



# 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](mailto:pastorbruce@firstpresridgewood.org).*

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

*Interest Items for Sunday March 19, 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!

## Urgent Appeal for Victims of the Earthquake in Syria and Turkey



At this time, please offer your prayers on behalf of all the earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey. And realizing that God often works through people, please be part of the answer to your prayers by contributing what you can to assist the earthquake victims.



Our Mission, Peace and Social Righteousness Team has sent some funds already through The Outreach Foundation. You may use this link to make an online contribution: [The Outreach Foundation](#)



As always, you may write a check to First Pres, and indicate Middle East Earthquake Relief in the memo section of your check. Or you may venmo a contribution and designate Middle East Earthquake Relief.

Thank you for sharing the love of Christ with our sisters and brothers in Syria and Turkey!

## PLEASE DONATE CHOCOLATE FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT BY PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 2!



From now through Palm Sunday, we are collecting candy and chocolate for our Easter Egg Hunt held on Easter Sunday, April 9 after worship service. All candy needs to be individually wrapped and small enough to fit in a plastic egg. Suggestions are: Hershey's chocolate kisses, chocolate eggs, wrapped hard candy such as Jolly Ranchers, mini Tootsie Rolls in all flavors, mini packages of M&Ms, Skittles or Sweet Tarts. There will be a box marked Easter Candy in the Cloister Hall! **THANK YOU!**

Easter Egg Hunt

Through the month of March we are collecting non-perishable food.

Cleaning and toiletry items are in great need!

Sponsored by First Pres Church School to support the

"Helping Hand Food Pantry of Hillsdale, NJ"

**NO Glass Jars or Containers please!!! THANK YOU!!!!**



**Non Food Items are Needed**

- ♥ Paper towels, Toilet paper, Tissues
- ♥ Cleaning Products & Laundry Detergent
- ♥ Shampoo & Conditioner, Toothpaste
- ♥ Men or Women's Deodorant

**Non Perishable Food Items**

- \*Canned proteins (chicken & tuna) \*Cake & Brownie Mix
- \*Instant oatmeal \*Canned Fruit & Vegetables
- \*Mac & cheese \*Pancake Mix & Syrup
- \*Tomato sauce \*Pasta or spaghetti\*
- \* Peanut butter \*Jelly \* Boxed Mashed Potato \*Stuffing \*Gravy \*Baked Beans
- \*Canned Chili & Beef Stew

**Fish (or Chicken) and Chips Dinner – provided by  
Tastefully British**

**Wednesday, April 5 ~ 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Cost is \$20 for fish or chicken!**

**Proceeds go to One Great Hour of Sharing!**



You must place your pre-order **by 4/3**

via email Joan Davies ~ [joandavies916@gmail.com](mailto:joandavies916@gmail.com) or Dana Feeney ~  
[office@firstpresridgewood.org](mailto:office@firstpresridgewood.org) .

If phoning in your order is best, please call the church office @ 201-652-2504.

You can pay via cash, check or Venmo (@FirstPres-RidgewoodNJ) Please note on a check or Venmo payment – fish dinner. This event is open to all! Please extend invites to friends and neighbors! We held this event last year and it was a delicious success!

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Proceeds go to **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Funds raised support the following: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

# Church EVENTS

## @ FIRST PRES

*Sunday, March 19 - Sunday, March 26*

Please go to our website at [www.firstpresridgewood.org](http://www.firstpresridgewood.org),  
click on the EVENTS tab for our full calendar.

### SUNDAY, March 19

10:00 am First Pres Worship SANCTUARY  
10:30 am Trinity Church Chapel  
11:00 am St. Patty's Day Bingo  Auditorium  
5:00 pm Living Water Church Chapel

### MONDAY, March 20

*Church Office is closed.*  
7:00 pm Nominating Committee McClure Room

### TUESDAY, March 21

12:00 pm Staff Meeting Via Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, March 22

10:00 am Archive Wednesday Library  
6:00 pm Lenten Supper Auditorium

### THURSDAY, March 23

7:00 pm Bells SANCTUARY  
7:45 pm Chancel Choir SANCTUARY

### FRIDAY, March 24

### SATURDAY, March 25

### SUNDAY, March 26

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

## St. Paul's Monthly Mission



On Sunday, March 5, the McDevitt family delivered dinner to the men at St. Paul's shelter, provided by volunteers from First Pres. On the menu that evening was baked chicken made by Dana Feeney, meatballs made by Fay Reid, macaroni and cheese made by Suzy McDevitt, broccoli and cauliflower casserole made by Janis Ax, and fruit and rolls provided by MaryEllen Castaldo.

A big thank you goes out to these ladies for their generosity and talent in providing these dishes, and for helping to keep the mission going.



If you are interested in helping out with First Pres's mission at St. Paul's or just have questions, please contact Suzy McDevitt by email at [suzyjmc2@yahoo.com](mailto:suzyjmc2@yahoo.com) or by text at 201-315-2063. Currently being scheduled are the months of May (1 entree still needed as of 3/8), June and July.



**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 Feeney in the Church Office ~ [office@firstpresridgewood.org](mailto: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.**



## Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 19 ~ St. Patrick's Day Bingo @ 11:00 am

Wednesday, March 22 ~ Lenten Supper @ 6:00 pm  
Speaker ~ Richard Davies

Wednesday, March 29 ~ Lenten Prayer Stations in the afternoon and evening.

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Wednesday, April 5 ~ Tastefully British Fish & Chips Dinner  
5:00 – 7:00 pm  
Fundraiser for One Great Hour of Sharing



Thursday, April 6 ~ Maundy Thursday @ 6:00 pm in the Chapel

Friday, April 7 ~ Good Friday @ 12:00 pm in the Chapel

Sunday, April 9 ~ Easter Sunday Worship & Egg Hunt



### **Bulletin Board Highlights**

**March 2023**

**"Bicentennial Moments"** - "200 Seconds" Talks.

**"The Good News"** Souper Bowl moments, A visit with a Syrian Presbyterian Pastor and music moments.

**"The Good Old Days"** Members recall their favorite childhood treats.



## **2023 EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO ORDER AN EASTER FLOWER?**

***PLEASE FILL THIS OUT OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE  
office@firstpresridgewood.org  
WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION :***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ flowers to be used in the Sanctuary Easter Sunday.

In Memory  
of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor  
of \_\_\_\_\_

I will send my donation to the church \_\_\_\_\_ (\$12.00 per plant).

I will pick up my plant after the 11:00 am Easter Service of Worship  
\_\_\_\_\_

or I would like my plant(s) to be taken to a member or friend  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Last day to order is SUNDAY, APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Palm Sunday**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

**First Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood  
and put Easter Flower in the Memo section.  
You can also use Venmo. Please put flower in your comment.**



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