



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 February 5, 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!



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, let us 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 raise \$1,030 which will provide "200" meals for the clients of Eva's Village in Paterson, N.J. Our support will enable Eva's Village to continue to be the place "where hope begins" for so many.



*The banners look beautiful and celebratory!
Many thanks to Sandy Santangelo, Team 200,
Dennis Ax and his nephew Shawn Pedrick,
Tom Gibson, the Property Committee
and all who made this happen!*



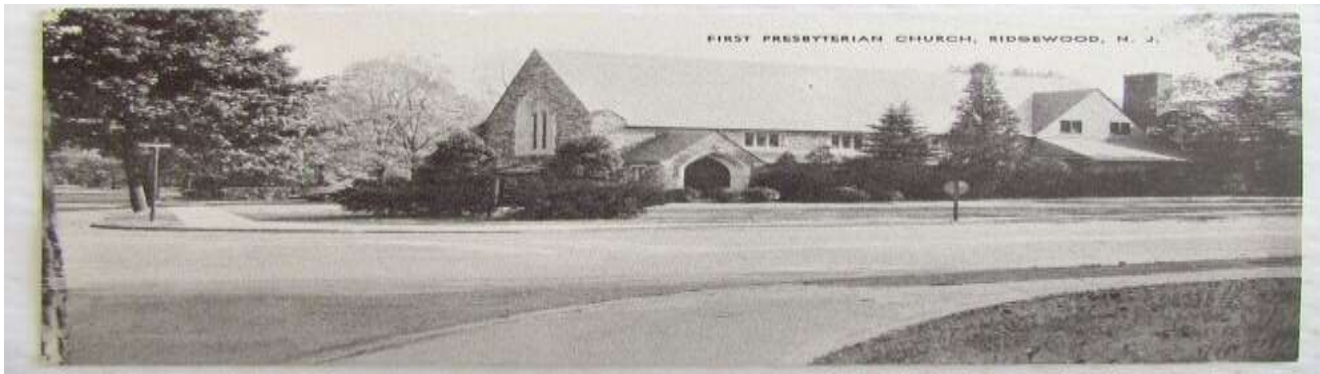
January/February Small Group Study ~ Grace and Gratitude



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

Celebrating 200 Years of God's Grace and Glory!



FIRST PRES ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 5 - Sunday, February 12

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

SUNDAY, February 5

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

MONDAY, February 6

Church Office is closed.

7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee	Via Zoom
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TUESDAY, February 7

12:00 am	Staff Meeting	Via Zoom
7:00 pm	Mission, Peace & Social Righeousness	Via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, February 8

10:00 am	Archive Wednesday	Library
12:00 pm	Grace & Gratitude Bible Study	Minnema Room
7:30 pm	Nursery School Committee	Via Zoom

THURSDAY, February 9

9:30 am	Men's Breakfast	Via Zoom
7:45 pm	Chancel Choir	SANCTUARY

FRIDAY, February

SATURDAY, February 4

SUNDAY, February 5

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



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!

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.



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. 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.

*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.*



Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 12 ~ SouperBowl of Caring

Wednesday, February 22 ~ Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 1 ~ Lenten Supper @ 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 8 ~ Lenten Supper @ 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 15 ~ Lenten Supper @ 6:00 pm

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

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

Wednesday, March 29 ~ Lenten Supper @ 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 6 ~ Maundy Thursday @ 6:00 pm

Friday, April 7 ~ Good Friday @ 12:00 pm

Sunday, April 9 ~ Easter Sunday



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!

