



First Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020
10:30 AM

Pastor: Rev. Andy S. Chambers
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MUSICAL MEDITATION

To God Be the Glory

Martha Kaulbach

CENTERING PRAYER

Redeeming God, you call us to be one with you, as you are one with Christ. As his perfect love casts out our fear, and changes it to love, unite us by your Spirit of peace, that we may be one with you, as you are one with Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING PSALM

Psalm 34: 1-5

John Koshuta

- ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ² My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
- ³ O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
- ⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵ Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Brad Chosewood

THE LORD'S PRAYER

McLean, Quinn, & Tripp Allen

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

CALL TO CONFESSION

Maddie, Callyn, & Valerie Chosewood

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name. We are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. Amen.

(our prayer continues in silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Torre Christensen

Sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God is resting on you, to restore, support, and strengthen you. Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives and loves you. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Others

Natalie Crawford

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 10: 24-25
Galatians 6: 1-10

Ed Hendricks

SERMON

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

Church Vitality: Caring Relationships



BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Gates/Anderson Family

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

May 24: Gabriel Crawford

May 25: Monica Christensen

Chloe Crawford

May 26: Mary Kathryn Tatum

May 27: Valerie Chosewood

Diane Hopkins

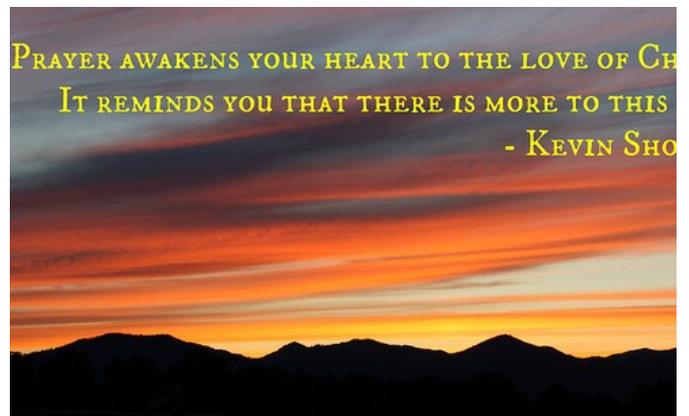


PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer Person(s) of the week: **The Koshuta Family**
John, Kristi, Madeline, Lydia, & Wesley

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

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.



Family of Ruth Breed; 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

Delivering God, you have safely brought me to this new day. Keep me free from all dangers, perils, and troubles. By the power of your Spirit, strengthen my focus as I seek to follow Christ and to humbly serve your truth. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Redeeming God, by your mighty hand you have safely brought me to this night, and for this and all other mercies, I give you thanks. Post your angels around me this night that I may rest in peace. Amen.



CONGRATULATIONS

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IT!**

AVERY CHAMBERS

**Habersham Central HS
Class of 2020**

**UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
BOUND**



Remember!

• Send in a **picture** for the Church Directory to:
office@firstprescornelia.org

• If you have any reusable to-go **containers** that the Soup Kitchen can use, please drop those off as well.

* There will be **NO prayer meeting** for the rest of May.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

| <u>APRIL 2020</u> | <u>Monthly</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Income | 19,385.64 | 78,186.53 |
| Expenses | 18,081.14 | 78,723.20 |
| Net: | 1304.50 | (536.67) |

MAY 2020 Income:

| <u>05/17/2020</u> | <u>Monthly Total</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 4505.00 | 10,275.09 | 22,033.00 |

(ONLINE GIFTS WILL BE POSTED AT MONTH'S END)

Special offerings

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| Capital Projects Fund | 240.00 |
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A large American flag waves across the top of the page. Below it, the date "May 24, 2020" is written in a bold, dark blue font. The background is decorated with red and blue stars, confetti, and streamers.

May 24, 2020

MEMORIAL DAY

★ IN MEMORY OF OUR HEROES ★

To all PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE who have or are currently serving in the Military, we HONOR YOU and say "THANK YOU for your service"

PRAYER FAMILY OF THE WEEK

A cluster of red, white, and blue balloons with stars and stripes is positioned on either side of the family names. Red streamers are also visible on the left and right sides of the page.

John & Kristi

Madeline, Lydia & Wesley Koshuta



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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