

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



Week of August 23, 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Message during the
service; Sunday School follows

Sunday School begins
September 12 @ 9AM

Bingo

Card sellers needed for Saturdays
in September & October

CHURCH CANCELLATIONS

When the decision is made that
church must be cancelled, usually
due to inclement weather, please
tune into television Channel 3, call
the church office (860.887.4647),
check the website
(prestoncitycongregational.org) or
our Facebook page. If an event
needs to be cancelled, that, too,
will be posted as above.

Pastor's Corner

The concept of inner peace sometimes seems elusive in our modern society. Beyond, the everyday inconveniences of life, flat tires, virus variants, late school buses... On top of these regular little annoyances, many of us have the additional care of being professional worriers. You know the type! Those of us who worry if there is not enough to worry about!

When Paul was writing to the Church of Philippi, he offers a different option beyond the average anxious or worried life for how believers at this house church might live their lives. Keep in mind that these are seasoned believers and mature Christians. In fact, Paul uses this church to be an example of Christian giving and fellowship (koinonia) for other Disciples gathered at Corinth (2 Cor 8: 1-5 and 9:1-5). Even though they are seasoned believers, Paul still feels they need a reminder as we all do from time to time, to mind the things we choose to ruminate on. Writing to them, Paul also reminds us of how difficult it can be to live counter-cultural in a secular world.

Providing insight on how to find peace in our daily living Paul writes, "keep your minds focused on whatever is pure, lovely, praiseworthy..." (See Philippians 4:8,9) In essence, Paul is saying choose to focus on joy! No, this does not mean that everything that happens to us will be joyful. Whether it's cleaning up from the effects of tropical storm Henri or other inconveniences that life blows our way, many of them unavoidable. However, when we choose to intentionally focus on the joy that God has placed in our lives and endeavor to walk worthy of being called His disciples, then Scripture promises us that "the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians 4: 9). My prayer for you this week is that you will, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God..." (Philippians 4: 6) That you would choose to focus on the small miracles of God's hand that are already around you and, in doing so, I pray that the God of PEACE will dwell in you richly!

See You on Sunday,

Rev. Rae

**SENIOR LUNCH
RESCHEDULED...**

For a variety of reasons, the
Senior Lunch was moved to
Wednesday, September 1st at
noon. Due to the change in date, a
few cancellation spots are available
at this time. Call the church office
(860.887.4647) if you would like to
see if one is still available. Eric
Covino will be with us to offer his
lighthearted music and of course,
good food will be served! Rev. Rae
looks forward to meeting you.

Sandy Dudek and Rick Alletto

IMPORTANT NEWS

Effective immediately, and until
further notice, for the safety of all
church-goers, we **strongly
recommend** that **everyone
wear a mask** inside the church as
suggested by the Center for
Disease Control and Prevention
(CDC) and the Southeastern
Connecticut Council of
Governments (SECCOG).
**This applies to both those
vaccinated and unvaccinated.**
Thank you for your consideration
for all.



Relaunch of in-person Sunday school IS happening, Sunday September 12, 2021 @ 9a.m.! Check your email to find the registration form or pick up a copy from the table, upstairs, outside the sanctuary!

If you have any questions regarding Sunday School stop by THIS Sunday, from 10:05 to 10:30 a.m. I will be answering questions, offering registration, and recruiting volunteers! I will repeat the same process at 11:30 a.m.

EVERYONE is welcome. Come explore the room, ask your questions, register your family, and talk to me about how you can help. We still need Mentors/Teachers for Sunday mornings, assistants, prep crew, clean-up crew, event helpers.... Curious what all these new titles mean..... Let's talk this Sunday!!! If you can't make Sunday just call me and I will gladly fill you in.

Requirements are simple, must LOVE Jesus, love kids, be willing to complete a background check (I do that for you), & be a member of our church.

Blessings

Mrs. Lisa Van Alst D.R.E

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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.



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

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.

BINGO



We have some **Saturday bingos** coming up in **September** and **October**, and then on **Labor Day & Columbus Day weekends** we have **Sundays** as well. We need three workers to sell cards at each session; please sign-up if you are able to help. **Thank you** to those who have signed up to assist.

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 TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH

Looking for a special gift or something for yourself?

Members of the Supper Committee are offering the opportunity 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 ends September 13; there is still 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.

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



Find JOY every day!

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Online Giving Updates

If you already have an online giving account through Vanco, please note they recently updated their e-giving page. This means next time you log in to your account, (either through the Vanco website, through the Vanco Give + App for iPhone/Android/tablets, or via the green “Donate Now” button on our church website), you will be asked to update your payment information and also your schedule of offering (one-time, weekly, bi-monthly or monthly).

New Online Giving Accounts

If you have never signed up for online giving but would like to, please follow these guidelines:

You can use your checking account, your savings account, or a debit/credit card. Here’s how to sign up:

1. Go to our church website www.prestoncitycongregational.org and click on the green “Donate Now” tab on the right side of the home page.
2. If this is your first time on the donation page, click on “Sign Up” in the upper right corner. Follow the steps to complete your profile and set up a personal password for your account.
3. Once your online profile is set up, click on the green “Donate Now” tab and type in your email address and password to access your account. Then follow the steps to add either your checking account number, savings account number, or debit/credit card information. You can make a one-time offering, or a periodic (weekly, bi-monthly or monthly) offering. Important note: transactions cannot be processed on Sundays, so choose the following Monday as the processing date.

Additional notes:

- If you would like to make a repeating offering, just leave the end date blank and your offering will follow the same schedule. You can log into your account any time to change the amount, the frequency, or to stop your offering
- If you close the bank account or credit/debit card that is on file with your online giving profile, please remember to update your account information
- In addition to the church website, you can also access your online giving account through a free app on your iPhone, Android phone or tablet. Simply go to the App Store or the Google Play Store and load the “GivePlus” app by Vanco. After loading the app, it will prompt you to type in the church name, so type/select Preston City Congregational.

If you have any questions on any of the above, you can reach Bob Vescovi by phone or text 401.583.7840 or email RVesco2010@comcast.net