



First Presbyterian Church

September 6, 2020
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM

Pastor: Rev. Andy S. Chambers
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PRELUDE

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Martha Kaulbach

CENTERING PRAYER

From the beginning until now, loving God, we have turned away from you, following lesser ways, pursuing a lesser life than the life offered to us in Christ. Yet you will not abandon us. You call out, warning and wooing us to turn, to return to you. Even when we fall away from brothers and sisters in the church, you remain present with us. Help us to love as you love—wholeheartedly—until we are reconciled to you and to our neighbor. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

MORNING HYMNS

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
In Christ Alone*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF BAPTISMS

*Jett Nammachack
Mailee Nammachack
Kaden Sisengchanh
Kobi Sisengchanh
Arabelle Sosebee*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalm 149:1-5

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise the Lord's name with dancing, making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.

For the Lord takes pleasure in the people; God adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Why, Lord God, do we live as if our lives are our own and our will synonymous with your ways? Our actions defy your commandment to love you and love our neighbors. We forget that you entrust us with the power to forgive, the task of reconciliation and the responsibility to care for creation and every creature within it. When we are strong, we assume we are self-sufficient. When we are weak, we are embarrassed to ask for help. Forgive our pride and lack of compassion for ourselves and for others. Reveal to us yet again your merciful and gracious character and help us to reflect it so that our relationships demonstrate your loving kindness to the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

(our prayer continues in silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

When we turn to God, the Lord freely pardons.

We can trust in God and not be afraid.

Friends, believe the good news, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

SPECIAL MUSIC

What Love is This

Jennifer Hartsock

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Megan Gates

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 12: 1-14

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Andy Chambers

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Jennifer Hartsock

***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**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE *Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines On Me*

* Please stand as you are able



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer Person(s) of the week:
Rev. James & Joy Oudom

In the Oaks (Scenic):
John Howard

In the Military: **Captain Alex McLean** and family;
Cpt. Joe Campbell and his family, and **LCpl Kevin Matthews** who is stationed at the Marine Corps Base in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Ellie Gates; Luke Phoummaseng; Family of Roberta Gunn; Chloe Crawford; Ann & Ron Bost (Nancy Hendricks sister and her husband); **Judy Chosewood** (Chad Chosewood's mom); **Michelle Johnson; Darlene King** (Ed Hendricks's niece-in-law); **Sue Smith; Pat Austin;**

Joyce Barrett; Rush Mauney; Melody & Lloyd Little (Marilyn Bedsworth's daughter and son-in-law); **"Turtle" Touralack; Greg Hopkins; Betty Gillette; Lyle Eberhart** (Tim Mullen's brother-in-law); **Jim Stone** (friend of Ed Hendricks); **Leighton Miller** (Charlie and Pam Miller's grandson); **Geoff Tipton; Laurie Oldroyd** (George and Martha Kaulbach's daughter); **Jan Tolbert** (friend of Pastor Andy); **Betty Schaeffer; John Foster; Celeste Sumner; Teresa Touralack; 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; Jackie Williams** (Sharon Baskin's cousin); **Bonnie McKim; Brad Donaldson and family** (Ron & Karen Sprayberry's son-in-law); **Pete Lewis** (Joy Mullen's uncle); **Bridgett Sparks; Tim Mullen's sister, Kristy; Diane Hopkin's daughter-in-law, Jody; peace in our country and around the world.**



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Sunday, September 6

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

Monday, September 7

Labor Day- Church Office closed
8:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Scoggins

Tuesday, September 8

11:30 A.M. PW Bible Study, Scoggins
12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Hoyt
4:00 P.M. Kona Ice Truck

Wednesday, September 9

12:00 Noon Brown Bag & Bible, Zoom
5:30 P.M. 8U Raider Cheer, Parking
6:30 P.M. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
7:30 P.M. Handbells, Music Room

Thursday, September 10

10:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting, Zoom
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Scoggins
8:00 P.M. Al-Anon Meeting, Hoyt

Sunday, September 13

9:15 A.M. Church Wide SS, Scoggins
Breakfast provided
10:30 A.M. Worship Service

Monday, September 14

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Scoggins

Tuesday, September 15

12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Hoyt

Wednesday, September 16

12:00 Noon Brown Bag & Bible, Zoom
5:00 P.M. Children's Program, SH
6:30 P.M. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
7:00 P.M. Session Meeting, Hoyt

Thursday, September 17

10:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting, Zoom
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Scoggins
8:00 P.M. Al-Anon Meeting, Hoyt

Friday, September 18

6:30 P.M. PW Craft Night

Sunday, September 20

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 | Gene White Emily Coker |
| 3 | Sophie Christensen |
| 4 | Kim Sherman Todd Truelove |
| 7 | Joy Oudom |
| 9 | Bill Ford |
| 19 | Evelyn Trotter |
| 22 | Malie Anderson |
| 26 | George Kaulbach |
| 27 | John Koshuta |



There will be no financial statements
this week due to us
upgrading our software.
Please email Brenda at
treasurercofpc@gmail.com
with questions or concerns.

ASSISTING TODAY

Opening & Clean Up:

Ed Hendricks

Closing & Counting:

Ron Sprayberry

Projection System:

Jessica Irvin

Sound System:

Greg Hopkins

Audio-Video:

Scott Hulsey

Nursery Attendant:

Jacky Vespi

Flowers:

Worship Committee



**STUDYING THE
BOOK OF JOB
WEDNESDAYS AT NOON**

*Brown Bag &
Bible*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85706361496>
Meeting ID: 857 0636 1496

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**WEEKLY
PRAYER
MEETING**

A person stands on a hill with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer, silhouetted against a bright sunset over a landscape with mountains and fields.

THURSDAYS - 10AM

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

A circular logo with a stylized figure in the center, surrounded by the text "We're a Matthew 25 church" and the website "pcusa.org/matthew25".A logo for Presbyterian Women, featuring a stylized figure with arms raised, surrounded by a yellow circular border, with the text "PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN" below it.

The
Emma-Jewell Circle
will meet
Tuesday, September 8
11:30 am
in
Scoggins Hall

*Zoom will be available

Please note the Church Office
will be closed on Monday, August 7
in observance of Labor Day

We are looking for volunteers to
serve on the **Officer Nominating
Committee**. According to our
Book of Order:

(F-1.0403). Ruling elders and deacons shall be
nominated by a committee elected by the congre-
gation, drawn from and representative of its
membership.

If you would like to serve on
this committee, please contact
the Church Office:

office@firstprescornelia.org
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We are starting a

brand new,
once-a-month,
everyone invited,
breakfast provided,
music playing,
Bible reading,
lesson learning,
prayer sharing

Sunday School!!

Join us for the first one
Sunday, August 13
9:15 am in Scoggins Hall !!



Dear Church Family,

Garth and I had often said how blessed we were to have such a loving and caring Church family. You certainly proved this during his illness, with all the cards, food, phone calls, visits, but most of all for your prayers. Thank you for the memorials given in his memory for the Mount Airy Chapel. I appreciate all my cards and the many other kindness shown to me.

May God bless you all.

Love in Christ, Sue