



## THE LITTLE PILGRIM

*A weekly update of church happenings for  
Preston City Congregational Church  
Week of March 8, 2021*

### Have a question? Need help?

Please call:

The Office

860.887.4647 or 860.886.7200

### WORSHIP AND WEB STREAM INFORMATION

Worship services continue to be web streamed *live* on Sunday mornings starting at 9 a.m.

Go to [prestoncitycongregational.org](http://prestoncitycongregational.org). You can also watch the service later in the day via the archive system also on the site. Those who wish to attend a service (9 or 10:30) MUST contact the church office (860.887.4647) no later than THURSDAY (**11 a.m.**), and give their name, as well as the number of people who will be attending, and which service they plan to attend. Masks are required, and temperatures will be checked upon entering the building. Did you know that 74 viewers from 2 countries, 13 states, and 50 cities tuned in last Sunday? Were you one of them? We hope to see you in person one Sunday soon!

### WATCH THE WEBSTREAM SERVICE

this Sunday, 3/14, as we will spend some time reflecting on Covid -19, one year later. At an appointed time, the church bell will toll to recall and remember family and friends who died during the pandemic. As of today, six names will be mentioned, several of them from our congregation. Would you like to have a name mentioned during the service? If so, please send me (Rev. Stan) an email: [sewhite3022@gmail.com](mailto:sewhite3022@gmail.com) with the name(s) you would like remembered. Please do so no later than 6 p.m. Saturday evening (3/13).

### GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

Thank you for the offerings we received last week, both in church and the mail. We appreciate your ongoing support of the church; it helps us with the day-to-day operation on the church. Please keep in mind that our Financial Secretary (Sue Creamer) collects all offerings that are mailed to the church on Friday afternoon and deposits them in the bank in a timely manner. Be assured, if you give online, your contribution will be

credited to your pledge. Contact Bob Vescovi with any questions you may have: [RVesco2010@comcast.net](mailto:RVesco2010@comcast.net) or (401) 583.7840.



Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night. You don't want to be late for church!



### LILY ORDERS

Easter is Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>; it's also Communion Sunday! In observance of this joyful day that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the grave, we invite you to place an Easter lily on the chancel in memory of a loved one. To do so, contact Wendy Zajac at: [wented982000@yahoo.com](mailto:wented982000@yahoo.com) (underscore d\_9), or Dennis Lund at: [dblund72622@gmail.com](mailto:dblund72622@gmail.com), or his cell: 860.237.0670 **by March 19<sup>th</sup>**, as orders need to be placed with the greenhouse. All plants are \$12 each, please make your check payable to: PCCC. When reserving your lily, be sure to include who it's in memory of. You can put your order in the offering plate or mail it to the church: 321 Route 164, Preston, CT 06365. What a sight it will be on Easter morning to see the Sanctuary adorned with these beautiful resurrection flowers. You may take your lily home following the 9 or 10:30 service.



### NEW PROCEDURE FOR FLOWERS IN CHURCH

To place flowers in church on Sunday morning, please call the office to see if your date is available. Sandy will take your information to be included in the worship folder and contact a Flower Committee rep., who will ensure your flowers are on the altar for Sunday morning. Floral arrangements are \$35, and payment (cash or check, payable to PCCC) is due in the office as soon as possible after you make your request.



### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday, (3/28)** join us for two services of worship at 9 & 10:30.

**Maundy Thursday, (4/1)** at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary as we solemnly remember the night before Christ's crucifixion. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered.

**Good Friday, (4/2)** at noon in the Sanctuary. This service remembers the day Christ died. Children and families are encouraged to attend. **Please note:** there will be no Good Friday children's event following the service this year.



**Easter, (4/4)** Because Easter falls on the first Sunday of the month, the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed. We hope you will be present to celebrate His resurrection from the grave, and remember His death on the cross at one of the two services; 9 or 10:30 a.m. Both historic events changed the world and must be remembered. The chancel area will be adorned with Easter lilies given in memory of loved ones.



### BIBLE STUDY

Monday mornings at 10 a.m. in Halls' Hall with Rev. Stan. Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in Halls' Hall with Pastor Scott Van Alst. Please be sure to wear a mask.

### UPCOMING CHURCH FUNDRAISER

The Supper Committee will again host a fundraiser for the *Butter Braids* as well as a *frozen cake roll* (already baked!). The last day to place your order is **this Sunday**, March 14<sup>th</sup>, and the cake delivery date will be March 27<sup>th</sup>, in the lower parking area from 1 -2 p.m. Go to the church website [or click here](#), to see the various cakes that can be ordered, and to order your cake(s). You can also call Lee Ann Fessenden for assistance in ordering; 860.334.7382. Proceeds will support the church budget.

### DOOR MONITORS NEEDED

Could you help us on Sunday mornings in March and April serving as a door monitor at the double door entrance? Guidelines for door monitors are posted above the sign-up sheet on the mid-level bulletin board for both the 9 & 10:30 service. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Vescovi at [RVesco2010@comcast.net](mailto:RVesco2010@comcast.net) or 401.583.7840. *Thanks!*

### NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ED.

We're sorry to say that the children's Good Friday event can NOT happen as usual this year. However, what I plan to do is some simple, easy, fast projects in a kit called "*Easter in a box*" consisting of a simple guide of Bible readings for each day of Holy Week. A craft will follow each reading and all materials will be in the box.

Mark your calendars... The first Sunday of the month is Family Communion Sunday. Come sit as a family upstairs. On the second Sunday, (THIS Sunday), grades 2 - 5 students will attend a portion of the church service, and then leave for a mini-Sunday School experience in Dudek Hall during the 9 a.m. service. All you need to do is RSVP ahead of time. On the third Sunday, Toddlers 3 yrs. of age – grade 1 are welcome to take part in a mini-Sunday School experience during the 9 a.m. service. Again, please RSVP. On the fourth Sunday, grades 6 - 12 will meet in Dudek Hall at 10:30 a.m. Got questions? Contact me: 860.710.1262 or [dre.prestoncity@gmail.com](mailto:dre.prestoncity@gmail.com). – *Blessings, Lisa Van Alst*

### DON'T FORGET

In case of inclement weather and the need to cancel a service(s) or scheduled event at the church, it will be posted on TV Channel 3, WICH 1310, and when possible on the church's website. A recorded message will also be made on the church answering machine (860.887.4647).



### THE LIGHTER SIDE

*Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.*

(Thanks for this one, Dan O'Neil)

*Where Friends Become Family*