

Preston City Congregational Church



The Little Pilgrim

**December 4, 2022 –
December 18, 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 :

11/20 - 38; 2 countries; 12 states;
29 cities

11/27 – 56; 1 country; 14 states;
37 cities

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 16

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

NEW MEMBERS were welcomed into the church on November 20th
Thanksgiving Sunday. Our new members are: Jeffery Gates; Abigail Kubiak;
Timothy Kubiak; Ryan Sullivan; Craig Young; Donna Young.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will be taking a holiday break and
resuming in the new year. We will then be studying the Christian Church of
Colossae in "Christ above All" written by David Jeremiah.

I will be ordering books if you are interested at \$15. Please contact Chris
Burden if you plan to attend or for any questions.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY continues through December 20th.
The class will also be available on Zoom by contacting Pastor Scott VanAlst at
860-237-7964 or scottv916@gmail.com.

THE SECRET SANTA PROGRAM will be available this year. Please call the
church office by December 11th 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.



THE DECEMBER SENIOR LUNCH is scheduled for
December 13th at noon for those who are 62 years and
older and regularly attend our church. Join us for soups,
sandwiches, and homemade desserts. We are limited to 60
attendees, but names will be taken for a waiting list. There
is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or you may call the
church office.

THE MEMORY TREE is up and waiting for ornaments!

Is there someone you would like to remember this
Christmas? Ornaments may be hung on the tree (remember
to add your last name on the back!) and then fill out the
memorial form for names to be added to the list in the
church bulletin. Ornaments may be taken on December 25th.



OUR BELL CHOIR will be performing
Sunday, December 18th.

Join us for this special presentation on Christmas Sunday.



The Sunday School **Basket Drawing** is December 11th!. All monies raised helps us cover the cost of VBS, Fun Events, Curriculum, etc.... Tickets will be available 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.

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 is \$12 and orders must be received by December 7 so a count may be given to the greenhouse.



LOOKING AHEAD

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals Wednesdays at 5:30P
 Christmas Pageant → December 11
 Jean Miller Memorial Cookie Sale → December 17 - 9A-2P
 Rada Cutlery pickup → December 17
 Christmas Eve Children & Families Service → 4P
 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

THE JEAN MILLER MEMORIAL COOKIE SALE will be held on December 17, from 9A-2P. December 4th containers will be available for our bakers to fill. Cookies may be dropped off at the church on Friday, December 16th from 9AM-Noon and then between 3PM to 7PM.



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!

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 16th newsletter no later than Tuesday, December 13th.



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

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 SCARECROW FESTIVAL is returning

on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 10A – 4P. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for coordinators and volunteers. Thank you Shari Purcell for coming forward to lead this great church and community event!

THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...
Be the reason someone feels welcome, seen, heard, valued, loved, and supported.

CHURCH MEMBERS will vote December 11, 2022 at the **end** of the 9AM service and the **beginning** of the 10:30AM service to disburse mission funds to the following local and overseas programs:

Missions Committee Recommendations For 2022 Giving		
National Association – Missions fund	\$750 (3 @\$250)	
<i>Word Alive Missions (Rev. Charles Nyane)</i>	\$250	<i>Western Ghana/ Ivory Coast based Mission</i>
<i>Piedmont College</i>	\$250	<i>Congregational College</i>
<i>Olivet College</i>	\$250	<i>Congregational College</i>
NACCC Hurting Churches Fund	\$250	Builds new Churches and helps Churches in need
Congregational Library	\$300	Congregational Library in Boston
Gideons International	\$250	Bible Distribution
Missionary Flights International	\$250	Missions Air Support
Heifer Project International	\$250	Income-Producing Animals
American Red Cross Disaster Relief	\$300	Relief to Disaster Victims / Connecticut Chapter
Salvation Army	\$350	Norwich Chapter / Charity
Madonna Place	\$400	Supports Local Families
St. Vincent de Paul	\$400	Soup Kitchen
Safe Futures	\$400	Transitional Housing and Assistance for Domestic Violence
Martin House	\$400	Housing for homeless with addiction or mental health problems
Bags of Hope NE	\$400	Provides personalized duffel bags to children in foster care
Pastor's Discretionary Outreach	\$800	One Time Financial Help
Senior Luncheon	\$300	Luncheon / Church Seniors
Sunday School Curriculum	\$350	Sunday School Curriculum
Total		
	\$6,150	
The Missions Committee would like to thank the Congregation for your generosity; your support made this possible.		



A time of anticipation and preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ.