

**Preston City  
Congregational Church**



**Week of February 27, 2022 -  
March 6, 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: 43; 1 country;  
10 states; 26 cities. Archived viewing:  
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Mar 6** Communion Sunday  
**Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7P**  
**AA** Wed. 7:30P Dudek Hall  
**Thursday Bible Study 10A**  
**Adult Choir Practice** Thursday 7P

**Confirmation** March 13 10:30A

**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.

**COFFEE HOUR and  
FELLOWSHIP** will resume March  
6 following services.

**Pastor's Corner**

**The Dream Remains Alive**

Behold the dreamer, not only lives but thrives. This month as we continue Joseph's story, it reminds us to pursue with reckless abandon our own dreams. This week, please know that whatever God has for you, is for you, no matter the length of the journey; from here to there know that God wants to be actively on the journey with you, every step of the way. My prayer for you today is that as you continue this journey of faith, that Joseph's tangled journey to the Palace will help you to see that it remains true, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

"No matter how big or small the obstacles we face in our spiritual journey, as long as we keep our eyes on the Lord, we will reach our destiny that God has prepared for us beforehand to fulfill in this life, and hence inherit a mighty reward for it in the life to come. Keep your eyes in between the start and end of your faith on God because He is the one who actually starts as the author and also ends as the finisher of your faith, He is able to keep you safe from the drowning of worry and unbelief by His supernatural power to stay afloat to reach your heavenly destination!" —Abraham Israel

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See You on 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 sign-up 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!

**NEW MEMBERS**

Palm Sunday is one of the two Sundays we traditionally welcome new members into our church. This year Palm Sunday is April 10, 2022. Please call the office if you are considering becoming an "official" member, with voting rights and the ability to serve as a church officer or chair committees. If you have questions please call the minister (860 887-4647).

**GIVING AND TITHES**

We continue to be blessed and inspired by those who are giving their pledge/offering to the church each week. Whether in-person, online, or in the mail, your support is needed and appreciated! Your faithful financial assistance keeps us on solid ground and moving forward. Be assured, if you give online, your contribution will be credited to your pledge. Thank you for remembering your church during this challenging time! Have questions about online giving? Contact Bob Vescovi: [RVesco2010@comcast.net](mailto:RVesco2010@comcast.net) or (401) 583.7840.



The journey of Lent has begun! The children will be learning about this special church season. If you need any help or resources to guide your family while at home, don't hesitate to ask. That is part of what the DRE does!

Here are some save the date calendar events that are right around the corner!!!!

**Good Friday Event: April 15th** K-5th graders are welcome to meet me in Halls' Hall @ 11:30A.M. We will attend the service upstairs together. After the service, we will return to Halls' Hall for lunch and activities related to Holy Week and Easter! Preschool age children are welcome with a grown-up to help guide them around.

**Children's Day: Sunday, May 15th, @ 10:30**

**A.M.** We are back on for this great event of celebrating our children and all their great accomplishments! We are even planning on hosting a BBQ with hotdogs and hamburgers! So, mark your calendars!!!

As you are aware, it takes a village and all this fun and excitement needs your help. Contact me, Lisa, to find out where you can make a difference.

Love and Blessings Always.....

Lisa Van Alst

**CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES**

**The Annual Report for 2021** is available to pick up. If you would like the annual report mailed to you please call the office (860-887-4647).

**Coffee Hour** will resume March 6 following services.

**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!



**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY  
March 13th**

Join us as three young men become the newest members of our church through the Rite of Confirmation at the 10:30A service.

**ADULT CHOIR**

Choir Rehearsal on Thursday evenings at 7pm. New voices are always welcome and experience is not necessary. Please join us as we are preparing for Lent and Easter. -Marie Quinn



**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 Halls' 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)). Copies of the study guide are \$14.00.



**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 Halls' 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=SHFJbVVZS2lWOGVGaUMxTllmWXdkdz09>

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)).

**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!



**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 still needed and greatly appreciated.

**DO YOU NEED A HELPING HAND?  
ARE YOU ABLE TO LEND A HELPING HAND?**

There are times when you may need a little help, be it mowing lawns, raking leaves, shopping for groceries, getting a ride to an appointment, etc.

Just call the office and we will get the need published right here in the *Little Pilgrim* for helpers to see! When a helper responds to a request to the office, you will be contacted.



Examples of requests:

Needed: Ride to doctor in Norwichtown – monthly

Needed: Lawn mowing – as needed

Needed: Rake leaves – one time

Needed: Ride to Backus Hospital for testing – weekly

Needed: Groceries – biweekly

Needed: Ride to ophthalmologist – one time only

We know there are many who would like to help and this ministry gives a chance to do so.

Some requests could be a great opportunity for students who need community service hours!

Please plan at least two weeks ahead; requests need to be made to the church office by noon on Tuesday. The *Little Pilgrim* comes out on Friday afternoon.

Check the *Little Pilgrim* each week to see where you can use your time and talent “to lend a helping hand” and let the office know (860-887-4647) when you are able to help with a request.

**St. James Episcopal Church  
Presents their 57th Annual  
Fish Fry**

**Pricing**  
\$15.00 per dinner  
Cash Only

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Pick Up!

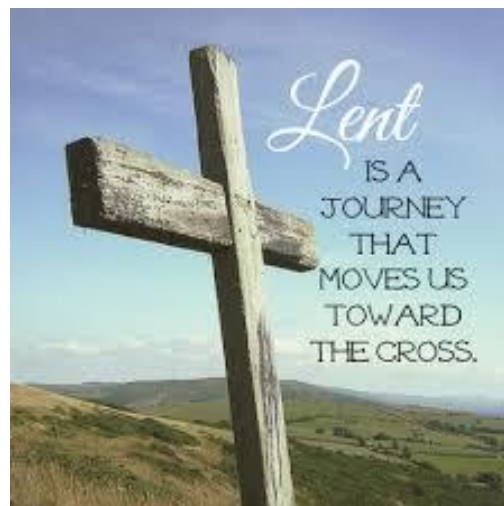
**This is a Drive Thru Take Out Only Event**  
**Your choice of Baked or Fried fish**  
**All dinners include French Fries, Coleslaw & Dessert!**

Call in phone orders starting at 1:00 pm or order in person starting at 4:00 pm.  
Phone order and in person pick ups from 4:00 to 6:30 pm or until sold out.

- ◊ Friday, March 04
- ◊ Friday, March 11
- ◊ Friday, March 18
- ◊ Friday, March 25
- ◊ Friday, April 01
- ◊ Friday, April 08

To place your order Please Call: 860-889-0150  
95 Route 2A, Preston, CT  
(To pick up orders, please enter from Route 2A exit onto Route 117)

**LAST WORD**



**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.