

Preston City Congregational Church



**Week of March 6, 2022 -
March 13, 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 last week: 40; 1 country;
13 states; 28 cities. Archived viewing:
17

UPCOMING EVENTS

Confirmation March 13 10:30A

Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7P

Standing Committee Mar 16 7P

AA Wed. 7:30P Dudek Hall

Thursday Bible Study 10A

Adult Choir Practice Thursday 7P

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.

**COFFEE HOUR and
FELLOWSHIP** follows Sunday
services.

Pastor's Corner

It's almost here; with the change in the weather, we soon anticipate the budding of new blossoms and look forward to hearing the birds chirp again. Spring is a time for nature's renewal and perhaps our own as well. As we look forward to new life and fellowship once more, I invite you to consider ways that we can allow our spirits to also sing new songs of God's abundant life and renewal as you consider the following meditation from Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman entitled "I Will Sing A New Song."

"The old song of my spirit has wearied itself out. It has long ago been learned by heart so that now it repeats itself over and over, bringing no added joy to my days or lift to my spirit. It is a good song, measured to a rhythm to which I am bound by ties of habit and timidity of mind. The words belong to old experiences which once sprang fresh as water from a mountain crevice fed by melting snows. But my life has passed beyond to other levels where the old song is meaningless. I demand of the old song that it meet the need of present urgencies. Also, I know that the work of the old song, perfect in its place, is not for the new demand! I will sing a new song. As difficult as it is, I must learn the new song that is capable of meeting the new need. I must fashion new words born of all the new growth of my life, my mind and my spirit. I must prepare for new melodies that have never been mine before, that all that is within me may lift my voice unto God. How I love the old familiarity of the wearied melody—how I shrink from the harsh discords of the new untried harmonies. Teach me, my Father, that I might learn with the abandonment and enthusiasm of Jesus, the fresh and new accent, the untried melody, to meet the need of the untried morrow. Thus, I may rejoice with each new day and delight my spirit in each fresh unfolding. I will sing, this day, a new song until Thee, O God."

See You on Sunday,
Rev Rae

DOOR MONITORS

Can you help us on Sunday mornings in March and April 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 or 401.583.7840.

MISSIONS NEWS

The bulletin board in the mid-level hallway has been updated with information on the outside missions our church supports. Check it out to see who your donations benefit.

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).



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



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
BEGINS AT 2AM
ON
MARCH 13TH
REMEMBER TO SET
YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD
ONE HOUR**

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). 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=SHFJbVVZS2JWOGVGaUMxTlImWXdkdz09>

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).

THE SUPPER COMMITTEE is looking ahead and planning their dinners for 2022. Their first take-out dinner will be April 30th and they will be serving meatloaf.



It has been several years since they have been able to offer this favorite! Menu to be announced soon!

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

We have received word that **Hayden Bustamante** will be graduating from basic training March 18th and will be heading to Virginia Beach for music training for the Army military band. I was excited to hear this news and am passing it along to you!

Sandy Dudek

Hunter Bustamante is doing well at Disney World and we can write to him at:

11535 Rock Pigeon Loop
Apt. #36409 Mailbox #1284
Winter Garden, FL 34787

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.

**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.

THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

Hmmm, I found a strange piece of plastic on the floor that looks like it broke off of something, but I have no idea what. Better save it in the junk drawer until I die.

FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS

Residential households in the U.S. are eligible for #2 orders of #4 free at-home tests on USPS.com. Here’s what you need to know about your order:

- Limit of #2 orders per residential address
- Each order includes #4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Orders will ship free as tests are received from manufacturers
- The tests may be ordered online at: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

Need help placing an order for your at-home tests?

Call [1-800-232-0233](tel:1-800-232-0233) (TTY [1-888-720-7489](tel:1-888-720-7489)).

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

Pricing
\$15.00 per dinner
Cash Only

**Curb side
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

