

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



The Little Pilgrim

**November 13, 2022 –
November 27, 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

MINISTER of VISITATION

REVEREND STAN WHITE

860-303-9622

**WORSHIP AND WEB STREAM
INFORMATION**

Worship services at 9A & 10:30A
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 :

11/06 - 58; 2 countries; 19 states;
42 cities

11/13 – 45 ; 3 countries; 16 states;
34 cities

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study M 10A

Financial Peace M 6:30P

Bible Study Tu 7P

Pageant Practice W 5:30P

AA Wed 7:30P Dudek Hall

Choir Thu 7P

NEXT LITTLE PILGRIM Dec 2

COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022

The Standing Committee has
determined that wearing masks is
optional.



**Join us after
Sunday
services**

Coffee Fellowship

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

OFFICE CLOSED
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24 and FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

NEW MEMBERS will be welcomed into the church on November 20th
Thanksgiving Sunday, at both services of worship.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY continues at 10A. We will be
viewing/discussing season 2 of the series, **The Chosen**. Questions? Contact
Chris Burden

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY is using "Galatians, A 12-Week Study" by
Geoff Ziegler as our study guide. The book can be found on Amazon or
Christianbooks.com for under \$10.

The class will also be available on Zoom by contacting Pastor Scott VanAlst at
860-237-7964 or scottv916@gmail.com.

REV. STANLEY WHITE has returned as Minister of Visitation. If you
need to speak to Rev. Stan you may call him on his phone at 860.303.9622.
You may also call the church office to make an appointment with him.

THE SECRET SANTA PROGRAM will be available this year. Please call the
church office if you could use a helping hand at Christmas. All requests will
be kept confidential. If you would like to be a Secret Santa, please call the
office and I'll take your name and be in touch with you if help is needed. It
is often adults that could use a gift. Requests for children's gifts have been
minimal in the past years.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

TUNE IN to Television Channel 3 (WFSB) or you may check Facebook, our
website prestoncitycongregational.org or call the office. A message will be
announced on the answering machine. When Sunday School is cancelled,
church is NOT CANCELLED unless specifically announced. We have been
assured that when we post on Channel 3, they notify all the local radio stations.

NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Members and friends of our church will soon be receiving a mailing with
pledge cards and letters to explain the proposed 2023 budget that will be
decided at the annual meeting in February 2023.

DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR STEWARDSHIP MAILING? Letters were

mailed out this week; if you did not receive one, we
do not have a current address. If you need a letter,
they can be found on the table in the mid-level
hallway where we enter, or you may call the church
office (860 887-4647) to have one sent out.

How can you support the church?

Consider your time, talents, and treasure; these are
the gifts you can share with your church. These
contributions are what will determine the success

and future of our church.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21



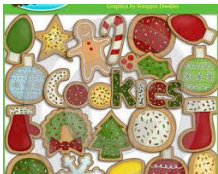


We need your help. The Sunday School is hosting a **Basket Drawing** as a fundraiser on December 11th!. All monies raised helps us cover the cost of VBS, Fun Events, Curriculum, etc.... All you creative people out there now is your chance to **wow** us with some themed baskets! If you are interested in donating a basket or prize of some kind, please sign up on the sheet outside Dudek Hall.

All baskets & prizes are due by Sunday November 27th. Tickets will be available starting December 4th - Dec. 11th after Sunday services. Watch Facebook for more information and to see the baskets.

Our Christmas Pageant will be presented on Sunday, December 11 at 2P. Pageant rehearsals are Wednesdays at 5:30P. Wendy Abrahamson is our director.

Operation Christmas Child was a success. Over 70 shoeboxes were filled! Thank you for bringing Christmas joy into the lives of children around the world.



THE JEAN MILLER MEMORIAL COOKIE SALE will be held on December 17, 2022. Thank you to all who signed up to bake!

SUPPER COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER

RADA CUTLERY SALE - Orders will be taken Sundays following services in November with a delivery date of December 17, or you may place an online order and have your items shipped directly to you. Use this link to view the catalog or place an online order:
[Rada Cutlery](#)

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS



We will be placing memorial Poinsettias on the altar on Christmas Sunday, December 18. Is there someone you would like to remember this holiday season? The cost of the poinsettias and order dates will be announced in our next issue.

Payment must be received by Sunday, December 11 so we can give a count to the greenhouse.

LOOKING AHEAD

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals Wednesdays at 5:30P
Rada Cutlery Sale → November 6 – November 27
New Members join Thanksgiving Sunday→ November 20
Christmas Pageant → December 11
Jean Miller Memorial Cookie Sale → December 17
Rada Cutlery pickup → December 17
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service → 8P
Christmas Day Sunday December 25 →10:30A
New Year's Day Sunday Communion → 10:30A



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 Thursdays 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.



to all who donated toiletries for the clients of St. Vincent de Paul Place. They were much appreciated.

THE CLOTHING SHED is always open for

donations. We can accept all used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals. Keep this mission in mind when clearing out your closets!



A COAT DRIVE is being held from November 13th - December 11th. Boots, hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves are also needed.

The items can be left in or on the Elizabeth Allyn box located to the right of the table in the mid-level hallway. Thank you for helping with this mission.

The next MEN'S GROUP meeting will be Saturday, December 3rd from 10A to 11:15A in the meeting room on the main floor.



MEN'S GROUP

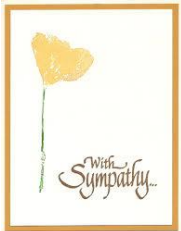
THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

There is always, always, always something to be grateful for.

NOTE FROM THE CHURCH CLERK

The Bylaw Committee will be meeting soon to review our church bylaws. Church members are welcome to submit any proposed bylaw change, consideration, or amendment, **stated in writing**, to a committee member. You may also mail it to the church office (ATTN: Clerk), or email it to Clerk@prestoncitycongregational.org by November 30th. Any changes agreed upon by the committee will be presented to the Standing Committee for preliminary review, comments, and suggestions, before presentation to the membership for final approval at the Annual Meeting in February 2023.
Susan Brosnan, Clerk

THE FALL CLEANUP is scheduled for Saturday, November 19th at 9:00A. Please bring your rake.



We expressed our condolences to the family of Mary Alice Allyn. Her service was held Thursday, November 17, 2022.

LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR

The Little Pilgrim comes out twice a month, on the first and third weekends. Please send information to be included in the December 2nd newsletter no later than Tuesday, November 30th at noon to Susan.brosnan@gmail.com or 860-889-0768



When Mrs. Klein told her first graders to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful, she thought how little these children, who lived in a deteriorating neighborhood, actually had to be thankful for. She knew that most of the class would draw pictures of turkeys or of bountifully laden Thanksgiving tables. That was what they believed was expected of them.

What took Mrs. Klein aback was Douglas' picture. Douglas was so forlorn and likely to be found close in her shadow as they went outside for recess. Douglas' drawing was simply this: A hand, obviously, but whose hand? The class was captivated by his image. "I think it must be the hand of God that brings us food," said one student. "A farmer," said another, "because they grow the turkeys." "It looks more like a policeman, and they protect us." "I think," said Lavinia, who was always so serious, "that it is supposed to be all the hands that help us, but Douglas could only draw one of them."

Mrs. Klein had almost forgotten Douglas in her pleasure at finding the class so responsive. When she had the others at work on another project, she bent over his desk and asked whose hand it was.

Douglas mumbled, "It's yours, Teacher."

Then Mrs. Klein recalled that she had taken Douglas by the hand from time to time; she often did that with the children. But that it should have meant so much to Douglas ...

Perhaps, she reflected, this was her Thanksgiving, and everybody's Thanksgiving—not the material things given unto us, but the small ways that we give something to others.

FINAL THOUGHT



Luke 11:1-4