



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *of* RIDGEWOOD

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church *of* Ridgewood!

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us!

*Pastor Bruce can be reached at 215-337-5623 and via email:
pastorbruce@firstpresridgewood.org.*

He encourages you to reach out to him should you need pastoral care.

Interest Items for Sunday January 22, 2023

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR THIS WEEK:

TUESDAY - FRIDAY (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)

First Pres Masking Policy

We ask that worshipers adhere to the following:

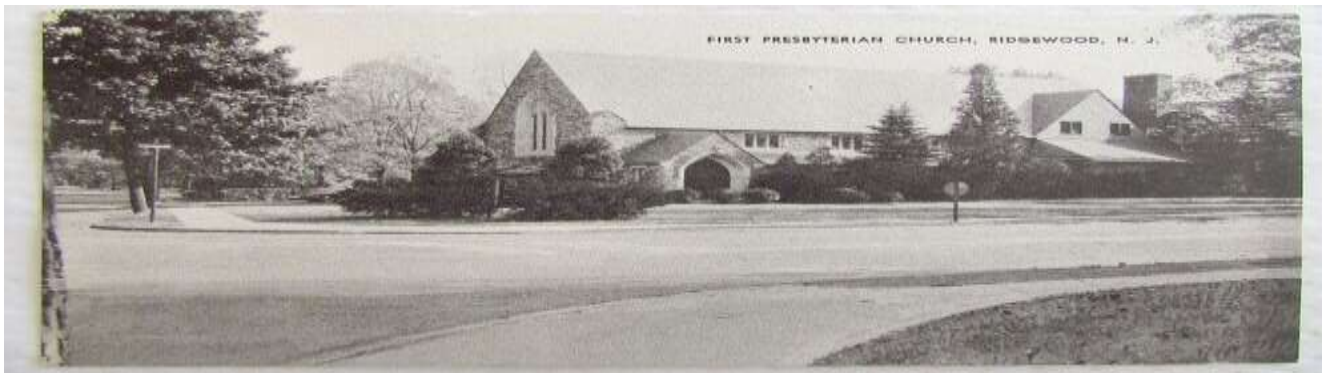
For those who have been vaccinated, masking is optional.

For those who have not been vaccinated, masking is required.

If you need a mask, there are disposable masks available at the entrances to the sanctuary.

Thank you for your cooperation as we strive to keep everyone safe!

Celebrating 200 Years of God's Grace and Glory!



***Thank you to everyone who made the Bicentennial Kickoff a success!
It was a wonderful way to begin a year of celebrations!***

January/February Small Group Study ~ Grace and Gratitude



As we celebrate 200 Years of God's Grace and Glory, it seems appropriate to learn more about the role of grace in our life before God. This six-week study explores the combination of grace and another term which is vital to Reformed theology: gratitude. These two important terms offer a vital snapshot of Reformed and Presbyterian identity and conviction. Theologian Charles Wiley maintains that the terms grace and gratitude together represent our "gift to the wider church." They express our witness to God's extravagant love expressed in Jesus Christ and our response as Christ's disciples, committed to thankfully doing God's work in the world. The study guide costs \$7 and is available in the church office. Join Pastor Bruce in the Minnema Room for a time of meaningful discussion at noon on the

following Wednesdays: January 25 and February 1, 8, 15 & 22. This is a great opportunity to learn and grow in faith together. As always, friends are welcome!



**Annual Meeting of the Congregation
 Sunday, January 29th after Worship.
 Copies of the 2022 Annual Report
 are available in the hall.**



*We have ornaments available that celebrate 200 years of
 God's Grace and Glory! \$20 is the cost for a priceless gift for yourself and others!
 Proceeds go to the Bicentennial Celebration.*



FIRST PRES ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 22 - Sunday, January 29

Please go to our website at www.firstpresridgewood.org,
 click on the EVENTS tab for our full calendar.

SUNDAY, January 22

10:00 am	First Pres Worship	SANCTUARY
10:30 am	Trinity Church	Chapel
11:30	Worship & Arts	Library
5:00 pm	Living Water Church	Chapel

THURSDAY, January 26

6:30 pm	Chancel Bells	SANCTUARY
7:45 pm	Chancel Choir	SANCTUARY

FRIDAY, January 27

SATURDAY, January 28

SUNDAY, January 29

9:15 am	Session Meeting	Minnema Room
10:00 am	First Pres Worship	SANCTUARY
10:30 am	Trinity Church	Chapel
11:00 am	Annual Meeting of the Congregation	SANCTUARY
5:00 pm	Living Water Church	Chapel

MONDAY, January 23

Church Office is closed.

TUESDAY, January 24

12:00 am	Staff Meeting	Via Zoom
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WEDNESDAY, January 25

10:00 am	Archive Wednesday	Library
12:00 pm	Grace & Gratitude Bible Study	Minnema Room

Church World Service/Jersey City

Request for Housing for Ukrainian Refugees



In the near future, the New York/New Jersey area is set to receive between 25,000 and 30,000 Ukrainians, arriving either via Uniting4Ukraine or with tourist visas. Some intend to remain in the United States, but the vast majority hope to return to Ukraine once the war ends. The biggest challenge these war refugees face is housing. Church World Service Jersey City has access to a grant from Airbnb that covers emergency housing for two weeks at a time. However, there is a severe housing shortage in the United States broadly and in New Jersey specifically, and many Ukrainian refugees are struggling to make ends meet. If you have access to housing resources in New Jersey that you would be interested in donating to Ukrainians on a limited basis, you may contact Maria Sciancalepore <msciancalepore@cwsglobal.org> or Golnadsadat Golriz <ggolriz@cwsglobal.org> at Church World Service Jersey City to determine if you are able to meet their needs.



Bulletin Board Highlights January 2023

A look back at Advent, Christmas Eve, The Christmas Pageant and all things celebrated in the name of Jesus who came to save us all and lives in the hearts of all who claim him.

St. Paul's Monthly Mission

On New Year's Day, the McDevitt family delivered food made by volunteers to St. Paul's men's shelter for dinner. The generous donations of time, skill, ingredients and love were provided by Sue Dickenson who made a baked ham, Sandy Santangelo who made twice baked potatoes and roasted garlic broccoli, and Laura Magrath who made jello fruit salad and cornbread. We thank these volunteers from the bottom of our hearts for helping to keep this mission going, and feeding the men at St. Paul's. Also part of the meal was chicken franchise leftover and frozen from the Consecration luncheon, baked ziti leftover and frozen from a Deacon and Elder dinner, and brownies that remained after the annual bake sale and were frozen.



Each month, on the first Sunday, we need 5 volunteers from First Pres to donate items for the dinner. We provide the men with 3 entrees, a vegetable or salad dish, fruit and bread or dinner rolls. Volunteers do not need to be good cooks! Store-bought items also work well, such as pizzas, fried chicken, potato salad, heroes, etc. So if you've been thinking of helping out, but have held off because you don't think you're a good cook, there is still opportunity for you to do so!

We are now scheduling for the February, March and April meals. A big thank you to all who have volunteered items for these meals!

Please feel free to reach out to Suzy McDevitt if you'd like to help, or if you're just considering but have some questions. She can help you with ideas for a dish to make or purchase, and explain to you how it "works," and how much would be needed. You can reach her by email at suzyjmc2@yahoo.com or by text at 201-315-2063.



YOUR SUNDAY INFANT NURSERY IS OPEN!

Nursery care is available for newborn through 3-year-olds during Sunday School time and during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service. Our Nursery attendants are Sarah Eliya and Katie Pavao!

We have adopted guidelines and policies to provide a safe environment for all children. There will be a child sign-in sheet in the nursery. Parents are required to sign the attendance form when dropping off and picking up their children. There is a Parent/Guardian Signature Sheet that is required to be filled out and signed before dropping off your child. Please make sure you fill this out. Thank you!

Chancel Flowers can be donated in honor or memory of someone throughout the year! The price for the two arrangements that are on the Chancel every Sunday Morning is \$60. **Please find the chart in the hall (pictured on the right)** and reserve a Sunday or email Dana Feeny in the Church Office ~ office@firstpresridgewood.org. She can help you reserve your date and receive your dedication for the bulletin. **You are welcome to share a date with someone. All dedications will appear in the bulletin.**



From the Church Office

Boxes of 2023 Offering Envelopes are available in the hall.
Please pick up your box today!

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The 2023 **Per Capita Payment** is \$40 per member. As Presbyterians, we are part of a connectional church, and our per capita payments support the work of The Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey, The Synod of the Northeast, and The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Whether you make your payment by check with the Per Capita envelope that was sent to your home or venmo, please identify your contribution as a per capita payment. Thank you!



Get into the game by making a donation in a soup pot on Sunday, February 12. Church school students will be posted at all exits to collect your donations after worship. Let's come together! As we enjoy the Super Bowl and remember those who do not have even a bowl of soup to eat! Please join us after Worship and enjoy a cup of soup or chili courtesy of Christian Ed and Growth committees in our Auditorium! Our goal in our church's Bicentennial year is to provide "200" meals! Help us to support Eva's Village in Paterson, N.J. so they can continue to be the place "where hope begins" for so many.

10 meals cost \$51.50
100 meals cost \$515.00
***200 meals cost \$1,030.00**

Upcoming Events



Wednesday, January 25 ~ "Grace & Gratitude Study"

Sunday, January 29 ~ Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, February 12 ~ SouperBowl of Caring