

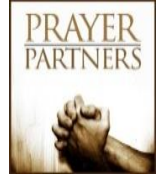


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of RIDGEWOOD

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood!
We are glad you have chosen to worship with us!

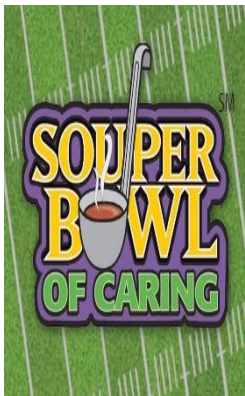
*Pastor Bruce can be reached at 215-337-5623 and via email:
pastorbruce@firstpresridgewood.org.
He encourages you to reach out to him should you need pastoral care.*

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.



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

Interest Items ~ Sunday, February 16, 2025



Souper Bowl of Caring is still
collecting donations!
All Proceeds to support
Eva's Village in Paterson!
You are welcome to give via cash, check
or via Tithe.ly.



First Presbyterian Nursery School **2 DAY OPEN HOUSE**

Friday, February 21st - with Music class
Monday, February 24th - with Gym Class
Tours at 9:30 am and 10:15am



(201) 445 - 2552


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722 E. Ridgewood Ave.
Ridgewood, NJ



CHANCEL FLOWERS: DONATION & DELIVERY



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. The price is \$60 or you may share the cost with another family. You can pay via cash, check or Tithely. 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.

Can you spare some time after Sunday worship? Do you enjoy making someone feel special? Then we would welcome your help in providing delivery of the Chancel Flowers on a Sunday. As you may be aware, each week Chancel Flowers are delivered by the Deacons to a member of the congregation who is hospitalized, in rehab or assisted living, experiencing a recent loss, birth, etc. If you feel that you could help the Deacons out with a delivery, please contact Rita Infante at infanterr0114@gmail.com or 201-739-5994.



FIRST PRES EVENTS



Sunday, February 16 – Sunday, February 23
Please go to our website at www.firstpresridgewood.org, click on the **EVENTS** tab for our **full** calendar.

SUNDAY, February 16

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

SANCTUARY
Chapel
Chapel

THURSDAY, February 20

4:00 pm Capital Campaign Team Library
7:00 pm Chancel Bells Sanctuary
7:45 pm Chancel Choir Sanctuary

MONDAY, February 17

Church Office is closed.

TUESDAY, February 18

9:00 am Yoga with Jim Stroker Minnema Room
11:00 am Staff Meeting Sacristy
7:00 pm Session Minnema Room

FRIDAY, February 21

9:30 am & 10:15 am
Open House for the Nursery School



SATURDAY, February 22

10:00 am Hammering for Habitat
Auditorium/Dining Room

WEDNESDAY, February 19

12:00 pm Journeying through Grief Manse
7:00 pm Matthew 25 Task Force Minnema Room

SUNDAY, February 23

10:00 am Worship SANCTUARY
10:30 am Trinity Worship Chapel
5:00 pm Living Water Church
Chapel/Dining Room

Bulletin Board Highlights ~ February 2025



“IMPOSSIBLE DREAMS”

Members recall their first Movie Star crushes.

“IT HAPPENS IN WORSHIP”

A photo history of recent worship services.

“THE MATTHEW 25 JOURNEY”

The Matthew 25 Task Force held Pie Sunday and members shared their reasons for church commitments.



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

We were delighted to share that our recent meal delivery to the homeless shelter was a heartwarming success. Thanks to the generous contributions from our wonderful community:

- The Torielli family prepared delicious meatloaves.
- Linda Strickland crafted a flavorful pasta with vodka sauce.
- Bobbe Kutcha made savory over-fried chicken.
- Barbara Dunn provided fresh bananas, a beautiful assortment of cut fruit, and fresh bread.
- Nancy Walters contributed crisp, fresh green beans.



The Torielli family delivered the meal hot and ready, and truly enjoyed their time talking with Thomas, the shelter's director, and connecting with some of the residents. Your support and kindness make a real difference. Let's continue this spirit of giving! If you'd like to participate in our next meal delivery or contribute in any way, please reach out. Together, we can keep spreading warmth and hope.

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

A FREE LECTURE/Q&A SERIES SPONSORED BY
THE INTERFAITH RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF RIDGEWOOD

Living Your Best Life:

A series on living
well in our time



Led by Michael Tozzoli, LCSW,
CEO of West Bergen Mental Healthcare
Each event begins with a brief talk followed by time for Q&A,
as well as connecting with one another.

Dates and Topics

IMPORTANT: Please note date and location updates below.

Sunday, February 23rd at 2pm IN PERSON
The Value of Friendship
Refreshments will be served.

Location:
The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood
113 Cottage Place
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Sunday, March 2nd at 5pm ON ZOOM
Caring Well for Aging Parents

Zoom link:
[https://zoom.us/j/98642154045?](https://zoom.us/j/98642154045?pwd=enGRuL9UbYUq5jLTByxRZHE4RddMCn.1)
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Do you need transportation, or can you offer transportation??

As part of caring for our congregation, the Deacons realize that there is sometimes a need for a church member's transportation to or from church on Sunday, to a church meeting or choir practice, or to an occasional appointment during the week.

In an effort to aid in arranging this occasional transportation need, we've asked for volunteer drivers. And while we've been able to start a list of volunteers, we are in need of more. Volunteers certainly do not need to be available all of the time, and are more than welcome to specify days/times when they may be available.

When we receive a request for help in arranging a ride, we will contact those volunteers who may be available, to see if any is able to accommodate the specific request. If one of the volunteers is able to accommodate, that driver and the member in need will be asked to get in touch with one another, and they will make the final arrangements together. Simple as that!

As a possible driver, consider this as an opportunity to get to know another member a little better, to engage in meaningful conversation as you provide some help, and to lighten the load for a fellow church member in need. Thanks so much for prayerfully considering!

If you are a member in need of transportation to church, a church meeting or an appointment, please feel free to reach out with your request in advance. We will do our best to try find a ride for you!

Please contact Suzy McDevitt by text at 201-315-2063 or by email at suzyjmc2@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer, if you have some questions, or if you are in need of transportation.



Youth Triennium 2025

Attention all High School Students!

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure of faith, friendship, and fun! From **July 28th to 31st**, the Presbyterian Church (USA) invites you to join **thousands of youth from across the country** in **Louisville, KY** for **four incredible days** of worship, recreation, Bible study, outreach, and faith-building experiences—all centered around the inspiring theme: **“As If We Were Dreaming”** (Psalm 126:1).

Imagine diving deep into God's Word, making new friends, serving others, and experiencing life-changing moments of worship that will set your heart on fire for Jesus!

Don't miss out! This amazing opportunity only happens **once every three years!**

Registration begins February 3rd!

The Mission, Peace, and Social Righteousness Team is ready to support you by helping with the cost. So, no excuses—this is your time!

Let Pastor Bruce know if you're ready to take part in this powerful journey of faith. Your dream is calling—are you ready to answer?





First Pres Church's
2025 Lenten Mission Campaign
to Help *City Relief* in Paterson

City Relief is an organization that has pop-up care centers where staff and volunteers provide their outreach guests on the streets of Paterson with the essentials to survive a day - serve hot meals, distribute hygiene kits, socks, and pray for the needs of the people.

How You Can Help!

Donate travel size items for hygiene kits:

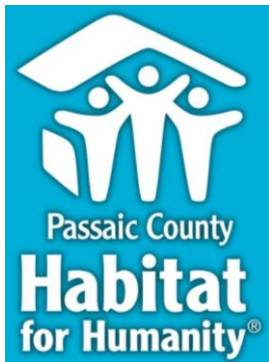
- toothpaste & toothbrush
- dental floss
- shaving cream & razors
- shampoo & conditioner
- body wash
- deodorant
- hand sanitizer
- soap



Donation Drive starting Ash Wednesday, March 5.

On Palm Sunday, April 13th during coffee hour,
people of all ages -children, youth, Woman's Guild,...
will come together to package the hygiene kits.

Questions: contact Donna Flagg



PASSAIC COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S
**HAMMERING
4 HABITAT**
Wall Building Event
at First Presbyterian
Church of Ridgewood



- 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Saturday, February 22, 2025
- 722 E Ridgewood Ave., Ridgewood, NJ



For more information & to register to build a wall:

Visit www.habitatpc.org/h4h
or scan the QR code.

Light refreshments will be provided.
Parking available on S. Van Dien Ave



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For more information, please contact Wodline at wodline@habitatpc.org.



~ Experience Lent in a New and Deeper Way ~

You are invited!

Come and be a part of these events!

Wonderful opportunities to take time to reflect on our spiritual and faith journey as we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter.

Lenten Prayer Stations and Ash Wednesday Service, March 5.

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Lenten Prayer Stations in the Auditorium

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Stations in the Auditorium

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Lenten Prayer Stations in the Auditorium

There will be eight interactive stations that we hope will facilitate a unique prayer experience for you. Each station has a theme and takes you through a guided activity with instructions and all the materials needed that will help you pray creatively. One of the stations will be “Come to the Table” and you will be invited to join Pastor Bruce in the Chapel for a time of prayer and communion. For those who are not able to attend the Ash Wednesday Service, Pastor Bruce will be offering the imposition of ashes as well.

Lenten Supper Series - every Wednesday from March 12 through April 9.

During Lent, you are invited to attend the Lenten Suppers. It is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a simple meal and worship on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. During worship, members and friends will share a portion of their faith journey. We will meet in the Auditorium for each of the five Lenten Suppers starting Wednesday, March 12th.

Palm Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary, April 13 - 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service in the Chapel, April 17 – 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service with Trinity Church in the Chapel, April 18 – 1:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Service in the Sanctuary, April 20 – 10:00 a.m.

Also Join Us for These Fundraiser Events

Fish (or Chicken) and Chips Dinner – Tuesday, April 1, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Our 5th annual church fundraiser for One Great Hour of Sharing.

This is a takeout event, but tables will be set up for those who wish to eat onsite.

Lenten Mission Donation Drive to Help City Relief in Paterson

Ash Wednesday, March 5 to Palm Sunday, April 13

Donate travel size items for hygiene kits and join others on Palm Sunday to package the kits.