

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



**Week of January 2, 2022 -
January 9, 2022**

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: 59; countries -2; states
-17; cities -40; Archives last week:123

UPCOMING EVENTS

AA Wed. 7:30PM Dudek Hall

COVID UPDATE 12/31/2022

The Standing Committee voted and
requests **that masks be worn by
everyone, if you are able,
vaccinated or unvaccinated,**
when in the church building and
church office, beginning Sunday,
January 2, 2022.

The Standing Committee will assess
our needs at their next meeting,
which is January 19, 2022.

We will update you as circumstances
warrant.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are
available on the table in the mid-
level hallway if you requested them.

2021 YEAR-END RECEIPTS are
also available to be picked up.

Call Financial Secretary Sue Creamer
with any questions.

New Day's Lyric

May this be the day
We come together.
Mourning, we come to mend,
Withered, we come to weather,
Torn, we come to tend,
Battered, we come to better.
Tethered by this year of yearning,
We are learning
That though we weren't ready for this,
We have been readied by it.
Steadily we vow that no matter
How we are weighed down,
We must always pave a way forward.

This hope is our door, our portal.
Even if we never get back to normal,
Someday we can venture beyond it,
To leave the known and take the first steps.
So let us not return to what was normal,
But reach toward what is next.

What was cursed, we will cure.
What was plagued, we will prove pure.
Where we tend to argue, we will try to agree,
Those fortunes we forswore, now the future we foresee,
Where we weren't aware, we're now awake;
Those moments we missed
Are now these moments we make,
The moments we meet,
And our hearts, once all together beaten,
Now all together beat.

Come, look up with kindness yet,
For even solace can be sourced from sorrow.
We remember, not just for the sake of yesterday,
But to take on tomorrow.

We heed this old spirit,
In a new day's lyric,
In our hearts, we hear it:
For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne.
Be bold, sang Time this year,
Be bold, sang Time,
For when you honor yesterday,
Tomorrow ye will find.
Know what we've fought
Need not be forgot nor for none.
It defines us, binds us as one,
Come over, join this day just begun.
For wherever we come together,
We will forever overcome.

Amanda Gorman

1st National Youth Poet Laureate 2017 Youngest Inaugural Poet 2020
Sue Brosnan



Sunday School will resume Jan 9th @ 8:45!!!

Lisa Van Alst

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

Confirmation class is meeting Tuesday at 6:30PM.

1/3/22 At this time the coffee hour with punch has been temporarily discontinued due to the increase of Covid-19. We will continue to monitor the decision, as hopefully it will not be long before conditions improve.

I have been informed that there will be no choir rehearsals during the month of January.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...

Time to start working on those annual reports for 2021! Reports will be due to the church office by January 16, 2022. Thank you

CHURCH CANCELLATIONS

When the decision is made that church or Sunday School must be cancelled, usually due to inclement weather, please tune into television Channel 3, call the church office (860 887-4647) for a recorded message, check our Facebook page or the website (prestoncitycongregational.org). If an event needs to be cancelled, that, too, will be posted as above. Please remember that church services may not be cancelled even if Sunday School is!

DOOR MONITORS NEEDED

Interested in serving as a door monitor in January and/or February? A sign-up sheet is located on the main bulletin board for both the 9:00 and 10:30 services, or you can contact Bob Vescovi at RVesco2010@comcast.net or 401.583.7840.



THE SUPPER COMMITTEE is looking ahead and planning their dinners for 2022. Their first take-out dinner will be at the end of April.

LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR

Please send information to be included in the newsletter no later than Tuesday at noon each week: Susan.brosnan@gmail.com or 860 889-0768.

WARM CLOTHING AND COATS

The church collection of warm clothing items has ended, but the winter has just begun. Laurie Bowers (860 514-1098) will continue to pick up donated items. These warm items are much needed and greatly appreciated.



BIBLE STUDY A new study will begin in 2022. -Rev. Rae

ADULT CHOIR

There are **no rehearsals** in January 2022. -Marie Quinn



Due to ongoing concerns about the spike in COVID cases and recent exposures I have had, together with the scarcity of testing resources, we will be postponing the upcoming men's group meeting scheduled for this Saturday, January 8th at least until things subside a bit. Thanks for your understanding. Tim Bowles #860-705-5613



MEN'S GROUP



The January meeting has been cancelled. Our next meeting will be held in March.

THE LAST WORD

Kindness...

A good thing to share!

Hold open a door for someone. Clean up a neighbor's yard.
Listen. Hold a hand.
give a flower. Visit a friend.
smile. SAY THANKS.
Send a card. pay for a meal.
Give a compliment.
Do a favor. give up your seat.

If others have something to share, words of wisdom, (or perhaps a joke or cartoon!), please contact Sue Brosnan