



First Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020
10:30 AM

Pastor: Rev. Andy S. Chambers
469 N. Main Street, Cornelia, GA 30531
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CENTERING PRAYER

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you, that we may keep the commands of Jesus, follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and witness to the hope that is within us, sharing Christ's love in the world. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**MORNING PSALM****Psalm 95:1-7**

- ¹ O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- ³ For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
- ⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- ⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

(our prayer continues in silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Thanks be to God!

OFFERTORY

We Need Others

Natalie Crawford

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 4:9-5:10

SERMON

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

Church Vitality: Spirit Inspired Worship



CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

Upcoming Birthdays

May 15: Ellie Armour
Chad Chosewood
May 18: Cathy Crawford
Sue White
May 19: Ramsay Allen
Danny Honeycutt
Carol Thomas
May 20: Barbara Anderson
Nancy Hendricks
Billy Trotter
May 24: Gabriel Crawford



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer Person(s) of the week: **Michael Kohr**

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.



Geoff Tipton; Sylvia Palmer; Jerry and Joyce Barrett; Laurie Oldroyd (George and Martha Kaulbach's daughter); **Bill Ford; 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 God, I give thanks this day that your Son ascends in the core of my being as new life arises in me. Open the eyes of my heart this day to seek and serve you in all whom I meet. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

I repent of the wrongs I have done this day, and seek forgiveness by the grace of your love. Clothe me with power on high this night that my life may rest hidden in you. Amen.

Brown Bag & Bible

WEDNESDAYS
12PM

APRIL 22 - MAY 20

Grab your lunch and join us in a study of the Gospel of John.



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JOIN ZOOM MEETING:
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/BROWNBAGBIBLE](https://bit.ly/brownbagbible)
MEETING ID: 523 647 167
PASSWORD: 778209



FPC - CORNELIA

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING



THURSDAYS - 10AM

Join Us On Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4388280904>
Meeting ID: 438 828 0904





Remember!

- Send in a **picture** for the Church Directory to: office@firstprescornelia.org
- Drop off a **present** for our senior, Avery Chambers, by Tuesday, May 19. Office hours are M-Th 8-1.
- If you have any reusable to-go **containers** that the Soup Kitchen can use, please drop those off as well.

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TO BE
AWESOME



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May 13, 2020

ANDY S. CHAMBERS
Pastor

To: First Presbyterian Church Congregation

GRACE HULSEY
Clerk of Session

Re: Upcoming Worship

MEGAN GATES
Children's Ministry
Coordinator

Dear FPC Family,

DONNA JAMES
Director of Music

Grace and peace to each of you. I pray you all are well in this crazy time we are living in. I wanted to write and update you on the actions of the Session in regards to our corporate worship. A unanimous vote was taken at a May 12th called meeting for June 7, 2020, to be our "hope for" date of once again gathering in our sanctuary together. What this means is that the sanctuary will be open for worship on that date at 10:30 a.m. as long as nothing changes with regards to the virus and our community. We will, of course, stress a social distance (of at least 6 feet) be kept between all worshippers at all times. This means an enormous amount of flexibility is needed and required by all of us---we may not be able to sit in our usual spots. During the first few weeks of being back together we will highly encourage masks be worn understanding this simple action is about protecting the other. We will have a few new masks available made by our own Marilyn Bedsworth. We will also ask that everyone use the provided hand sanitizer prior to entering the sanctuary and refrain from our usual handshakes and hugs. Regarding the cleanliness of the church building; prior to June 7th, we are instructing our cleaning company to thoroughly sanitize all surfaces paying particular attention to the sanctuary, i.e.-the pews, door handles, etc.

KIMBERLY CHOSEWOOD
Administrative Assistant

Other changes to Sunday morning will include:

BRENDA BOONSTRA
Treasurer

1. No Sunday School (until further notice)---Sunday school lessons will continue to be emailed and available at firstprescornelia.org/resources
2. Weekly offerings may be left in the offering plate as you enter or exit the sanctuary OR be made online at firstprescornelia.org/give. We will NOT be passing an offering plate around. Please do continue to make your offerings.

This has been a difficult decision for the Session for the past few months as to when to "open back up" the church. We, respectfully, recognize many in our congregation may not feel comfortable to return for quite some time. This is certainly ok and a call to us all to continue to pray for each other and to make sure we all stay connected. Rest assured, we will continue to livestream our Sunday worship services as well as posting a link on the church website (www.firstprescornelia.org). I know we all long for the day when the sanctuary is filled, once again, with the songs of our praise and worship to our Lord. Until then, please join me in continuing to pray for our church, our community, and our world.

I want each of you to know how much you are loved and missed. I feel it the greatest honor to be called your pastor. Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns.

May the grace of our Lord, the love of God, and the communion of the Spirit be with us all.

Blessings,

Pastor Andy

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CARE CARDS

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Michael Kohr

THINKING OF YOU

Ruth Breed

Bill Ford