR ONE OF OUR CO-MODERATORS -
SANDY OR ARON**

Come one, Come all, to our FCC COFFEE HOUSE! Last Friday of every month - April 26 - 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!

SCAM ALERT! THE PASTOR WILL NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, EVER ASK YOU FOR GIFT CARDS OR MONEY OR A FAVOR IN ANY FORM!!!!!!

PRESCOTT EARTH DAY:

Every year Prescott, Arizona hosts the biggest Earth Day celebration in Yavapai County. The 2024 downtown Earth Day Celebration event is scheduled For April 20th, 09:00 am - 02:00 pm. Lining the courthouse square along Cortez Street you'll find booths and learning from all kinds of organizations, an even bigger child & youth area with hands-on projects & play, snacks for children, firefighters & waste management experts, and freebies all around-- Prescott is the place to be for Earth Day in Arizona. Escape the desert heat, meet new people, connect with inspiring local businesses and organizations, and join the international movement for our water, our wildlife, and our way of life. Here, in Prescott, Arizona.

#PrescottEarthDay #EarthDay2024

EARTH DAY IN PRESCOTT VALLEY

Join in on the celebration of Earth Day on April 22nd from 11:00 am-5:00 pm with an event that includes planting classes, upcycling, recycling, crafts, music, and more in the Prescott Valley Town Center! Watters Garden Center will be hosting a vegetable & herb planting class. Learn about proper gardening care and take home a vegetable or herb of your own. Bring the kids

to make environmentally friendly crafts! Also, bring any gently used women's clothing to donate to Queen Esther's Closet and purchase secondhand clothing from Queen Esther's and Cosmopolitan Salon. Bring along any recyclables you have and toss them in a Patriot Disposal bin at the entrance.

**SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE UCC ANNUAL MEETING –
APRIL 25-27
SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS UCC – PHOENIX
IN-PERSON AND ZOOM OPTIONS
SEE CO-MODERATOR SANDY IF INTERESTED IN
ATTENDING**

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

CARING FOR CREATION EVENT

**INTERFAITH CLIMATE ACTION TEAM
CARING FOR CREATION EVENT – APRIL 25 – 5PM
TEMPLE BRITH SHALOM
PASTOR JAY IS ONE OF THE SPEAKERS**

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 (**May 15**) 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.

**SATURDAY FAITH FORUM OPEN TO ALL
SATURDAYS AT 10AM ON ZOOM
A NEW TOPIC EACH WEEK - BIBLE, CURRENT EVENTS,
THEOLOGY, ETC.
A LIVELY DISCUSSION
LET PASTOR JAY KNOW TO BE ADDED TO THE ZOOM INVITE**

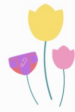
Help Keep Underserved Community Members

Clean, Dry, and Healthy

by supporting the
Wrapped in Love Diaper Bank



Spring Diaper Drive



April 28 to May 12, 2024

First Congregational Church/UCC

216 E Gurley St, Prescott, AZ 86301 Phone: 928-445-4555

Needs Include: Large sized diapers 5-7, pull-ups, and wipes.
Feminine hygiene products, incontinence supplies, and adult wipes.

All contributions will be distributed in Yavapai County.

BECAUSE BASIC NEEDS AREN'T BASIC. *They're Essential*



You can also make a donation, big or small, by mail, online, or on our Amazon Wishlist, by using this QR code, or by going to our website. If you have questions, please call us at 928-848-2023



Link to Amazon Wishlist

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Watch Worship Services Here

APRIL MISSION NEWS

MONTHLY FOCUS: Each month we highlight a different mission outreach project/program. For the month of April, our highlighted program is **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**.

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four annual special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation.

Through **One Great Hour of Sharing**, lives are literally changed daily.

If you wish to make a donation, checks may be made payable to the church with the memo: **OGHS**. Undesignated mission donations will be used at the discretion of the Mission Outreach team.

So far in 2024, our Mission Outreach ministry has delivered \$475 in contributions to Prescott Community Cupboard for January, \$440 to Prescott Area Shelter Services for February, and will shortly be sending collected March donations to Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity. We are deeply grateful to our congregation for providing the funds to so meaningfully assist these worthy organizations!

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, 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.

**ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP – SATURDAY MAY 18
9AM-4PM, INCLUDING LUNCH - IN PERKINS HALL
REGISTRATION REQUIRED – SIGN UP IN PERKINS HALL**

**GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF YOURSELF AND OTHERS
SEE A PATH TOWARD CHANGE**

An Enneagram instructor will be leading the workshop. A generous donation is covering the cost of the event.

From The Enneagram Institute:

What is the Enneagram?

Don Riso has defined the Enneagram as “a geometric figure that delineates the nine basic personality types of human nature and their complex interrelationships.” While the Enneagram suggests that there are nine basic personality types of human nature, there are, of course, many subtypes and variations within the nine fundamental categories. Nevertheless, the assertion of Enneagram theory is that these nine adequately map out the territory of “personality types.”

The Enneagram is also a symbol that maps out the ways in which the nine types are related to each other. This is the aspect of the Enneagram most people are familiar with because it offers them a framework for understanding themselves and everyone they deal with. As a psychospiritual typology, the Enneagram helps people to recognize and understand an overall pattern in human behavior. External behaviors, underlying attitudes, one’s characteristic sense of self, conscious and unconscious motivations, emotional reactions, defense mechanisms, object relations, what we pay attention to, our spiritual potentials and much more—are all parts of a complex pattern that forms each personality type. Therapists, business counselors, human resource directors, and spiritual seekers from around the world are all finding the Enneagram to be immensely useful for self-understanding and personal growth. Always remember however, that the Enneagram does not put you in a box; it shows you the box you are in and the way out!

What use is the Enneagram? How can it help me?

The Enneagram can be extremely useful to everyone as a source of self-knowledge

because it acts as a kind of “mirror” to reveal features of our personality that normally are invisible to us. Most of the time, people function habitually, as if on “automatic pilot,” according to the pattern of their basic personality type. Usually this allows people to get along well enough in their lives, but when their normal routines break down or the stresses of their lives increase too much, their normal way of coping also tends to break down or become dysfunctional. Seeing clearly what our habitual patterns are—seeing what we are doing and why we are doing it, and at what cost to ourselves and others—holds the key to our liberation. By knowing your type correctly, you are able to see yourself—to “catch yourself in the act”—as you move throughout the day. With this increased self-awareness, you are also able to avoid reacting in negative and potentially dangerous ways.

Once real balance has been restored to the personality structure, the Enneagram can help us to orient ourselves to the higher spiritual and psychological qualities that each type has in abundance. Thus, at its highest, the Enneagram invites us to look deeply into the mystery of our true identity. It reveals that we are not our personality, but something more—a spiritual being who has lost contact with his or her true nature. Living out of this realization shifts completely how we see ourselves, others, and the world, bringing liberation, freedom, and joy. (See pages 27-48 in *The Wisdom of the Enneagram* or pages 11-17 of *Understanding the Enneagram* (Revised Edition) for more about the psychological and spiritual context of the Enneagram.)

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

April 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: “Spring” by Antonio Vivaldi

Brian and Thomas

Words of Welcome – Announcements - *Passing of the Peace

Gather Song: “This Day was made by the Lord” by C. Walker Joyful Noise and Congregation

**This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice, let us be glad!
This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice in salvation!**

A Time for Children of All Ages – JJ & Ziggy

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

*Hymn: “To You, O God, All Creatures Sing”

New Century Hymnal #17

Opening Prayer

Ann Flanagan

Incarnate God, you are the one who comes to us in Jesus Christ. Holy One, you are the one who comes to us in the Holy Spirit. Sovereign of Earth and Heaven, you are the one who calls us to recognize you today and every day. Gather our hearts and minds this day. Kindle our God-consciousness. Let us worship you in awe and wonder!

Prayer of Confession

Ann Flanagan

One: Merciful and Loving God, we ask forgiveness because our consciousness of you is dimmed by everyday desires and needs.

All: Raise our consciousness of you, O God.

One: We forget that we are a reflection of your image. We act as though you are a Sunday-only event.

All: Increase our mindfulness of you, O God.

One: Help us to a greater common awareness of your deep mystery and infinite presence.

All: Rouse our awareness of you, O God.

One: Open our eyes from surface focus to depth perception. Turn our heads from shallow concerns to eternal truths.

All: Awaken us from faint-heartedness, O God. Forgive us for our narrow and selfish ways. Save us from cheap grace with your amazing grace. We ask in Jesus’ name.

Words of Assurance

Ann Flanagan

Holy, Forgiving God, we are your sheep. You keep us awake and aware. Bless you and praise you for forgiving us when we are barely mindful enough to ask. We hear your voice of pardon. Through Christ’s grace we are forgiven this morning, and we enter your care. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Hebrew Scripture Reading: adapted from Psalm 23

Ann Fanagan

Let us pray these familiar words, in the name of our risen Christ, our Good Shepherd:

Jesus, you are our shepherd. We shall never want.

You make us lie down in green pastures; you lead us beside the still waters.

You restore our souls. You guide us in the paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Even though we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we fear no evil, for you, Christ, are with us. You have prepared a table for us in the presence of our foes; you have anointed us with the oil of salvation; our cup runs over! Surely, goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of our Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

Ann Flanagan

Psalm 23: "Shepherd Me, O God" by Marty Haugen Joyful Noise and Congregation
Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Sermon: "The Other Sheep"

Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "Lord of the Dance" Shaker Melody, Sydney Carter

Joyful Noise

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer (use trespasses)

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" English Melody

Brian and Thomas

*Easter Doxology (tune: Old Hundredth)

Brian Moore

**Let trumpets sound and voices sing! Let all on earth their praises bring!
For Christ has conquered sin and death, and given life eternal breath.**

Prayer of Dedication

Ann Flanagan

Good Shepherd of the sheep, you have opened the door to new life for us through your self-giving love. May we reflect your love for us by opening the doors of our hearts to you in the act of giving our offerings. Amen.

*Hymn: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

New Century Hymnal #252

*Benediction

Pastor Jay

*Postlude: "I Was Glad" Central American Traditional Arr. John L. Bell Brian and Thomas

AMAZON SUPPLIES TO PROVIDE FOR JENI AND AUDRA IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

This QR code will take you to the supplies that can be ordered and provided:



TREASURER REPORT

The total income as of March 31 is \$57,013
and the total expenses are \$44,512.
The net income is \$12,501.

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

Use the QR Code below:





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