

## Preston City Congregational Church



The Little Pilgrim

**March 5, 2023**

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 9:00A 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 :

2/26 – 44; 3 countries; 14 states;  
35 cities

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**Choir** Tu 3/14 7P; Th 3/23 7P

Standing Committee W 3/15 7P

**NEXT LITTLE PILGRIM** week of  
March 19

### **COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022**

The Standing Committee has  
determined that wearing masks is  
optional.



Coffee Fellowship

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

## **FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**Our next Senior Luncheon** is scheduled for March 14 at noon. A ham and bean dinner is planned. The sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board.

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](http://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.

**Just a reminder: When the church is closed, there are no activities at the church.**

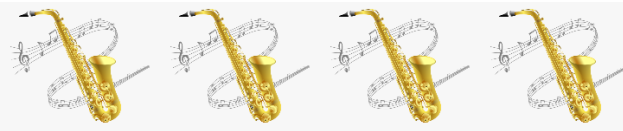
### **NOTICE FROM THE CLERK**

As is required in our church bylaws, The Standing Committee is assembling a Pastoral Search Committee for our next minister. You must be a church member to be on this committee and be available for a long-term commitment of at least six-to-twelve months, or longer. You should have a true understanding of our church and its needs, and have the ability to work as part of a team.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please send a note to Church Clerk, Susan Brosnan, including an explanation as to why you wish to be considered. You may email her at [clerk@prestoncitycongregational.org](mailto:clerk@prestoncitycongregational.org), [susan.brosnan@gmail.com](mailto:susan.brosnan@gmail.com), or send to the office with Att:Clerk on the outside of the envelope. **All correspondence must be received by March 12, 2023.** The Standing Committee will review all submissions at its meeting on March 15, 2023 and choose five new members to work with four members of the previous committee.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Palm Sunday is one of the two Sundays we traditionally welcome new members into our church. This year Palm Sunday is April 2, 2023. If you are considering becoming an "official" member, with voting rights and the ability to serve as a church officer or to chair committees, please sign up on the notice posted on the mid-level bulletin board. The last day to sign up is Sunday, March 19.



**Sunday, March 19 at 2P**

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

Plan to join us for a performance of varied musical styles  
from this award-winning ensemble.



Lent has begun. The 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and giving. It began on Ash

Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading sacred scriptures; we serve, and we practice self-control through fasting. For young children you can pick 1 of the three to concentrate on as a family, older children can aim for 2 or all 3! Lent is really about simplifying your life! Quieting your mind, and seeking a closer relationship with our Lord. Nothing complex or complicated!

Registration forms are available for the 2023 Good Friday Event. Consider attending the Good Friday service with your child and then staying for lunch and an afternoon of crafts and Lenten & Easter experiences as your simple addition to this year's Lenten season. - Mrs. Van Alst – (call/text 860-710-1262 or email [dre.prestoncity@gmail.com](mailto:dre.prestoncity@gmail.com))

### LOOKING AHEAD

Spring Forward ~ March 12 ~ Set clocks ahead 1 hour  
Coast Guard Saxophone Quartet ~ March 19 ~ 2P  
Trivia Night ~ March 25  
Holy Week ~

Palm Sunday ~ April 2

Maundy Thursday ~ Seder Meal ~ April 6  
Reservations requested

Good Friday Service ~ April 7 ~ Noon

Easter Sunday ~ April 9 ~

Services at Sunrise 6:30A, 9A & 10:30A

(In case of inclement weather, the Sunrise Service will be at Preston City Congregational Church)

National Day of Prayer ~ May 4 ~ 5:30P in the pavilion

### Choir Rehearsals

**We will meet TUESDAY, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7P.**

**No rehearsal Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Rehearsals are Thursday nights at 7:00pm. Please join us as we prepare for the season of Lent and Easter.



**The Monday Morning Bible Study** meets at 10am. Please contact Chris Burden for any questions.

**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!



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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 be 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](mailto:shariLpurcell@gmail.com) or call the church office at 860-887-4647.

### THANK YOU

to all who were able to support February Scholarship Month, to help our young people reach their educational goals. Donations may be made at any time; just write Scholarship Fund in the note field on your check or on the outside of an envelope. We will make sure it gets deposited to the appropriate account.



**The Little Pilgrim comes out twice a month, during the first and third weeks.** Please send information to be included in the week of March 19<sup>th</sup> newsletter no later than Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Sue Brosnan

### Tuesday Evening Bible Study continues

Tuesdays at 7pm. March 28 is the last meeting this session.

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



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS AT 2AM ON SUNDAY MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR**

**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.



**THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...**

"Don't be afraid to start over. You are not starting from scratch; you are starting from experience."

**MEMORIAL LILIES**

The Decorating Committee will be adorning the Sanctuary with memorial lilies on Easter Sunday. We will be available to take orders on March 19<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour after both services. Lilies are \$13.00 apiece. The last day to order is March 26<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please see Sharon Breen (860-303-1184) or Wendy Zajac (860-886-1588).



**St. James Episcopal Church**  
95 Route 2A Preston



**Baked, Fried, Combo Fish**  
**French Fries - Coleslaw - Dessert**  
**\$16.00**



**March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7P**

Sponsored by our Men's Group  
Admission is \$10  
Top 3 teams awarded cash prizes of \$20 - \$50 - \$100

Any snacks are permissible, but no alcohol  
Teams can be of any size  
Questions will cover 5 categories, with 6 question each:

- General Trivia
- Geography
- History
- Sports
- Preston History

**Come, test yourselves, and have fun!**

**The North Wind & the Sun**

The North Wind and the Sun had a quarrel about which of them was the stronger. While they were disputing with much heat and bluster, a Traveler passed along the road wrapped in a cloak.

"Let us agree," said the Sun, "that he is the stronger who can strip that Traveler of his cloak."

"Very well," growled the North Wind, and at once sent a cold, howling blast against the Traveler.

With the first gust of wind the ends of the cloak whipped about the Traveler's body. But he immediately wrapped it closely around him, and the harder the Wind blew, the tighter he held it to him. The North Wind tore angrily at the cloak, but all his efforts were in vain.

Then the Sun began to shine. At first his beams were gentle, and in the pleasant warmth after the bitter cold of the North Wind, the Traveler unfastened his cloak and let it hang loosely from his shoulders. The Sun's rays grew warmer and warmer. The man took off his cap and mopped his brow. At last he became so heated that he pulled off his cloak, and, to escape the blazing sunshine, threw himself down in the welcome shade of a tree by the roadside.

*Gentleness and kind persuasion win where force and bluster fail. (Aesop)*

