

**Preston City  
Congregational Church**



**Week of July 17, 2022  
July 24, 2022**

Church Office Hours:  
Monday – Friday, 9AM – Noon

**Have a question?  
Need help?**

Please call: The Office  
860.887.4647 or 860.886.7200

**MINISTER**

REVEREND RAEFIELD PERTEET  
Cell/Text: 1-617-866-3524

*"Where the door is always open"*

Call the office to schedule an  
appointment

**WORSHIP AND WEB STREAM  
INFORMATION**

Summer Worship service at 9:30AM.

For those who are unable to attend in-person, the 9:30AM 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: 27; 1 country; 11 states; 20 cities.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022**

The Standing Committee has determined that wearing masks is optional.

**MAY 22 – SEPTEMBER 4**



**Join us for  
LEMONADE ON  
THE LAWN  
following our  
Sunday service.**

**FROM THE MINISTER...**

**A PROCESS FOR THE PROMISE!**

Philippians 1:8

*Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.*

Each of us must learn to walk into the destiny God has planned for us. This is a process. The first step is to get a vision, a clear picture from God that you can see. The next step is to trust Him – to believe in faith that it will happen. And then finally, you take a step of faith and live out what God has promised no matter what your circumstances or people around you have to say.

We see in scripture that great men and women of the Bible also walked through this process. They had to overcome doubts; they struggled on their journey, but they held fast to what God said knowing that He is faithful to complete what He started in us!

There are times we have a difficulty believing that what God has promised will come to pass. Please understand that you are in a process. Don't empower doubt or fear with your words. Instead, keep declaring that He who promised is faithful!

Keep the vision in front of you knowing that it is for an appointed time. When you learn to dream it, then believe it and it won't be long until you are living the blessed life God has prepared for you!

Remaining In the Light,

Rev. Rae

**We welcome Robin Lyon as our guest organist again on July 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...**

"Since the world is round,  
There is no way to walk away  
From each other, for even then  
We are coming back together."

**Amanda Gorman**

**Call Us What We Carry**

## VBS HAY DAY UPDATE

I am excited to let you know that you can all take a peek at the fun we had at Vacation Bible School Hay Day! Go to Preston City's Website and click on the link to see our video! ( or click this link: [VBS 2022](#)) Enjoy watching! I know it will move you like it did me. It also reminded me of Jesus' words.....

### Matthew 19:13–14 — New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>13</sup> One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them.

But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him.

<sup>14</sup> But Jesus said,

**"Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children."**

Love & Blessings always,

Lisa Van Alst

## SPECIAL MUSIC

If you have a talent that you would like to share at our morning services, please sign your name and phone number on the bulletin board located in front of Dudek Hall or call the church office (860 887-4647).



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to the Migliaccio family on  
the fifty-year anniversary of  
Hidden Acres Family  
Campground!

## CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES



The office has been made aware that some people in our congregation have received requests in the name of Rev. Rae asking for gift cards.

**Please do not respond!**

If you receive such a request let the office know. Please know that we would never send a text or message in that regard. You may wish to block those phone numbers and, of course, beware of all scammers!

**The family of Charles Abrahamson** has asked us to announce that there will be a graveside service on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Preston City Cemetery at 11:00 AM if you would like to attend. A reception will immediately follow at the VFW in Preston.

## BAPTISM

On July 17, 2022 we welcomed into the Household of Christian Faith through the sacrament of Baptism, Meerah Ann Gholap, the daughter of Kimberly & Rohit Gholap. We ask God's blessing on this little one. Proud grandparents are Laurie Bowers and Claude Flory.



## OUR TWO-CAN FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN

after our service on Sunday, July 24 for our church family and friends.

**THE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** wish to thank the children and families of VBS 2022 for their generous donations of food items. They filled **TWO wheelbarrows** with donations! So many will benefit from your kindness.

**The Pantry has also received a donation from Wicked Tulips Plant Farm**, our neighbors just down the road. We thank them for thinking of us and their generosity.

## BINGO at Strawberry Park

**Thank you** to those who sign up to assist and continue to make this a successful mission for our church which helps to supplement our church budget.



We are one of the non-profit organizations that assist at the games selling cards and receive funds which are used to offset our budget. Please sign-up if you are able to help; we need three workers to sell cards at each session. Sign-up to help on the Bingo calendars posted on the mid-level bulletin board just outside Dudek (Sunday School) Hall. Lee Ann Fessenden, Lisa Fessenden, Shirley Hodgkinson and Sue Riley are the co-chairmen this session.



**SPACES ARE FILLING UP, BUT WE STILL NEED A FEW MORE WORKERS. Are you available? We have a 12-day session coming up, July 30-August 10, and we need workers to sell cards.** Sign-up on the calendar on the bulletin board at church or contact one of the chairpersons.

Do you have a Personal Identification Number (PIN) necessary to help? The office has the information and forms available to get you started if you don't! You must be a church member to receive a PIN.

## MEMORIAL BRICK GARDEN

We are again offering the opportunity for you to purchase a brick to be placed in our Memorial Garden in the lower parking lot beside the walkway. You can purchase a brick in honor of, in celebration of, or in memory of someone. A 4"x 8" brick costs \$75, and can have up to engraving and up to 18 characters per line. 8"x 8" brick costs \$125, can have up to six lines of engraving and up to 18 characters per line. Order forms can be found on the table in the mid-level hallway and on the following page. Speak with Joy or Rich Chalifoux if you have any questions.



**Orders will be received through the end of July. Only TWO WEEKS left to place your order.**

## YOUR TURN

Do you have a *brief* and encouraging message to share with your church family? Send it to the office or: [Susan.brosnan@gmail.com](mailto:Susan.brosnan@gmail.com) and you may see your message in next week's *Little Pilgrim*.

## 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.

## LAST WORD



Preston City Congregational Church

Preston City Congregational Church has created a memorial brick garden where everyone who visits the church can see the names of people who have meant so much to us over the years.

It is a chance to honor our loved ones in a lasting place.

Preston City Congregational Church has been an anchor in Preston for over 323 years and now you have an opportunity to have someone special to you memorialized alongside others so everyone who visits the church will see the impact a garden like this can have.

Questions, Call Joy Chalifoux at 860-234-1011

Yes, we would like to reserve a permanent brick. Please engrave our brick as follows:

ANY SYMBOL IS CONSIDERED ONE SPACE (PERIOD, COMMA, DASH)

ALL TEXT IS CENTERED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

4X8 Brick is 3 lines 18 characters \$75.00

8X8 Brick is 6 lines 18 characters \$125.00.

4 x 8 Brick


8 x 8 Brick


EXAMPLE

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

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321 Route 164  
Preston Ct. 06365  
860-887-4647

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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