



# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**March 15, 2020  
Third Sunday in Lent  
10:30 A.M**

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## CENTERING PRAYER

*We do indeed bow down before you and sing you our praises, O God; you are the shepherd who tends to our needs. You gather us from among different races and cultures and blend us into a people who radiate your love. You show deference toward us as you stoop to hear both our pleas and our praise. We wear proudly the mantle of your grace and mercy as we worship you humbly in thought, word, and deed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*In the Hour of Trial*

Martha Kaulbach

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lydia Koshuta

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

**Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

In God's hand are the depths of the earth and also the heights of the mountains.

**The sea belongs to the Creator who made it and also the dry land,  
which God's hands formed.**

Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Creator, our maker!

**Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise! Let us worship  
God!**

### \*MORNING HYMN

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of eternity, you know how often we travel down the rocky roads of doubt and fear. We pester others with our worries; we hurl bitter words at those we love. We have chances to offer ourselves in service, but only give our contempt to those in need. We could share the living waters with the**

world, but want to store it in jars for safe-keeping. Fountain of Grace, you turn towards us, to meet us wherever we are. You break open our rock-hard sin, so we might be made whole. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our thirst for hope and joy is quenched.

*(our prayer continues in silence)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (responsive)

God does not disappoint us. Our sins are forgiven, our lives are made whole, we are sent forth to serve.

**In Jesus Christ, living water breaks through the roof of our hearts, in such abundance that we don't have enough buckets to hold it all. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE**

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Megan Gates

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Holy (Sanctus)*

Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**JOHN 19:23-27**

Madeline Koshuta

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

***Seven Words from the Cross: Relationship***

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

EPHESIANS 2:13-16

But now in Christ Jesus [we] who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

Donna James

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

*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**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

*The Power of the Cross*

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### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **\*RESPONSE**

*Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

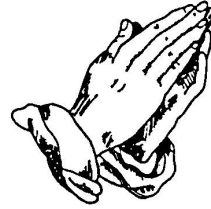
### **\*POSTLUDE**

**\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Prayer Person(s) of the week: **Gary & Grace Hulsey**

In the Oaks (Scenic): **John Howard**  
**Ruth Breed**



In the Military: **Captain Alex McLean** and family; **Cpt. Joe Campbell** and his family, **LCpl Kevin Matthews** (Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii) and his family.

**Laurie Oldroyd** (George and Marth Kaulbach's daughter); **Michelle Truelove and family**; **Jan Tolbert** (friend of Pastor Andy); **Betty Schaeffer**; **Hadden Carswell** (friend of Duren Chambers and Maddie Chosewood); **Greg Hopkins**; **John Foster**; **Celeste Sumner**; **Teresa Touralack**; **Chris Webb & family** (Troy Webb's son); **Ernest Perry** (friend of Sue Smith); **Ann Nermoe** (Bill Ford's sister); **Melody Little** (Marilyn Bedsworth's daughter); **Garth and Sue Smith**; **Carolyn and Jeff Denton**; **David and Martha Lee Sherman**; **Karen Hooper** (Troy Webb's Stepsister); **Mary Sue Tripp** (Troy Webb's cousin); **Maria Costley**; **Robin Griffin**; **Khamphant Touralack** (Souvanh's brother); **Scott and Melissa Painter**; **Barbara Gates** (Brent Gate's mother); **Jackie Williams** (Sharon Baskin's cousin); **Philip Barber**; **Pat Mizer**; **Sylvia Palmer**; **Joyce Barrett**; **Bonnie McKim**; **Brad Donaldson** (Ron & Karen Sprayberry's son-in-law); **Pete Lewis** (Joy Mullen's uncle); **our country, its leaders, and military personnel.**

### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

God, my maker, hold me this day, with the same hand that shapes the mountains, with the same hand that cradles the deep. Keep my heart soft and supple, make my faith strong and firm. Renew me, re-form me, re-create me into the image of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen. *From Psalm 95*

### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

We come to you now, O Lord, weary from the day's journey, thirsty for rest, hungry for peace. Renew us in your love and restore us by your grace, until we find our rest at last by the river of the water of life. Amen. *From Exod. 17:1; John 4:6; Rev. 22:1*

## **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:**

### **Sunday, March 15**

9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. Worship Service  
2:00 P.M. ACT prep, Scoggins

### **Monday, March 16**

8:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Scoggins

### **Tuesday, March 17**

12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Hoyt

### **Wednesday, March 18**

12:00 Noon Brown Bag & Bible, Hoyt  
5:00 P.M. Children's Program  
Middle School Youth  
6:00 P.M. SAT Prep, Hoyt  
6:30 P.M. Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
7:15 P.M. Handbells, Music Room

### **Thursday, March 19**

5:30 P.M. ARC Dinner, Scoggins  
8:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Scoggins  
8:00 P.M. Al-Anon Meeting, Annex

### **Saturday, March 21**

6:00 P.M. Dancing with the Stars

### **Sunday, March 22**

9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. Worship Service  
2:00 P.M. ACT Prep, Scoggins

*Pastor David Kinyanjui will be joining us  
in the pulpit on this day!*

## **CHURCH STAFF**

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## **ASSISTING TODAY**

**Opening & Counting:** Benjamin Padtha

**Closing & Counting:** Scott Hulsey

**Greeters & Ushers:** Ron & Karen Sprayberry

**Projection System:** Kimberly Chosewood

**Sound System:** Chad Chosewood

**Audio-Video:** Gideon Padtha

**Nursery Attendant:** Jacky Vespi

**Flowers:** Donna James

**Elementary Sunday School:** Celeste Sumner

**Middle Sunday School:** Kimberly Chosewood

**Church Attendance 3/08/2020: 70**



You are invited to attend Habersham Christian Learning Center's

# 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Annual Meeting Fundraiser Dinner

When

March 26, 2020, 6 PM

RSVP

(706) 778-5483

Where

Cornelia United Methodist Church

*Wisdom is more precious than rubies - Proverbs 3:15*

Please take note of the Lenten Devotional inside the bulletin. Each week there will be a new insert for the upcoming week.

There are large-print copies available in the Narthex.

If you would like a copy of the devotional in its entirety, please contact the church office.

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[office@firstprescornelia.org](mailto:office@firstprescornelia.org)

THANK YOU  
to everyone who  
helped spread pinestraw!  
Our church grounds  
look great!



Have you heard about the

EMERGENCY FUND?

It is a special fund reserved for helping members of our community with utility bills.

If you would like to donate to this fund please indicate so on your check or envelope.

Thank You!



# The Power Of The Cross

Words and Music by  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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D/F# E/G# A E<sup>7</sup>/B A/C# D A/C#  
 1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark-est day. Christ on the road to  
 2. Oh to see the pain writ-en on Your face, bear-ing the awe-some  
 3. Now the day-light flees, now the ground be-neath quakes as its Mak-er  
 4. Oh to see my name writ-en in the wounds, for through Your suf-fring

4 Bm<sup>7</sup> Dmaj<sup>7</sup> E<sup>SUS</sup> E D/F# E/G# A E<sup>7</sup>/B A/C#  
 Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then  
 weight of \_\_\_ sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed  
 bows His \_\_\_ head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.  
 I am \_\_\_ free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live

7 D A/C# Dmaj<sup>7</sup> E<sup>SUS</sup> E/D A/C# D E/G# A A/C#  
 nailed to a cross of \_\_\_ wood. 1, 2, 3. This the pow'r of the cross. Christ be-  
 crown - ing Your blood-stained \_\_\_ brow. 4. This the pow'r of the cross Son of  
 "Fin-ished!" the vic - t'ry \_\_\_ cry.  
 won through Your self - less \_\_\_ love!

11 D E/G# A A/C# D B/D# E E/D A/C# D E<sup>SUS</sup> E  
 -came sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand for-giv-en at \_\_\_ the  
 God slain for us. What a love, what a cost. We stand for-giv-en at \_\_\_ the

16 1, 2, 3. D/F# E/G# A Dmaj<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> E<sup>SUS</sup> E 4. D/F# E/G# A  
 cross. cross.