

Preston City Congregational Church



December 25, 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 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 :

12/18 - 56; 1 country; 17 states;
45 cities

12/24 – 45; 1 country; 12 states; 30
cities

12/25 – 23; 1 country; 9 states;
18 cities

UPCOMING EVENTS

AA Wed 7:30P Dudek Hall

Choir Thu 7P

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 1/01

OFFICE CLOSED 1/02 & 1/16

NEXT LITTLE PILGRIM Jan 13

COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022

The Standing Committee has
determined that wearing masks is
optional.



Coffee Fellowship

**Join us after
services for
coffee and
punch.**

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...

Time to start working on those annual reports for 2022! Reports will be due to the church office by January 15, 2023. The reports need not be typed. Please contact the office if you have questions about needing to submit a report for your committee or board. Thank you

Our next Senior Luncheon is scheduled for February 14 at noon.

A Bingo Workers Appreciation Dinner is planned for 6P Saturday, February 25, with an inclement weather date of Sunday, February 26. Please call the office if you are able to help with either event.

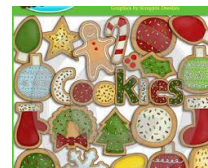
Please remember, if you turn on lights, or adjust the heat or air conditioning, to turn them off or reset them when you are finished. If you remove the Sanctuary railing for an event, please be sure to make provisions for it to be put back afterwards. Others count on it being there. Thank you.

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 JEAN MILLER MEMORIAL COOKIE SALE

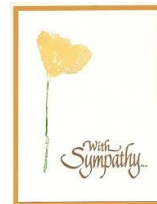
held on **Saturday December 17**, was a great success! Thank you to all who baked, helped out, and purchased cookies! \$1247.90 was raised.



The Supper Committee made a profit of \$715.60 on the Rada Cutlery sale. Thank you for your support.

CONDOLENCES

In December we expressed our sympathies to the families of Stanley Wybraniec, Chad Derooy and Janice Walsh.



Sunday February 5th 2023 at 2PM

The Coast Guard Band Saxophone Quartet will present
an afternoon concert.



**Sunday School resumes
January 8 at 8:45A.**

THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

A great attitude becomes a great mood.
A great mood becomes a great day.
A great day becomes a great year.
A great year becomes a great life.

LOOKING AHEAD

New Year's Day Sunday Communion → 10:30A
Men's' Group January 7 – 10A
Sunday January 8 → Return to 2 services 9A & 10:30A
Sunday School resumes January 8 → 8:45A
Annual Meeting → February 12



MEN'S GROUP The next **MEN'S GROUP** meeting will be Saturday, January 7th from 10A to 11:15A in the meeting room on the main floor.

Our Choir invites you to come and join their rehearsal on Thursdays at 7:00pm in Halls' Hall to see what we are all about!

We also welcome soloists and instrumentalists to share their talents with our church family.
Contact Marie Quinn if you have questions or to set a date.



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 January 15th newsletter no later than Tuesday, January 10th.

COAT DRIVE



Thank you to all for helping with this mission. While our special collection is over, warm items, such as coats, scarves, gloves/mittens and socks may be donated at any time.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Our next session continues on Tuesdays at 7pm from Jan. 10th to Mar. 28th and will be on the Prophet Daniel.

If anyone has any questions, please call Scott VanAlst on his cell phone: 860-237-7964.

The Monday Morning Bible Study will be getting together again starting on Monday January 23rd at 10am. We will be studying the Christian Church of Colossae written by David Jeremiah, "Christ above All."

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

Epiphany

January 6



⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and find the young Child. When you find Him, let me know. Then I can go and worship Him also."

⁹ After the king had spoken, they went on their way. The star they had seen in the East went before them. It came and stopped over the place where the young Child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were filled with much joy.

Matthew 2:8-10 NLV

We are so excited to be planning for a **2023 Scarecrow Festival**. The date is set for **Saturday September 23, 2023. 10 AM till 4 PM.**



This will be our 15th festival. The festival is going to probably look a little different but it is still going to be all about fun for the whole family and community. We need many volunteers and coordinators to make it

successful. A list of areas that need coordinators is posted on the bulletin board outside Dudek Hall.

PLEASE add your name, phone, and e-mail to the list if you would like to help. Meetings will begin in January via Zoom on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Questions call Shari Purcell 860-917-9011 or e-mail shariLpurcell@gmail.com or call the church office at 860-887-4647.

Our church looking for someone to fill the Sexton/Custodian position. This is a part-time 15-20 hours a week job and requires flexibility in scheduling. An updated job description and applications are available through the church office and are due in the office by January 15.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Scripture Brownies

Ingredients

- 1 1/3 cup 1 Kings 4:22
- 2 cups Jeremiah 6:20
- 1/4 cup Luke 15:16
- 1 tsp Amos 4:5
- 1/2 tsp Matthew 5:13
- 2/3 cup Judges 5:25 melted
- 4 Isaiah 10:14
- 2 tsp 2 Chronicles 9:9

Instructions

1. Whisk the first five ingredients together in an 8-cup mixing bowl.
2. Whip the last 3 ingredients together in a separate bowl, and pour over the dry mixture.
3. Stir with a wooden spoon until well mixed. About 30 stirs will get it. You don't want to over mix.
4. Spray a 9" x 13" pan. Add the brownie batter, and smooth the top.
5. Bake at 350° for 20 to 25 minutes.

Need a hint?

(eggs, oil, vanilla, flour, sugar, cocoa, baking powder, salt)

If you asked to receive offering envelopes when you filled out your pledge card in November, they are now available for pick-up in the mid-level hallway. If you did not request envelopes, but would now like a box, contact the office, and we will see that you get them. We remind you to discard any unused 2022 envelopes.



Our January 1st service will be live-streamed at 10:30A for those who cannot join us in person.

Go to our website prestoncitycongregational.org and click on the Live Streaming button.