

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



Week of September 5, 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**

Worship services at 9AM &
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.

Live viewings: 48; countries – 1 -
US; states -20; cities - 38
Archives:114

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Fellowship Sept 11
9AM

Sunday School Sept 12 @ 9AM
Shopping Fundraiser ends Sept
13

Bible Study Mondays @ 10A

AA Wednesdays 7:30PM Pavilion

Adult Choir Thursdays 7PM

Semi-annual Meeting Sept 19 @
noon

Chicken BBQ Dinner – Sept 25
Pick-up 4 – 5:30P

Yard Sale Oct 2 8AM – 2PM

NEWS FROM THE CLERK

The fall Semi-annual Church
Meeting is Sunday, September 19
at noon in the sanctuary.

Pastor's Corner

I want to share this reflection that I wrote a few years back in honor of the upcoming 2021 NFL season. I hope our favorite teams do well this season but more importantly may we remain people of passion and celebration when it also regards our faith. You see New Englanders well we are fanatical about our sports! My first exposure to this while attending Boston University was when I was taking the D line train that paused at the Kenmore stop to pick up passengers from Fenway Park where the Red Sox play. The day's game had just ended which meant a flood of fans boarding the train in full regalia and as rowdy as ever!

Knowing this, it shouldn't have been a surprise to me, although it still was, when I attended a Super Bowl viewing party nearly five years later for Super Bowl XLIX. During this football game where the New England Patriots won by an extremely narrow margin, there were objects being hurled at the TV screen that were apparently meant for some clearly deserving referee.

Coaches cursed out and players vehemently encouraged with messages that must have been transmitted telepathically through the flat screen TV because the Patriots won that game! However, amid all of the excitement, noise and extreme fervor, I couldn't help but think to myself it's just a game. During the same time, I will never forget wondering what would happen if we applied this same passion to other areas of life?

In this life, there are many things that can occupy our passion. However, as believers, there are only a few things we are asked to make a priority. We are asked to allow our first passion to be toward our relationship with our Creator and, out of that relationship, to love ourselves and nurture our families. This is how the scripture describes it, "Set your mind on things above not earthly things." (Col 3:2) This scripture passage is an encouraging reminder to focus our minds and passions on that which has true lasting value. There is nothing wrong with enjoying a good game, having fun with friends or a myriad of other activities to relieve the stresses of every-day life. However, this week, I implore you to take a moment and ask how can I be just as passionate and responsive with my faith, to put my belief in those things that have eternal value and put my faith into action like it's the fourth quarter and there is only 2 minutes left in the game?

See you on Sunday,

Rev. Rae

REMINDER 8/18/21 - 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.



3, 2, 1,..... We are LAUNCHING in-person Sunday School THIS Sunday! Nursery through High School is staffed and ready to go. Last minute registrations will be taken Sunday in the main foyer, just look for the balloons. Nursery - Kindergarteners just go straight to their classrooms. First grade and up report to Mission Control in Dudek Hall! We will be entering Dudek Hall through the single side entrance starting at 8:45a.m. If your child is in 3rd grade or older they will meet you in Halls' Hall @ 10! Toddler 3, 4, K, 1st & 2nd graders can be picked up from Dudek Hall. We are so excited to see all of you!!!

Don't forget your mask, and smile.....
Please text, call, or email ANY questions

Blessings always,
Lisa Van Alst DRE

(860) 710-1262 or dre.prestoncity@gmail.com

THE ADULT CHOIR rehearsals on Thursdays at 7 pm.
We will practice in Halls' Hall.
I hope to see all those who LOVE to sing!
Robin Lyon



You are invited to the
Women's Fellowship
Sept. 11th @9am in Halls' Hall.

BIBLE STUDY
Mondays @ 10A
Halls' Hall



Discussion on Romans 8
Contact Ken Sebastian (860- 887-4323) or
Chris Burden (chrisburden5@yahoo.com) with
any questions.



CHICKEN BARBECUE
(Take-out ONLY)
Saturday, Sept. 25th
4 – 5:30PM

All tickets \$13.00 - Available after services Sept. 12 & 19 and through the church office (860 887-4647).
All **tickets must be prepaid** and will NOT be available for purchase that night
Menu - Grilled chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, roll, cranberry sauce & dessert

BINGO



We have some **Saturday afternoon bingo** coming up in **September** and **October**, and then on **Labor Day & Columbus Day weekends** we have **Sunday games** 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.

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! **Shopping ends September 13.**
[Start shopping](#)



Our **FALL YARD SALE** is planned for **October 2nd**.
We are able to accept donations now.

Please call Stella Dawley to make arrangements. Help is needed for set-up at 6AM and clean-up at 1:30PM; a sign-up sheet has been posted. Pickup trucks are needed at clean-up. Please remember: no computers, tires, air conditioners or clothing. Thank you



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

Where friends become

