

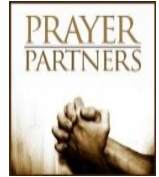


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of RIDGEWOOD

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, January 19, 2025*

## DENIM DAY or DRESS DOWN DAY at First Pres!

Normally we come to church in our Sunday best. Yet, on **Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** we invite everyone to come to church in comfortable clothes, leisure wear or jeans! For \$10.00 you can sit in church and the congregational meeting in comfort! The High School class will be at all church entrances collecting money before and after the worship service and congregational meeting. Proceeds will be split to go toward youth activities in 2025 and a mission organization chosen by our youth group!



***The Annual Congregational Meeting  
will be held immediately after the Worship Service  
on Sunday, January 26, 2024.***

## Souper Bowl of Caring is coming on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>!



If you love to make soup or chili please donate your specialty in a crockpot to serve at our Souper Bowl of Caring Fundraiser after worship. All Proceeds to support Eva's Village in Paterson! Please contact MaryEllen Castaldo at [marecmt@aol.com](mailto:marecmt@aol.com), or text or call at 862-686-8956.





**2025 offering envelopes are available in the hall.**  
 Please pick up your box before you leave today! Per Capita envelopes have been removed from the boxes and will be mailed to you soon.

### Coffee Hour ~ Help Needed

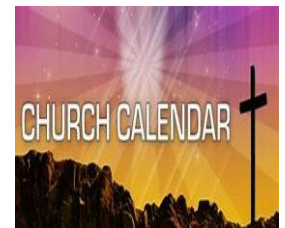
Following worship on Sunday mornings, most of us enjoy the coffee, pastries and fellowship during Coffee Hour in the Auditorium! In order for Coffee Hour to continue running smoothly, we could use some help. If you are able to come to the church at 9:00 a.m. to cut and plate pastries and/or stay for 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!



**Caring Cooks** is a vital ministry that was originated almost 20 years ago. We are a group of volunteers who will cook a meal and deliver it to a member of the congregation who may be in need. We are called upon if someone has had surgery, an illness, a hospital stay or a death in the family. Caring Cooks has been a blessing to many in our congregation, and we always welcome new members to join in our work. Please email Nancy Walters at [momksj14@msn.com](mailto:momksj14@msn.com). Also if you are in need of a meal for any reason, please contact Nancy.

### FIRST PRES EVENTS

**Sunday, January 19 – Sunday, January 26**  
 Please go to our website at [www.firstpresridgewood.org](http://www.firstpresridgewood.org),  
 click on the **EVENTS** tab for our full calendar.



#### SUNDAY, January 19

10:00 am	Worship	SANCTUARY
10:30 am	Trinity Worship	Chapel
11:00 am	Visitation Team	Library
5:00 pm	Living Water Church	Chapel

#### WEDNESDAY, January 22

12:00 pm	Journeying Through Grief	Manse
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#### THURSDAY, January 23

1:00 pm	Budget/Capital Campaigning Teams	Library
7:45 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

#### FRIDAY, January 24

9:30 am	FPNS Open House	FPNS
10:15 am	FPNS Open House	FPNS

#### SATURDAY, January 25

#### DRESS DOWN DAY SUNDAY, January 26

10:00 am	Worship	SANCTUARY
10:30 am	Trinity Worship	Chapel
11:00 am	Annual Congregational Meeting	SANCTUARY
5:00 pm	Living Water Church	Chapel/Dining Room

#### MONDAY, January 20

Church is closed in observance of  
 Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

10:00 am	Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Worship Service Ridgewood United Methodist Church
10:30 am	Dedication of Harrison 8 Habitat Homes Paterson, NJ

#### TUESDAY, January 21

11:00 am	Staff Meeting	Sacristy
7:00 pm	Session Meeting	Minnema Room





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

The spirit of giving came alive on December 1st at the homeless shelter, where a delicious array of comfort foods and thoughtful treats warmed both hearts and bellies. Joan arrived with a hearty pan of baked ziti, accompanied by a treasure trove of snacks lovingly repurposed from the mental health luncheon program—a gesture of both care and resourcefulness.

Sue brought the perfect cold-weather remedy: a steaming pot of chili paired with fluffy rice, a duo sure to bring smiles. Barbara followed with a nostalgic classic, hotdogs and beans, evoking memories of simpler, carefree times.

Suzy added her touch of nourishment and sweetness, delivering fresh bread and a colorful assortment of fruit. But it was her second gift that truly stole the show: handcrafted, beautifully decorated cookies, each one a tiny edible work of art that reminded everyone of the season's joy and kindness.

It was a feast not just for the body but for the soul, as each offering represented the love and dedication of a community coming together to share warmth and care.

Want to join this delicious cause? Click the link to sign up and make a difference.

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

Friday, Jan. 24  
Tours at 9:30 & 10:15 am

# OPEN HOUSE

**First Presbyterian Nursery School**

(201) 445 - 2552

722 E. Ridgewood Ave.  
Ridgewood, NJ

www.fpnsr.com



**First Wednesdays  
February 2025**

Ladies, join us for an evening of food, conversation, and spiritual inspiration. It's a wonderful opportunity for women of all ages to gather together with church friends and make new ones, as we discover fresh ways to connect with one another and with God. Each gathering will include a brief spiritual inspiration with most of the time for people to enjoy fellowship over food.

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- What:** **February Hostess – Donna Flagg**  
You are invited to bring a dish to the potluck dinner.
- Spiritual Inspiration for the Month – Suzy McDevitt**  
*Modern Day Miracles*
- Date:** **Wednesday, February 5, 2025**
- Time:** **6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**
- Place:** **First Presbyterian Church  
Minnema Room**

**Please RSVP by Friday, January 31st to Donna Flagg  
Via Email or Phone**

## *CANDLELIGHT MEDITATIVE SERVICE*



**First Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood  
Wednesday, January 29, 2025  
7:00 p.m. in the Chapel**

First Pres Church will once again offer a 30-minute contemplative service during this winter season. Join us for an intimate oasis – a time of stillness and centering to calm the mind and open the soul, in the midst of our busy lives.

Gathered as a community, we will pray together in word and song, and rest in silence as we open ourselves to God's loving presence. We will enjoy a night of meditative singing in a candlelight setting, which makes the very words of the songs a prayer.

Come and be refreshed and renewed.

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**Pastor Bruce and the Worship and Arts Committee  
invite you to join us for this special evening service!  
And bring a friend!**

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Be Love.

Do Justice.

THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
CELEBRATION COMMITTEE  
OF RIDGEWOOD & GLEN ROCK **MLK**

"Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice.  
Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands  
against love."

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17**

FILM & DISCUSSION

Ridgewood Public Library  
125 N. Maple Avenue - Ridgewood, NJ 07450  
6:30 pm-9:00 pm



**QUINCY**

6:30 pm: Screening of *Quincy*  
(2018; 2h 4m; TV-MA; US)  
Celebration of the musician,  
producer, and cultural icon Quincy  
Jones, offering unprecedented  
access to his private life and  
stories from his unparalleled  
career.

8:30 pm: Speaker Don Braden  
Discussion and Q&A with the world-  
class tenor saxophonist, flutist,  
composer & Harvard professor



Info and registration:  
Scan or visit  
[ridgewoodlibrary.org](http://ridgewoodlibrary.org)



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

RIDGECREST SENIOR HOUSING  
DONATION DROP-OFF

7 - 11 Ridge Road - Ridgewood, NJ 07450  
10:00 am-12:00 pm

Items for the Ever Thankful Pantry can be dropped  
off outside the main entrance of Ridgecrest Senior  
Housing (by the circle with the flagpole)

Most Needed Items Include:

Bottled Water (gallons and cases of individual bottles)  
Toilet Paper • Tissues • Peanut Butter and Jelly  
Cereal (Cheerios, Raisin Bran, Low Sugar Oatmeal)  
Shelf Stable Milk • Canned Chickpeas and Black Beans  
Canned Tuna and Chicken

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20**

INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE

Ridgewood United Methodist Church  
100 Dayton Street - Ridgewood, NJ 07450  
10:00 AM



Featured Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Micah McCreary,  
President of New Brunswick  
Theological Seminary

# Tuesday Morning Yoga with Jim Stroker

Certified Yoga Instructor Jim Stroker will offer Restorative Yoga Classes in the First Presbyterian Church Minnema Room from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. on Tuesdays:

January 28, February 4, 11, & 25 and March 4

Restorative yoga is appropriate for practitioners of all levels. In Jim's words, "The only prerequisite is you can breathe."

Cost is a free-will donation, and participants must bring their own yoga mat.

Register by contacting the church office at 201.652.2504 or [Dana.Feeney@FirstPresRidgewood.org](mailto:Dana.Feeney@FirstPresRidgewood.org) by Friday, January 24.



## **THE 2025 FLOWER CHART IS READY TO BE FILLED**

*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 Venmo the church @FirstPres-RidgewoodNJ.*

*Nearly all of 2025 is available.*

*Dana Feeney will include your dedication (s) of the Chancel Flowers in the Sunday Bulletin.*

*You can 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.*