



First Presbyterian Church

September 13, 2020
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 AM

Pastor: Rev. Andy S. Chambers
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CENTERING PRAYER

O God who is our strength, you have protected us from those who would seek to oppress us. You have shielded us from those who would seek to destroy the good gifts you have put in us. Your love and power never fail. Thanks and praise to you, our safety and stronghold. We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness, for there is none like you. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)*Psalm 105:1-5*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and let us not forget all God's benefits —

*who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is
renewed like the eagle's.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***MORNING HYMN***God is Here!*

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CALL TO CONFESSION**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Lord Christ, you declare: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. You instruct us to forgive seventy-seven times, to remember God's grace toward us and extend it to one another. Despite your clear word to refrain from judging others, we pronounce others guilty and unworthy of our compassion. We quarrel over opinions and sow division when you call us to cultivate relationships and demonstrate our unity in Christ. Instead of responding to your grace with gratitude, we attempt to limit the love you command us to share. Forgive our hard-heartedness. Expand our circles of concern. Enliven our communities with your boundary-breaking, reconciling Spirit. Amen.

(our prayer continues in silence)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (responsive)*from Psalm 103*

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is the Lord's steadfast love toward those who fear God;

As far as the east is from the west, so far the Lord removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so God has compassion for those who fear the Lord.

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

***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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mighty to Save

Ava Armour
John Wayne Armour, guitar

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 14:19-31

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Andy Chambers

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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

Peace Like a River

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

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines On Me

* Please stand as you are able

Weekly Prayers

Morning

Gracious and loving God, thank you for this day. Strengthen my resolve to love and show mercy throughout the day. Lead my feet to your holy dwelling place, and guide the work I have to do for today. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Evening

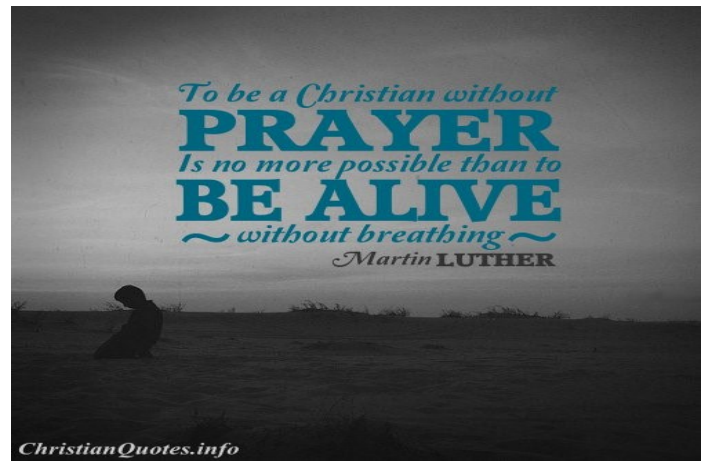
Merciful God, thank you for keeping me in the safety of your arms and for new mercies and the glory you showed through the day. Keep my family and me through the night. I thank and praise you! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer Person(s) of the week:

The Padtha Family
Benjamin, Manivone, and Gideon

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.



Family of John Howard; Ellie Gates; Luke Phoummaseng; Family of Roberta Gunn; Chloe Crawford; Ann & Ron Bost (Nancy Hendricks sister and her husband); **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; Jim Stone** (friend of Ed Hendricks); **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.**



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, September 13
9:15 am in Scoggins Hall !!

Dear Church Family,

Leighton Miller, grandson of Charlie and Pam Miller, after multiple surgeries and procedures is now home and recovering. From the entire Miller family, thank you for your prayers!

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 congregation, drawn from and representative of its membership.

If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact the office.
office@firstprescornelia.org
(706)778-2822



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

*Brown Bag &
Bible*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85706361496>

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WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

THURSDAYS - 10AM

Join Us On Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4388280904>

Meeting ID: 438 828 0904



Come and make a
joyful noise!

Wednesdays
Choir 6:30
Handbells 7:30

We would love to have you!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

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 & Youth, 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

Monday, September 21

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Scoggins

Tuesday, September 22

12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Hoyt

Wednesday, September 23

12:00 Noon Brown Bag & Bible, Zoom
5:00 P.M. Children and Youth, SH
6:30 P.M. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
7:30 P.M. Handbells, Music Room

Thursday, September 24

Soup Kitchen Work Day

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

Sunday, September 27

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



There will be no financial statements
this week due to us
upgrading our software.
Please email Brenda at
treasurercorfpc@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:

Brad Chosewood

Nursery Attendant:

Jacky Vespi

Flowers:

Worship Committee