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First Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020
10:30 AM

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Living God, for whom no door is closed and no heart is locked, draw us beyond our doubts till we see your Christ and touch his wounds where they bleed in others. This we ask through Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 16

MORNING PRAYER

EASTER HYMN OF PRAISE

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Wondrous God, you have broken the power of sin and death, and by your great mercy, you have given us new birth into a living hope. This we proclaim. This we want to believe. But seeds of doubt grow quickly in our hearts. Fear chokes off confidence and prevents us from receiving your Spirit. We multiply our sorrows by worshiping what we see and hear more than you, our delight and salvation. O God, in your great mercy, grant us the peace that passes understanding. Forgive us, and draw us close to you, that we may breathe deeply of your presence and find in you the fullness of joy.

(our prayers continue in silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Friends, hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

Donna James & Natalie Crawford

GOSPEL LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:5-15

SERMON

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

Church Vitality: Intentional Authentic Evangelism

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;

by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic² and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Donna James

THE DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Upcoming Birthdays

April 27: Grace Hulsey

April 29: Jan Barton & Jennifer Hartsock

May 3: Pat Austin

May 4: Bonnie McKim & Noy Touralack

May 5: Callyn Chosewood

May 9: Joyce Barrett

May 10: Karen Sprayberry

May 11: Vida Rogers

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer Person(s) of the week: **George & Martha Kaulbach**

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.



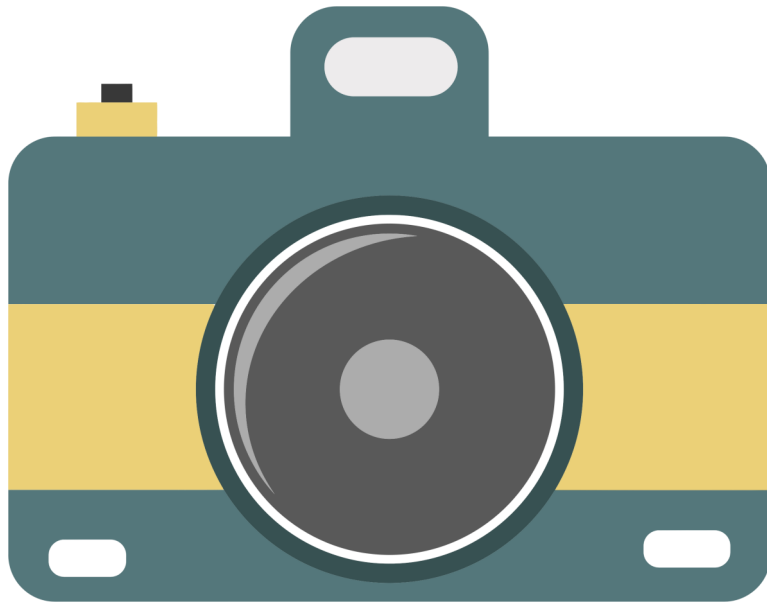
Sylvia Palmer; Jerry and Joyce Barrett; Laurie Oldroyd (George and Martha Kaulbach's daughter); **Mark Miller** (Bob and Bonnie McKim's nephew); **Bill Ford; Michelle Truelove and family; Jan Tolbert** (friend of Pastor Andy); **Betty Schaeffer; Hadden Carswell** (friend of Duren Chambers and Maddie Chosewood); **Greg Hopkins; John Foster; Celeste Sumner; Teresa Touralack; 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; Jackie Williams** (Sharon Baskin's cousin); **Philip Barber; Bonnie McKim; Brad Donaldson** (Ron & Karen Sprayberry's son-in-law); **Pete Lewis** (Joy Mullen's uncle); **our country, its leaders, and those working in the medical field.**

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One, you have made known to me the ways of life and have promised to fill me with the gladness of your presence. Keep me mindful of your guidance and your promise as I travel through this day, that my heart may be glad. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for giving me your counsel today. Tonight, as I sleep, may the dreams of my heart also serve to instruct me in your ways. In you I have a good heritage, and my heart, my soul, and my body rest in you. Amen.



Photos Needed!

We have been working on an updated Directory for everyone and we thought it would be fun to include photos! Please send in a photo you would like us to use for your listing:
office@firstprescornelia.org

Weekly Prayer Meetings

10 am

via Zoom

Please join us!



Interested in a BOOK study?

Pastor Andy would like to invite you to join him in looking at the church through the lens of "Difference." How have we allowed difference to divide us? For his doctoral practicum he is looking at how we might embrace difference and therefore create space in our church for difference. Already one group has looked at RACE and how it has divided us a people and as a church. Now, he'd like to invite the whole church to join this conversation. We will be reading *Disability and the Way of Jesus* by Bethany McKinney Fox to discuss specifically how we might make even more space for folks with various disabilities.



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Donations to cover the cost of the book will be appreciated. This study will begin the last week in April—if we can meet in person, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays (time TBD). If we cannot meet in person, we will introduce how to meet via Zoom remotely.

****If you would like to participate please call the Church Office (706-778-2822) THIS WEEK so we can order your book.**