

**Preston City  
Congregational Church**



**Week of February 13, 2022 -  
February 20, 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](http://prestoncitycongregational.org). and  
click the stream button. Previous  
services may be viewed using the  
archive system on the site.

Live viewings last week: Church was  
canceled due to a snowstorm.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7P**

**AA Wed. 7:30P Dudek Hall**

**Thursday Bible Study 10A**

**Youth Sunday 2/20 10:30A service**

**Confirmation 3/13 10:30A service**

**COVID UPDATE 1/19/2022**

The Standing Committee met and  
still requests **that masks be  
worn by everyone, if you are  
able, vaccinated or  
unvaccinated**, when in the  
church building and church office.  
The Standing Committee will  
continue to assess our needs and  
keep everyone informed.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are  
available on the table in the mid-  
level hallway if you requested  
them. Call Financial Secretary Sue  
Creamer with any questions.

**Receipts for 2021** are also  
available to be picked up.

**Pastor's Corner**

**NO MATTER WHAT, GOD LOVES US!**

*Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage;  
be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed:  
for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.*

*Joshua 1:9*

The start to the Lenten season is almost here and I want to encourage you to choose to put your hope in the Father. You won't be disappointed. Trust Him because He is faithful and He loves us. Find rest for your soul in knowing that He is good, and He has good things in store for your future and the future of the church.

If you are carrying frustration, worried about the future or anxious about something, it's usually a clear sign that your hope is in the wrong place and you are not trusting God's Love for us. This lack of hope in situations and circumstances, will deplete you of joy and peace. But when you turn those situations and circumstances over to God, when you refuse to worry, when you refuse to allow the temporary things of this world to dictate your happiness, that's when God can do a work in your life. When you trust in Him, He will make your crooked places straight; He will cause you to mount up with wings like the eagle.

This powerful promise we have from Almighty God! When we put our hope in Him and trust the love He has for us, we will never be disappointed. Of course, that doesn't mean that things will always go our way. There may be temporary disappointments, but we will never be permanently disappointed. Somewhere down the road, God will cause it to all work out for our good. With God's Love on your side, you will always end in victory!

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. (John 3:16-18)*

See you Sunday,  
Rev. Rae

**DOOR MONITORS**

**Can you help us on Sunday mornings in March** serving as a door monitor at the double door entrance? Guidelines for door monitors are posted above the signup sheet on the mid-level bulletin board for both the 9 & 10:30 service. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Vescovi at [RVesco2010@comcast.net](mailto:RVesco2010@comcast.net) or 401.583.7840. Thanks!



### TEENS- this message is for you!

The Teen Mission Trip needs you!! The trip is scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. If you will be entering grades 6 -12 in the fall of 2022 you are able to attend. If we don't have at least 5 signed up by March 1, 2022, we will need to cancel it! Please stop by Dudek Hall after any service to ask questions or gather more information. You may also call/text or email me!

The Good Friday Children's event is BACK IN PERSON! On April 15 we will need volunteers to lead the different stations, serve lunch, set up/tear down, etc... Please let me know if you are able to help with this fun learning event. 6th graders and up can be helpers, as well as, moms, dads, grandparents, & church members. What a great day to bring the entire church together to celebrate Jesus!!! Contact me by the end of February, or I may just find you!

Love and Blessings always,

Lisa Van Alst

### CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

The Annual Report for 2021 is available to pick up. Read what your church has accomplished this past year!

If you would like the annual report mailed to you please call the office (860-887-4647).

**The office is CLOSED Monday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>.**

### 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](http://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!

### SCHOLARSHIP MONTH

In 1992, February was established as Scholarship month, in order to give church-goers the opportunity to contribute to the Helen Benjamin Scholarship Fund. Helen worked in the Preston School system for many years and was dedicated to the education of our youth. Upon her passing, the family established the fund in her memory, in order to provide assistance for young people seeking to further their education. When her husband died in 2015, the fund was renamed as the Winthrop C. and Helen Benjamin Scholarship Fund. Through the years, many of our young people have benefited from this fund, thanks in part to your giving.



We are offering the opportunity to members and friends of the church to consider giving a monetary gift to the scholarship fund. You may give your gift in memory of or in honor of someone. A listing of donors (no amounts) will be printed in the worship folder on Scholarship Sunday, which is usually in June. You may place your donation in an envelope marked *Scholarship Fund* and place it in the offering plate, or mail it to the church. Checks should be made out to PCCC with *Scholarship Fund* on the memo line. Donations are accepted through the end of May.

Together we can show our young people how much we care about them and their goals. Please give if you are able.

### BIBLE STUDY



#### Thursday Morning Bible Study Group meets at 10am

with a guided study on the life of Queen Esther by Max Lucado entitled "You Were Made for this Moment." Come participate in a study that inspires us to step up and stand out for God! We also ask those attending the study in Hall's Hall to wear a mask at the current time.

For more information or a copy of the study guide please contact Rev. Rae by phone (860-887-4647) or via email ([rae.e.perteet@gmail.com](mailto:rae.e.perteet@gmail.com)).

**The Tuesday Night Bible Study Group** is meeting at 7pm. We will be studying the book of James using Max Lucado's "*Life Lessons from James*" Study Guide. The class will be in-person and on Zoom. We ask those in attendance in Hall's Hall to be masked regardless of their vaccination status due to the close proximity of the tables and the rise in the recent Covid numbers. We are socially distanced and take precautions before and after class to sanitize the tables. To join on Zoom, please follow the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9038488535?pwd=SHFJbVVZS2JWOGVGaUMxTllmWXdkdz09>

For more information or a copy of the lesson, please contact Scott Van Alst by phone (860-237-7964) or by email ([scottv916@gmail.com](mailto:scottv916@gmail.com)).



### ADULT CHOIR

We have resumed practice on Thursday evenings at 7P in Hall's Hall. New voices are always welcome and experience is not necessary. -Marie Quinn

### JOIN US FOR YOUTH SUNDAY FEB 20<sup>th</sup>

Members of the 2022 Confirmation class will be participating in the 10:30A service. These young people will be joining the church through the Rite of Confirmation on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30A service.

**THE SUPPER COMMITTEE** is looking ahead and planning their dinners for 2022. Their first take-out dinner will be April 30<sup>th</sup> and they will be serving meatloaf. It has been several years since they have been able to offer this favorite!



### LENT

The holy season of Lent begins March 2<sup>nd</sup>, **ASH WEDNESDAY**. This solemn day is observed with a prayer vigil in the Sanctuary from noon to 6 P.M.



During this time, volunteers are asked to pray for others, for 15 minutes. We will supply the prayer list. If you would like to participate in the Vigil, please select a time to pray from the sign-up sheet posted on the mid-level bulletin board or call the office.

At 7 P.M. that evening, an Ash Wednesday service will be held in the Sanctuary.

### 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. Warm items are much needed and greatly appreciated.



### LAST WORD

*"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these."* -George Washington

### 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) or 860 889-0768.



**Presidents Day**, officially **Washington's Birthday**, is a holiday in the United States celebrated on the third Monday of February to honor all persons who served in the office of president of the United States.

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

*"As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master."* -Abraham Lincoln

Michael Barrett shares this quote from Lincoln to remind us to not allow our values or careers to become our master, making us slaves to ourselves.

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