

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



Week of August 9, 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.

8/08/21 Live Viewings – 58;
US only; 17 states; 48 cities;
Archive viewings 8/01/21 - 101

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday School

Children's Message during the
service; Sunday School follows

Bingo

Card sellers needed for weekends
in August & September

Senior Picnic

Tuesday, August 24 at Noon

Pastor's Corner

Be A Light

While visiting my hometown this summer I was amazed at all the new signs for businesses I saw and many of the old ones that were now gone. In spite of a rapidly changing society historically there are a few signs with longevity that are unmistakable everywhere you go. One such recognizable sign is the Golden Arches at McDonalds. Regardless of where you are in the world, McDonalds has so mastered public perception of their trademark arches that you generally know what you can expect to eat at those arches. Sure, in some countries the meat might consist of pork patties like it does in Japan, porridge is served in Malaysia, flour tortillas with sesame rice are available in China and veggie burgers are ordered in Finland! However, the core essentials are the same in all McDonalds restaurants throughout the world.

Did you know that those people who follow Christ also have a fluorescent symbol to let the world know what we are all about? For believers, the Scriptures remind us that the quickest way for individuals to be enlightened to the value of the God we worship, is the love we receive and share with others. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." -John 13: 35. The love we share among ourselves and others stands out with distinction in a dark world.

I am proud to serve in a faith family where the light of love, comfort and kindness constantly shine bright. This week I want to encourage you through intentional acts of love and kindness, to persist in making others around you aware of the God of love that often works through our actions. I pray that the radiant testimony of the love and goodwill you share, shine so resplendently in this dark world through you, that individuals must pause and take notice of your light, that shines bright as if on a hill for all to see.

See You on Sunday,
Rev. Rae

SENIOR PICNIC SCHEDULED

A SENIOR PICNIC has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 24th (with a rain date of Wednesday, August 25th) 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 question

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.



Great News!

Registration for Sunday School 2021-2022 is now open!!!!

Check your email for the Google registration form! If you did not receive an email from me, then contact me so I can send you one or give you a call.

I am looking to form 2 ministry teams to help with Sunday School. You would only need to help 2 times per month. Middle school age thru adults are invited to ask me more about this opportunity! Must love kids, music, games, being silly, & having fun!

Also needed are Preschool teachers and assistants. You only teach every other week.

Let's talk if any of these opportunities sound like you!

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



DID YOU KNOW...

that the **Flower Committee** welcomes anyone to place flowers in the church for Sunday morning? Even our online viewers can arrange for a bouquet to honor someone or for a special occasion. Formal arrangements are available to purchase for \$35 if ordered through the church office.

You may also **purchase your own** floral arrangement. Names of those who donate flowers (and their special occasions) may be listed in that Sunday's bulletin. Do you have flowers from your garden you would like to share? A vase can even be provided! It is asked that borrowed vases be returned to the church office. Flowers must be brought to church before the 9 AM service and picked up after the 10:30 AM service unless they are to be delivered to someone. Call the office to reserve your special date (860 887-4647).

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.

BINGO



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!

A NEW FUNDRAISER

Looking for a special gift or something for yourself? Members of the Supper Committee are offering the opportunity to purchase eco-conscious items through Boon Supply. There are kitchen items, reusable shopping bags and accessories, gift items and home goods. The church will receive **40%** of each purchase. You make your purchase online, shipping and tax are included, and your items are shipped right to your home! The shopping begins August 15 and ends September 13, plenty of time to view the online catalog!

[Start shopping](#)

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.

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.

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

... don't allow yourselves to be weary in planting good seeds, for the season of reaping the wonderful harvest you've planted is coming!



Galatians 6:9