

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



**August 28, 2022 -
September 11, 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. and
click the stream button. Previous
services may be viewed using the
archive system on the site.

Live viewings last week: 22; 1 country;
9 states; 17 cities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Group 9/03 10A

OFFICE CLOSED Monday 9/05

Sept 11 Return of 2 services, Sunday
School, Choir & Coffee Hour

AA Wed. 7:30P Dudek Hall

COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022

The Standing Committee has
determined that wearing masks is
optional.



SEPTEMBER 4

**Join us for our last
LEMONADE ON THE
LAWN of the season**

FROM THE MINISTER...

"We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves." 2 Cor 4:7

You have been gifted. Yes, naturally, you have been gifted. However, if you are also a believer, then spiritually, the same light of encouragement, hope, and love that emanates from our heavenly Father in measure dwells within you, too. God wants that light of healing and hope to shine through your words of affirmation, gestures of kindness, and reminders of hope. The apostle Paul plainly describes the problem in 2 Corinthians: "we now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure..."

Paul reminds us that this powerful gift, the treasure of God's transformative light, lives in us, but is housed in earthen vessels. Therefore, there are numerous opportunities we experience on a daily basis. As believers, we must not obscure the message of God's light and hope, as that message must shine through our flawed and marred human state before being seen by others.

How, then, are we to live our daily lives in an intentional way that does not hinder God's light from being clearly seen through our lives and actions?

This is just the type of question our upcoming bible studies will ask and answer. You are invited to join one of three upcoming studies starting up in September. However, for this week, I pray that you will allow God's light to shine through you mightily.

Grace & Peace,
Rev. Rae

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING CALL & AGENDA

September 18, 2022

11:30A

The September Semi-Annual Meeting of the Preston City Congregational Church will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 11:30A for the following actions:

1. To hear the reports of Officers, Boards, Committees, and other church organizations
2. To transact any other business that may be brought before the congregation

Susan P. Brosnan

Clerk



SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It's time to POP back into church and Sunday School on Sunday, September 11 at 8:45A!
Registration forms are available by contacting the DRE and may be returned/completed on opening day.

(860) 710-1262 or dre.prestoncity@gmail.com

Lisa Van Alst DRE

Our Christmas Pageant will be presented on Sunday, December 11 at 2P.
Pageant practice rehearsals will be on Wednesdays at 5:30P and begin on October 12. Wendy Abrahamson is our director and the name of the pageant is **WOW!!**

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

Congratulations to Lisa Abel, daughter of John & Pat Marino, who has been chosen as Simsbury Teacher of the Year. Your church family celebrates this honor with you!

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY starts September 12th at 10A. Questions? Contact Chris Burden

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY starts September 20 at 7P. More information coming soon. Scott Van Alst

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY starts September 28 at 11A. Rev. Rae will lead the video/reading discussion.

ODE TO A WONDERFUL LADY

That lady would be Clara Louise Hopkins

She has passed from our sight
but never from our hearts.
She left the world so much better
for having been here.
She left many of us with a debt of gratitude
we can never repay.
She graced us with her beautiful family
that continues through the generations.
So rest gently, now, my dear friend,
and without a shadow of a doubt,
is in receipt of heaven's reward.

Sincerely, Sandy Dudek

Our **FALL YARD SALE** is planned for **Oct 1st**.
Start sorting through those basements and attics!
Donations are only accepted four weeks prior to the sale.
Donations will be accepted starting Friday, September 2nd.
Check with Stella Dawley to make arrangements for drop-off.
PLEASE REMEMBER: NO clothing, tires, computers, air conditioners, or televisions

THE CLOTHING SHED is always open for donations.
We can accept used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals.
There will soon be a need for warm clothing. Keep this mission in mind when clearing out your closets!

THE FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (FPU) program will be offered again next month, **starting Monday, September 26th**, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Hall's Hall. The nine-week course will be led by Bob Vescovi and be held each Monday evening. FPU includes a weekly video and group discussion addressing a variety of topics related to personal and family money management. Topics include budgeting, paying down debt, insurance, investing, real estate, college planning and retirement, among others. One scholarship is being offered should someone like to attend but has limited funds available; please speak with the minister. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for anyone interested in attending or obtaining more information.



MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will next meet on Saturday, September 3rd at 10 am and will continue to meet the first Saturday of every month through June of next year. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. Always looking for volunteers to share a 15-to-20-minute devotional each month. Look forward to seeing you all in the fall.
Tim Bowles 860-705-5613

BINGO at Strawberry Park

Are you able to help?



Upcoming sessions are **September 3 and Sunday, September 4, both at 2P and most weekends through October.**

\$5000 was given towards the church budget thanks to our bingo workers!

THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

Today, take a few minutes to sit, reflect, and just be grateful for all that you have in life.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Men's Group → September 3 – 10A
Office Closed → September 5
Choir Rehearsal → September 8 - 7P
Return to two services → September 11 - 9A & 10:30A
Sunday School starts → September 11 – 8:45A
Coffee Hour → September 11 - following services
Monday Morning Bible Study → September 12 – 10A
Fall Semi-Annual Meeting → September 18 – 11:30A
Tuesday Evening Bible Study → September 20 – 7P
Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic → September 25 – 9A-1P
Financial Peace University → September 26 – 6:30P
Wednesday Morning Bible Study → September 28 – 11A

LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR

Starting in September, the Little Pilgrim will come out twice a month, on the first and third weekends. Please send information to be included in the September 16 newsletter no later than Tuesday, September 13 at noon to Susan.brosnan@gmail.com or 860-889-0768.



Are you a Team Player?
Do you like to sing but only with a group?
Would you like to socialize with individuals of the same interest?
Then, the choir is for you.

Come and join our rehearsal on Thursday, September 8th at 7:00pm in Hall's Hall.

Remember, when you sing, you are "singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart" - Ephesians 5:19.

The church office is closed September 5th.



LABOR DAY

Have a safe holiday!

LAST WORD

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(See Genesis 6-8)

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**YOU'VE DONE WELL PREPARING THE ARK,
BUT FORTY DAYS IS A LONG TIME SO TAKE
THIS DUCT TAPE JUST IN CASE**



Free COVID- 19 Vaccination Clinic
Ages 6 mos. & up
1st dose, 2nd dose, & Boosters
Preston City Congregational Church
Sunday, September 25th
9:00a-1:00p
321 Route 164-Preston
UNDER THE PAVILLION
ALL BRANDS

WALK-INS WELCOME, NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

Please bring a health insurance card and photo ID if you have them, but it is **not necessary** to have health insurance or ID to receive the vaccine. No one will be turned away for lack of insurance or ID .

