

**Preston City  
Congregational Church**



**The Little Pilgrim**

**Week of August 2, 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](http://prestoncitycongregational.org). and  
click the stream button. Previous  
services may be viewed using the  
archive system on the site.

8/01/21 Live Viewings – 80;  
US only; 24 states; 61 cities;  
Archive viewings 7/25 - 184

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**August 8 –**

**PCCC Gardeners**  
Meeting Room 10 AM

**Sunday School**

Children’s Message during the  
service; Sunday School follows

**Bingo**

Card sellers needed for August

**Pastor’s Corner**

For years, I’ve marveled at the scripture found in Isaiah 26:3 “You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.” We also see similar concepts in the eastern world with the idea of “satori” or enlightenment. So what does it mean to be in “perfect peace” or a state akin to Nirvana? After all, if we could bottle up perfect peace if it were a commodity for purchase, who wouldn’t pay the highest price? However, regarding the scripture, the word in the Hebrew is not describing an ideal state of perfection since there is no absolute pristine state of peace in this life as Christ teaches His disciples in John 16:33. No, what is closer to the truth and original text is a translation of the words “perfect peace” as “God will keep you in peace, peace.” Of interest is not the ideal state of comfort or perfection but, rather, an overwhelming sense of calm and assurance.

Here, the author is describing another level of faith and trust in God; in other words, an ability to deal with the turbulence of life, while still maintaining a smile and grace. This feeling is the best way to describe the benefit of this transcendent reliance on a power larger than ourselves; by describing it as a doubled peace we get the sense of comfort that a shelter provides even during a storm.

I am sure David was describing this kind of level of comfort and assurance when he penned, “Yea though I walk through the valley... I will fear no evil: for thou art with me...”(Psalm 23:4) It, too, must be this same peace that the Anointed One uses to comfort the disciples before his ascension into Heaven. Before leaving the disciples in a fractured world, Christ said to them “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” (John 14:27). Thus, it is God’s wish that, in this and every season of your life, a deep faith and trust in that which remains brighter than we are, might wrap our hearts in the sublime comfort and assurance of His peace.

This week, if you find yourself being distracted by the messy and often seemingly chaotic ways of life, choose to refocus on the promise and covenant that our loving Savior has towards you. As scripture reminds us, God will keep those in “Peace Peace” whose minds are fixed on Him because their trust is in God alone. (Isaiah 26: 3) Therefore, may God’s Peace comfort you now and always!

See you on Sunday,

Rev. Rae

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>** was Rev. Rae’s first Sunday as our 30th pastor.

For those who could not be with us, the 9 AM service may be viewed in the archives @ [christianworldmedia.com/livechannel/pccc1](http://christianworldmedia.com/livechannel/pccc1)

**SENIOR PICNIC SCHEDULED**

**A SENIOR PICNIC** has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> (with a rain date of Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>) at noon in the pavilion. Parking is available on the “Field of Dreams” grounds. If you are 62 or older and regularly attend the church, you are invited to come and join in for fellowship and good food.

**ERIC’S MUSIC LIVE** that played music at our picnic in 2019 was available to be with us again. Everyone so enjoyed his music. Rev. Perteet will be attending and is excited to meet all of you on an informal basis. We plan to have fresh grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad and dessert.

There is a signup sheet on the Information Center bulletin board. You can also call the office to signup (860.887.4647). Sandy Dudek and Rick Alletto are the coordinators. Please call the office if you have any questions.

## 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



The Board of Religious Education, as well as myself, are steaming ahead toward in-person Sunday School! If you are interested in jumping on-board our team, please contact me. We are looking for moms, dads, grandmas & pas, high schoolers, or Middle schoolers, who desire to love - on kids from Newborns to Highschool! Let's talk soon about NEW Sunday School ideas! You can contact me by text, phone, or email! I can't wait to hear from you or you may very well hear from me!!!

Love each other as I have loved you John 15:12

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

**PCCC Gardeners** will meet August 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM (between services) in the Meeting Room. Call Debi Berube with questions: 860 334 – 7123.



## FOOD PANTRY

### Time to restock the shelves!



**Food  
Pantry  
Needs**

Our next distribution day is Wednesday, August 18, 10 AM – Noon.

Your generosity keeps our shelves filled! Thank you.

## BINGO

### The 10-day + 2-day weekend bingos continue!



Thank you to those who have signed up already to assist at bingo at Strawberry Park. We have some weekend bingos coming up in August and

September and need three workers to sell cards at each session; please sign-up if you are able to help. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

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.

**SEARCH FOR ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR** 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](mailto:marinojohn@sbcglobal.net).

## LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR

Please send information to be included in the newsletter no later than Tuesday at noon each week: [susan.brosnan@gmail.com](mailto:susan.brosnan@gmail.com). Thank you

## THE LAST WORD

**Growing together in Faith**

