



## 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).*

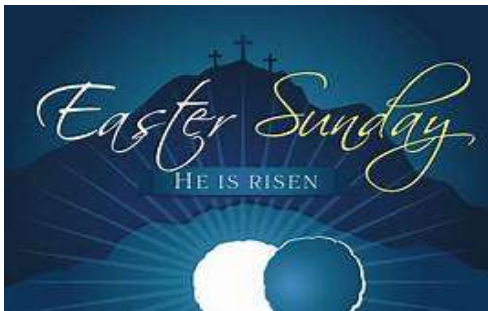
*He encourages you to reach out to him should you need pastoral care.*

*Interest Items for Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24, 2024*

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS for THIS WEEK:**

**TUESDAY – FRIDAY (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)**

*After worship, we will have animals from Mountainside Stables (a petting zoo) located on our front lawn of the church facing Ridgewood Ave.*



***Easter Worship will be  
Sunday, March 31 at 10:00 am.  
Please join us!***

**You are invited to our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!  
Easter Sunday, March 31**



After our 10:00am worship service children **ages 2-8** years old and their families will meet in the auditorium, and children will receive an Easter bag, then we will walk to the "church manse" next door where children will hunt for eggs!

**Children 9 years and older will receive an Easter treat bag!**





## FIRST PRES EVENTS

**Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24 – Easter Sunday, March 31**

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

### **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, March 24**

10:00 am	Worship	SANCTUARY
10:30 am	Trinity Worship	Chapel
11:00 am	Stable Animals	Front Lawn
5:00 pm	Living Water Church	Chapel
5:00 pm	A Gathering for Peace	Emmanuel Church

### **MONDAY, March 25**

### **TUESDAY, March 26**

11:00 am	Staff Meeting	Library
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### **WEDNESDAY, March 27**

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 28**

9:30 am	Men's Breakfast	Tom Sawyer Diner
5:00 pm	Lenten Prayer Stations	Auditorium
6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Chapel
7:00 pm	Lenten Prayer Stations	Auditorium
7:00 pm	Chancel Bells	Sanctuary
7:45 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

### **GOOD FRIDAY, March 29**

11:30 am	Lenten Prayer Stations	Auditorium
1:00 pm	Good Friday Service	Chapel

### **SATURDAY, March 30**

### **EASTER SUNDAY, March 31**

10:00 am	Worship	SANCTUARY
10:30 am	Trinity Worship	Chapel
11:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt	Manse Lawn
5:00 pm	Living Water Church	Chapel

## BULLETIN BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### MARCH 2024

#### **“EVERYTHING IRISH!”**

Where are the Irish among us? And The Feeney Family makes the cover of Ridgewood Living Magazine.

#### **“BECOMING A MATHEW 25 CONGREGATION!”**

What does it mean?

#### **“THE GOOD NEWS!”**

Recent events that bring us together.



Classes for Confirmation begin in October of 2024 for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. If your child has not received his or her confirmation or if your child is older than 9<sup>th</sup> grade, please contact MaryEllen Castaldo. Email [marecmt@aol.com](mailto:marecmt@aol.com) or text or call 862-686-8956.



**Our Lenten Food and Non Food Drive**  
Through the month of March the First Pres Church School  
is collecting non-perishable food  
to support Social Service Association of Ridgewood and Vicinity.

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

**SSA really Needs:**

- ♥ paper towels, toilet paper, tissues
- ♥ cleaning Products (all spray types are greatly needed)
- ♥ sponges, Hand soap, hand sanitizer
- ♥ laundry detergent
- ♥ diapers (sizes 4,5 & 6) and baby wipes
- ♥ non-perishable food items

**\*\*\*they really need Parmalat milk, dry cereal & jelly\*\*\***

Canned proteins (chicken & tuna) \* Instant oatmeal \* Canned soups \* Mac & Cheese \* Tomato sauce \* Pasta or spaghetti \* Peanut butter

**Please PLACE your donations for the**  
**Social Service Association of Ridgewood & Vicinity**  
**in the baskets in the hall!**



*"For I was hungry and you gave me food..." Matthew 25:35a*



**"SAVE THE DATE"**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM AT  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH/722 E. RIDGEWOOD AVE.**

**MONDAY - THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH TO THE 8TH  
9:00AM TO 11:30AM!**



**"Camp Firelight"**

**FOR CHILDREN AGES 4 TO 7  
COST: \$30.00 PER CHILD**

**REGISTRATION FORM AND MORE INFORMATION  
WILL BE SENT IN JUNE!**



*The Interfaith Council of Ridgewood  
invites the community to*

## **A Gathering for Peace**

**SUNDAY | MAR. 24TH @ 5 PM**

Emmanuel Church  
14 Hope Street & Ridgewood Ave.

*An Interfaith service, calling for:  
an immediate end of Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza,  
the Safe return of all innocent Hostages  
and for Peace in the Holy Land.*

*This is an Interfaith, religious, and solemn  
service. We appreciate if all attendees  
respect the solemnity of the event in the  
church and within its perimeter.  
May Peace prevail.*



Pastor Bruce and The Worship and Arts Committee  
invite you to attend the  
Maundy Thursday Service with Communion  
on March 28 in the Chapel  
and to visit seven interactive prayer stations  
before and/or after that will be set up in the auditorium.

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Lenten Prayer Stations  
6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Lenten Prayer Stations

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Good Friday - March 29

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Stations  
1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service in the Chapel

Each station will have a theme and takes you through a guided activity  
with instructions and all the materials needed that will help you pray creatively.

*\* A time to prepare our hearts and minds for Easter \**

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

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On Sunday, March 3rd, the Torielli **family** delivered **dinner** provided by **First Pres Volunteers** to the men at **St Paul's shelter**. On the menu were the following:

Chicken Casserole provided by Linda Cascardo, BBQ Chicken Breasts provided by Dana Feeney, Pasta Bolognese by CJ Torielli and friends, Fresh Salad by Marjorie Vanacore, and Fruit and Bread provided by Donna Flagg.

Once again, the Torielli minivan smelled incredible on the way to Paterson.

Thank you so much to these volunteers for their generosity, time, and skill invested. We were allowed to bring the food into the kitchen and chat with the staff at the Shelter. The men were very thankful for everything.

We're looking for more volunteers for this outstanding mission. (We have slots to fill for April!) You don't need to cook - you can provide fast food chicken or takeout.

Please contact the **Torielli family** by email: [Torielli@hotmail.com](mailto:Torielli@hotmail.com) or by text at 201-661-1452 if you **are interested**.

## Enrollment for the 2024-2025 School Year

**Enrolling Now**  
**Come visit our school.**  
**Call for a tour.**  
**201-445-2552**

5 days/week for children 2½ - 5 years of age  
Highlights of our program include:

- Half Day/Full Day Options
- Gym & Spanish Classes
- Music Classes
- In-house field trips



### **First Presbyterian Church Nursery School**

*"Building the foundation for a lifetime love of learning"*

722 E. Ridgewood Ave., Ridgewood NJ 07450 • 201- 445-2552 • [www.fpnssr.com](http://www.fpnssr.com)

Director: Julia A. Bolt

~ All Are Welcomed ~  
Members and Visitors are Invited to Participate!

Jesus knew that sharing meals  
is the best way to build community.

## **Fun FOOD and Fellowship** **First Friends**

is a great way to connect to get to know each other better and meet new people in our church family by enjoying a meal together.

Once you sign up, we will create groups of 6-8 people. Groups will generally meet in each other's homes for a simple meal and conversation on a Friday evening during the three-month period from April to June. The host for of the month provides a main course while members of the group help to round out the meal by bringing side dishes, appetizers or desserts.

While most groups will represent a cross-section of the church, to accommodate families with children, you may opt to be paired with other families so that children may be included in the gatherings. Please note during sign-up whether you'd like to be joined with a *Family Group* (with children included).

**COME be a part of the table fellowship!**

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**Sign up during coffee hour**

**Or**

**Email Donna Flagg – [flaggbda@gmail.com](mailto:flaggbda@gmail.com)**



### **Coffee Hour ~ Help Needed**

*Following worship on Sunday mornings, most of us enjoy the coffee, pastries and fellowship during Coffee Hour in the Auditorium! In order for Coffee Hour to continue running smoothly, we could use some help. If you are able to come to the church at 9:00 a.m. to cut and plate pastries and/or stay for a few minutes after Coffee Hour to help clean up, your help will be appreciated! Just stop by the sign-up sheet (across from the elevator), pick a Sunday, and sign up. Thank you!*



## **2024 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 on 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.

<b>Last day to order IS TODAY!</b>
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**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.



First Pres Ridgewood NJ  
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