



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *of* RIDGEWOOD

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church *of* Ridgewood!

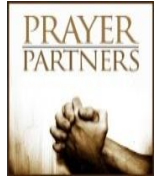
We are glad you have chosen to worship with us!

*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.*

*Ours is a congregation which believes in prayer. Each Friday we email the Prayer Partners newsletter. If you would like to have a prayer of concern, joy or thanksgiving included in the next issue(s), or if you would like to begin receiving Prayer Partners, contact the church office at [Dana.Feeney@FirstPresRidgewood.org](mailto:Dana.Feeney@FirstPresRidgewood.org).*



**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS *for THIS WEEK:***  
***TUESDAY – FRIDAY (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)***

***Interest Items ~ Youth Sunday, June 8, 2025***



***Congratulations to our Confirmands!***

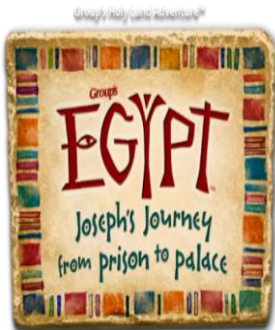
***We are so proud of you!***

***You are officially full members of  
First Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood!***



### THANK YOU FOR PLANTING & MULCHING

Sunday School Families gave the Bicentennial Garden new life!  
Members and friends spread mulch around the church property & the manse.



### Vacation Bible School will be held August 4 - 7, 2025

Monday thru Thursday, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. We need volunteers to run snacks, crafts, activities and shepherds who bring children from one activity to another (no teaching involved). We ask that you prayerfully consider helping this year!

If interested and available please contact MaryEllen for more information:

[marecmt@aol.com](mailto:marecmt@aol.com) or text at 862-686-8956.

## ***Thank You to Those Who Have Contributed and Pledged to the Capital Campaign***

Sincere thanks to all who have contributed to the current Capital Campaign! As of Wednesday, we have received **\$69,589** along with additional commitments of **\$8,125**. Thanks to your generosity, we are more than three quarters of the way to our goal of raising **\$100,000** -- which will allow us to move forward on the following projects:

- replacing the air conditioning system in the sanctuary,
- repaving portions of our driveways and parking lots,
- repairing portions of our roof,
- repairing and painting some exterior walls in the Tudor section of the building.

If you haven't already contributed to the Capital Campaign, there is still time. All gifts will be greatly appreciated!



### **CHANCEL FLOWERS: DONATION**

*The Flower Chart is located to the left of the bulletin board in the hall.*

*Please choose an open Sunday to give the Chancel Flowers.*

*Available dates are: September 7 ~ October 5 ~ October 12 ~*

*October 26 ~ November 2 ~ November 9 ~ November 23*

*The price is \$60 or you may share the cost with another family. You can pay via cash, check or Tithe.ly. Dana Feeney will include your dedication (s) of the Chancel Flowers in the Sunday Bulletin. You may celebrate anything you wish, and memorial dedications are welcome as well. Flowers are delivered to members and friends by the Deacons as part of their Flower Ministry.*



**Produce Mission takes place every Sunday  
Sunday, June 22 – Sunday, October 26.  
More details will be coming soon.**



### **BULLETIN BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

**June 2025**

**I Remember Papa:**

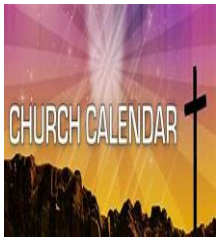
Fathers and Grandfathers remembered

**What Happens in Worship:**

Sacred rituals provide comfort.

**Matthew 25 Keeps Us Busy:**

The tasks we tackle.



## FIRST PRES EVENTS

~ Sunday, June 8 – Sunday, June 15 ~

Please go to our website at [www.firstpresridgewood.org](http://www.firstpresridgewood.org)  
for our full calendar.

### SUNDAY, June 8

10:00 am Worship  
10:30 am Trinity Worship  
5:00 pm Living Water Church

SANCTUARY  
Chapel  
Chapel

### MONDAY, June 9

Church Office is closed.

### TUESDAY, June 10

11:00 am Staff Meeting  
7:15 pm Deacons

Sacristy  
Minnema Room

### WEDNESDAY, June 11

12:00 pm Neighbors with No Doors Book Study

Via Zoom

7:00 pm Matthew 25 Task Force

Minnema Room

### THURSDAY, June 12

6:30 pm Officer Training

Minnema Room

### FRIDAY, June 13

9:30 am Men's Breakfast

Tom Sawyer Diner

7:00 pm From the Top Recital

Sanctuary

### SATURDAY, June 14

9:00 am Harmony Celebration Rehearsal

Auditorium

### SUNDAY, June 15

10:00 am Worship

SANCTUARY

10:30 am Trinity Worship

Chapel

5:00 pm Living Water Church

Chapel



## St. Paul's Shelter Monthly Meal First Sunday of Every Month

The Torielli family made another heartfelt delivery to St. Paul's Homeless Shelter this week, and the menu was nothing short of soul food heaven. Linda Strickland's famous chicken casserole brought the comfort, Suzy McDevitt's pasta with meatballs in rich tomato sauce brought the flavor, Barbara Dunn's mac and cheese with ham delivered the cozy, and The Wall Family rounded it out with fresh fruit and bread—because no great meal should end without something wholesome.

While we were there, Thomas shared his gratitude after receiving a \$250 donation from Luca, given as part of his confirmation project—a beautiful example of giving with purpose. We also took a look at the job board, which was full of new opportunities for the men at the shelter. It's always encouraging to see not just meals being served, but momentum being built.

St. Paul's continues to be a place of nourishment, dignity, and hope—and we're grateful to be a small part of it.

If you'd like to get involved, click on the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ACAE2BA7F49-51100449-stpauls>



**Congratulations to our First Pres.  
*High School Graduates*  
Class of 2025!**



**May God Bless you in all your future endeavors!**



**Patrick Edelbach**

Patrick is graduating from Paramus High School. During his time in high school, he was a 4 year varsity swimmer earning many awards and accolades, as well as accepted into the National Honor Society. Patrick also competitively swam for the Ridgewood YMCA Breakers club team for the past 8 years and also worked as a swim instructor teaching swimming lessons to children and adults of all ages for the past 3 years. He also works as a certified lifeguard at Darlington County Park in Mahwah and is going into his second summer season. Patrick will be attending the University of South Florida this summer/fall to study Criminology.



**Congratulations to our First Pres.  
*College Graduates*  
Class of 2025!**



**May God Bless you in all your future endeavors!**

**Katelyn Edelbach**

Katelyn graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Arts in Genetics. During her time at Rutgers, she was actively involved in service and leadership, volunteering with the Rutgers Alzheimer's Buddies Club and later serving as the Club's Vice President. She also worked as a Resident Assistant for two years, supporting and mentoring fellow students. Passionate about women's health and reproductive biology, she conducted research in this field for two and a half years and completed a senior honors thesis, earning three awards for her work – the Department of Genetics Award for Excellence in a Research Presentation and 2 University Awards - the Henry Rutgers Scholar Award and the Paul Robeson Scholars Award. She is currently applying to medical schools with the goal of becoming an OB-GYN. During her gap year, she will be working as a medical assistant at an internal medicine practice in Ridgewood while continuing her role as a psychiatric patient care technician at Holy Name Medical Center.







### **Collin Feeney**

Collin graduated from Ithaca College School of Business earning his Bachelor of Science degree, with a concentration in Finance. Collin was a student athlete having played baseball for four years and was two-time Captain of his team. Collin will be pursuing a Masters Degree in Applied Economics and Management M.P.S. with a Concentration in Behavioral Finance from Cornell University Dyson School of Business. GO BIG RED!



### **Kristina Rae**

Kristina is graduating on May 18 from Ithaca College with a BS in Accounting and a minor in Data Analytics. During her time at Ithaca she served as President of Women in Business, Vice President of Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society, peer advisor and tutor. She was a college lacrosse athlete as well for 2 years. Kristina will continue her studies at Ithaca next year to earn her Master's degree in accounting and her CPA license.

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### **Ryan Schnure**

After 4 incredible years at Penn State University, Ryan graduated from Smeal College of Business on May 10, 2025 with a degree in Risk Management. He has accepted a position as Risk Management Associate at Risk Strategies, a specialized insurance brokerage firm, in New York City. Beginning in July, he will participate in a rotational program to learn more about the various services the company provides and determine his area of concentration.

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