

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



The Little Pilgrim

Week of July 26, 2021

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9AM – Noon

Have a question?

Need help?

Please call: The Office

860.887.4647 or 860.886.7200

**WORSHIP AND WEB STREAM
INFORMATION**

Summer worship services are at
9AM and 10:30AM.

For those who are unable to
attend in-person, the 9AM service
is streamed live. Go to

prestoncitycongregational.org. and

click the stream button. Previous
services may be viewed using the
archive system on the site.

7/25/21 Live Viewings – 99;

2 countries; 22 states; 70 cities;

Archive viewings 7/18 - 113

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1 –

Communion Sunday

NO Sunday School

Children attend church with their
families. There will be a Children's
Message during the service.

Bingo

Card sellers needed for August

MEMORIAL BRICK GARDEN

Our memorial garden plan had
spaces available for 73 bricks and
78 were purchased! The garden
will be expanded and all bricks will
be set in place soon. The church
will receive a \$4021 profit. Thank
you to Rich and Joy Chalifoux for
leading this project.

Pastor's Corner

I feel grateful to be among such a loving faith community as I start this first week as your new pastor. I am enjoying the warm welcome received thus far and am excited to learn more about the many stories and roads that have brought each of you and your families here. My first day on campus, I was greeted by the cheerful sights and sounds of vacation bible school (VBS) that started this week. It was wonderful to see the young faces on campus learning to stretch their faith and enjoying a great VBS program.

In fact, as I observed VBS, a few words that Christ mentioned in Matthew's Gospel came to mind. "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." – Matthew 18:3 As with most of the words spoken by Christ, this scripture is an easy statement to read but an extremely difficult one to live out. Since so much of our society is jaded and cynical, as we grow, it is often a challenge not to develop calluses on our own hearts. Due to this struggle, for most of society, it becomes extremely difficult, as Christ has commanded, to "become like children" once again.

Perhaps the attraction of Christianity in part, then, is that it provides a clarion call to the inner you—the inner you that harkens back towards a childlike faith and wonder; days that were once filled with delicate innocence, wonder and belief.

One of the reasons I love to travel is that it provides a natural invitation to glimpse the world with that state of mind, and eyes of wonder again. This week, as we begin our journey of shared worship and service with the family of Preston City church, I pray that it is one of a simple yet profound faith, unbridled love and unsuppressed joy, and the wonder that comes from the hope of knowing that we serve a God who has good plans in store for us all! I'm looking forward to the journey. Or, as VBS would say, "all aboard."

See you Sunday,
Rev. Rae

Sunday, August 1st is Rev. Rae's first Sunday as our new pastor.

Join us in church for services at 9 AM or 10:30 AM.

For those who cannot be with us, the 9 AM service is streamed live @

christianworldmedia.com/livechannel/pccc1 or may be viewed in the archives at any other time.

GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

Your offerings given to support the work of the church are much appreciated week-after-week. Your contributions have kept us financially sound. Curious about online giving? Contact Bob Vescovi with any questions you may have: RVesco2010@comcast.net or (401) 583.7840.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

After a slight delay, Rocky Railway arrived at Preston City Congregational Church Monday, July 26th @ 9a.m. and continued through Friday, July 30th. Along the way, the children learned that Jesus' power will pull them through even the hardest times. Songs, crafts, games and of course snacks kept them busy along the way.

INFANT NURSERY

The church nursery will be taking a summer break! The room will be available to use, but WILL NOT be staffed until Sunday school reopens. If you would be interested in helping in this Ministry starting in September and running through May 2022, please reach out. It is so rewarding to be a safe, loving place for our youngest church members!!! All you need is a smile, a lap, a hug, and a love for Jesus, to apply!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

NO class August 1 – Family Sunday
9 AM service



The Board of Religious Education is hoping for a safe return to classes in the fall. Check here for updates!

DRE Lisa Van Alst can be reached at (860) 710-1262 or dre.prestoncity@gmail.com.

An archived copy of our final service with Rev. Stan on Sunday, July 25, may be viewed on our website. Go to prestoncitycongregational.org and click the stream button.

SEARCH FOR ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

As many of you have heard, Robin Lyon will be retiring the end of September. We are presently searching for a new Organist/ Choir Director. If anyone knows of someone who might be interested in this position and would like more information, please have them contact John Marino at marinojohn@sbcglobal.net



BINGO

We have a 10-day bingo coming at the beginning of August and a two-day session following it.

Thank you to those who have signed up to assist at bingo at Strawberry Park; \$4000 was

given towards the church budget for April-June.

Please sign-up if you are able to help; we need three workers to sell cards at each session.

Do you have a Personal Identification Number (PIN) necessary to help? The office has the information and forms available to get you started if you don't!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 11 @ 9am. We are planning a delightful event for this meeting; more details to follow.

Mark your calendars! Time to



Our **Fall Yard Sale** is planned for **October 2nd**.

Start setting aside all of those goodies!

We will let you know when we are able to collect items.

AND REMEMBER... THE CLOTHING SHED is always open for donations. We can accept used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals.

LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR

Please send information to be included in the newsletter no later than Tuesday at noon each week:

susan.brosnan@gmail.com. Thank you

THE LAST WORD

