

**Preston City
Congregational Church**



March 19, 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. and
click the stream button. Previous
services may be viewed using the
archive system on the site.

Live viewings :

3/5 – 49; 2 countries; 15 states;
38 cities

3/12 – 33; 2 countries; 11 states;
26 cities

UPCOMING EVENTS

AA Wed 7:30P Dudek Hall

Choir Tu 4/04 7P

Spring Grounds Clean-up 3/25
8A

Trivia Night 3/25 7P

NEXT LITTLE PILGRIM week of
April 2

COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022

The Standing Committee has
determined that wearing masks is
optional.



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

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

WE hope you will plan to attend these Holy Week events as you are able:

PALM SUNDAY – Worship services at 9 & 10:30 A.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 6:30 p.m. in Halls' Hall (coffee hour room) We
will have a seder meal (Passover) meal with communion. Everyone is
invited, but you must sign up on the mid hallway bulletin board. You may
call the church office as well. Children are invited to attend.

GOOD FRIDAY – Service at noon. A Children's Message will be offered.

ECUMENICAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE –6:30 A.M. at Amos Lake,
Hollowell Road, Preston. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in our
Sanctuary.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES – 9 & 10:30 A.M. The choir will be singing
at both services. Memorial Easter lilies will adorn the church. Rev. Stan will
be here!

May you have a meaningful Holy Week.

The Coast Guard Saxophone Quartet which performed here on Sunday
was absolutely amazing. We thank John Marino for arranging such an
enjoyable afternoon and his wife, Pat, for the reception.

We are traveling again!

BUS TRIP TO LANCASTER PA ~ AUG 21-23

(Complete information on last pages of this newsletter)

Deposit check made out to PCCC and given to Sandy or sent to the office
(321 Route 164, Preston, CT 06365)

Deposit is \$240

Be sure to read about cancellation insurance offered on the back of the
flyer. Call the office if you have any questions about it.

Rev. Stan is leading the trip assisted by Sandy.

We already have some takers of seats so do not delay on getting your
deposit in if you plan to go!

It's sure to be a good time for all.

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.

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



March 25th 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!

LOOKING AHEAD

Trivia Night ~ March 25

Holy Week ~

Palm Sunday ~ April 2

Maundy Thursday ~ Seder Meal ~ April 6

Reservations requested

Good Friday Service ~ April 7 ~ Noon

Children's Lunch and Activities follow

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

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

We will meet TUESDAY, April 4th at 7P.

No rehearsal Thursday, April 6th.



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

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.

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 15th festival.

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 or call the church office at 860-887-4647.



MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will be meeting on Saturday, April 1st at 10A.

We welcome all men who may be interested in attending.

The Women's Fellowship will met April 1st at 9A.



THOUGHTS FROM A FRIEND...

"Forget what hurt you
but never forget
what it taught you."



WELCOME SPRING!
March 20, 2023

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 26th during coffee hour after both services. Lilies are \$13.00 apiece.

The last day to order is March 26th. 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



SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Trustees have scheduled a grounds clean-up day on **Saturday, March 25th** (rain date is April 1st) beginning at 8A.

Please bring your own tools: rakes, shovels, brooms, etc.

YARD SALE

Our **SPRING YARD SALE** is planned for **May 6th** with a rain date of May 13th.

Start clearing those basements and attics!

We are able to collect items four weeks before the sale and will let you know the schedule for drop-off.

Please remember:

no clothing, paint, computers, outdated electronics, tires, air conditioners or other bulky items. Clothing (bagged please) may be dropped into the clothing shed at any time.

This year the Standing Committee has determined there should be a co-chair (or two!) to assist in this mission. If you are interested, please call the office.

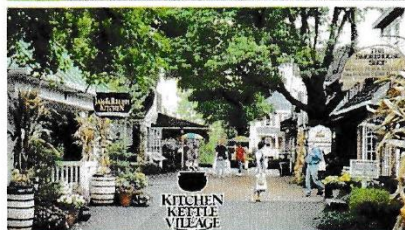
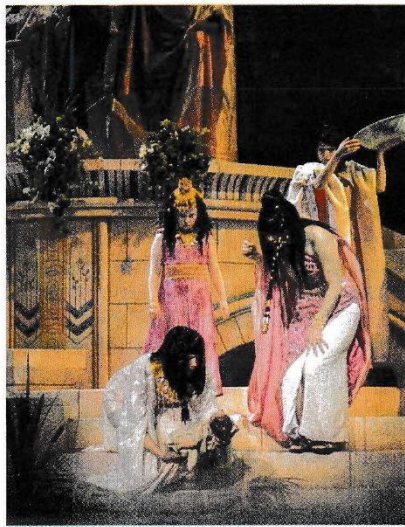
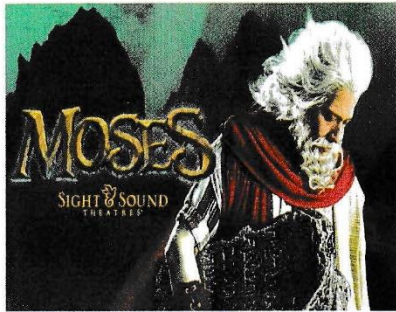


Redeemer

Resplendent spring,
redeemer of our barren winter,
are you flowers and warmth,
or are you the release from pain?

Michael Barrett





SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF LANCASTER, PA

Featuring Sight & Sound's "MOSES"

3 DAYS - 2 NIGHTS

AUGUST 21 - 23, 2023

\$479 Per Person
Double Occupancy

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- * 2 Nights Lodging
- * 2 Breakfasts
- * 2 Dinners including a Smorgasbord Dinner
- * Performance of "MOSES" at Sight & Sound Theatre
- * Guided Tour of the Amish Countryside, including stops at an Amish Craft Farm & Bake Shop
- * Kitchen Kettle Village
- * Country Store & Miniature Horse Farm
- * Souvenir Gift
- * Luggage Handling
- * Taxes & Meal Gratuities
- * Motorcoach Transportation

Cancellation insurance available & highly recommended; see reverse side for details.

FOR INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

PRESTON CITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Stan White

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Preston, CT 06365

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WHITE STAR TOURS

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SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

3 Days - 2 Nights

The sample itinerary described below is approximately like the itinerary your group will be following during your stay with WHITE STAR TOURS. However, the exact times, days, and destinations may vary for your group.

- Day 1** Depart from your hometown and travel to the **Amish Lands of Pennsylvania**, stopping for rest and lunch on your own along the way. Check into your lodging for the next two nights in the Lancaster, PA area - then depart for **smorgasbord dinner** at a popular restaurant in the area.
- Day 2** After breakfast at the motel, depart aboard your bus for a **guided tour of the Amish Countryside**, including stops at an Amish Craft Farm and a bake shop. Lunch is on your own at **Kitchen Kettle Village** in the town of Intercourse where you'll have time to browse in the unique specialty shops displaying everything from local art to fine leather coats, quilts, accessories, and pottery. Arrive in mid-afternoon at **Sight & Sound Theatre** to see a brand-new, original, live performance of **Moses**. Set adrift as a baby, Moses is an unlikely hero — until God calls him to lead His people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. From the banks of the Nile River to the depths of the Red Sea, journey with **Moses** as he leads God's people on an amazing adventure through the wilderness, encounters God at the burning bush, and ascends to the top of Mount Sinai. Experience one of the Bible's most epic stories as MOSES comes to life with massive sets, special effects, and live animals in this new stage production. **Dinner** awaits you at a nearby restaurant after the show.
- Day 3** Following breakfast, check out and depart for a visit to the **Lil' Country Store & Miniature Horse Farm**, a place of discovery and fun for every age. Pet the friendly miniature horses; try some homemade root beer; and browse in the country store filled with delicious treats and captivating gifts. After your visit, depart for home - taking with you enriching memories of your vacation in the heart of **Pennsylvania Dutch Country**.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING WHITE STAR TOURS TO BE A PART OF YOUR TRAVEL PLANS!

TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION

*Cancellation protection is encouraged for medical emergencies that may occur. The **Enhanced option must be paid within 14 days** from the day the first deposit for the trip is paid to the organization and/or group leader. There is an additional Enhanced upgrade - **Cancel for Any Reason**. Cancellation must be made no later than 48 hours prior to your scheduled departure, conditions, limitations, and exclusions do apply. These plans are only valid for trips booked through White Star Tours. To purchase the protection, please contact NTA/AON Insurance via their website at <https://nta.aontravelprotect.com> and provide the **Tour Operator Location #386097**.*