



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, March 24, 2024

## ***WELCOME VISITORS!***

*We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!*

*For more information about our church, please visit our website: [www.firstprescaldwell.org](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org).*

### **Regular Sunday Schedule**

**9:30am Traditional Service**  
**11:00am Contemporary Service**

*Sunday School and/or quiet bible-based activities are available at both services. Nursery care is available every Sunday in the Cradle Room.*

*Worship online any time via [livestream.com](http://livestream.com) which is available on our website or by following the link below.*

[Livestream Website](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org)

## **SOUP KITCHEN NEWS**

Our menus for March and April are available online! We are saddened that our numbers of those who are in need have increased, but delighted to have so many volunteers to help us provide meals to our clients at Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen. As of last Thursday, we are serving up to 100 clients.

We are blessed to have partnered with our neighbors at Congregation Agudath Israel and have had some members of their congregation provide meals as well. However, with so many people in need, we still need help! For your convenience, we have swapped some of the more difficult recipes for the easier ones. Hopefully this helps some of you who prepare each month.

Also, we are in need of volunteers. If you have some free time, please sign up to serve. The experience is so rewarding. You may leave tired, but also warm and fuzzy inside! Sign ups can be found at [www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news). Thank you for your ongoing support!

## **SPRING/SUMMER CLOTHING DRIVE HOSTED BY THE DEACONS**

The Deacons are sponsoring a spring/summer clothing drive to benefit our friends at St. John's Soup Kitchen. Since 80% of St. John's clients are men, this drive is focusing on men's apparel. We will be collecting clean, gently used short sleeve shirts, shorts, sweatshirts, sweaters and lightweight jackets. In addition, there is a need for disposable rain ponchos to keep all dry, and we are asking for those as well.

Donations will be accepted **Saturday, April 6th through Saturday, April 20th**. For your convenience, during this two week period a drop off bin will be accessible 24/7 outside by the church circle.

As always, the Deacons and St. John's are most appreciative of your continued support. Should you have any questions, please contact [fpc@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:fpc@firstprescaldwell.org).



# Holy Week & Easter Services

## Maundy Thursday Worship Service

March 28 @7:00pm in the Sanctuary

## Good Friday Contemporary Worship Service

March 29 @7:00pm in the Chapel

## Easter Sunday, March 31

### Early Morning Worship Service

@8:00am in the Old Burial Ground

### Easter Celebration Worship Service

@10:00am in the Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt to follow! All families are welcome!

JOIN US FOR AN

# EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Sunday after 10 a.m. Worship!

First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell

326 Bloomfield Avenue

Caldwell

All Families Are Welcome!



## **SANDWICH NIGHT**

Come to our next Sandwich Night on Wednesday, April 17th at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Gym). Our pickleball/volleyball groups will be hosting. If you want a rewarding experience, come and join us as we put together 400 to 450 bagged lunches to benefit St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. Please enter through the doors on the Westville side of Fellowship Hall.

Our youth are always a welcome addition and if your child needs hours of community service, this is a great opportunity.

We have two more Sandwich Nights coming up before our summer break. Essex County VoTech is hosting in May and our Women's Bible Study group is hosting in June. Dates are forthcoming.

If you have any questions or your committee/group would like to host a Sandwich Night in our 2024/2025 season beginning in September, please reach out to Laura Schalles (973) 476-8616 or Joyce McGrath (201) 738-6531.

## **John R. & Inge P. Stafford Memorial Scholarship**

**THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS OPEN  
TO ANY STUDENT PLANNING TO ATTEND  
A 2 OR 4 YEAR ACCREDITED COLLEGE**

**Due Date: Monday, April 15th at 12:00PM**

## **STAFFORD SCHOLARSHIP**

John Rogers Stafford served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Wyeth Corp. He was an active supporter of many charitable and civic organizations. Along with his wife, Inge P. Stafford, they were avid supporters of higher education and that it be available to all those who seek it. Inge started her career as a high school teacher in the Arlington public school system and derived great pleasure in helping young people recognize their abilities and prepare them for the journey ahead. Together, they were members of the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell for nearly 50 years.

On March 18, 2014, the Session at the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell established the John R. and Inge P. Stafford Memorial Scholarship. We are excited once again to be able to offer Scholarships for the 2024 – 2025 academic school year. This scholarship is open to anyone planning to attend a 2 or 4 year accredited college.

Application Due Date: 12:00 PM on Monday, April 15, 2024

Please mail or drop off your application in the main office by the deadline.

Download the application at <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/memorial-scholarship>.

## **EXCITING NEW PROGRAMS NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATION!!!**

### **The WICKED Workshop**

Saturday April 20, 2024 10AM-12 noon

Open to performers in grades 6-12

Registration is limited and filling fast!



### **CBA Musical Theater Intensive Summer Camp**

August 5-9, 2024 9:30AM-4:30PM Daily

Showcase Friday August 9 7PM

Open to performers 10-17 years old

Track I: 10-12 years old Track II: 13-17 years old

Learn from Broadway's Best....Singing, dancing and acting

All programs are held at First Presbyterian at Caldwell, 326 Bloomfield Ave, Caldwell, NJ.

To register and for more information: [www.caldwellbroadwayarts.org](http://www.caldwellbroadwayarts.org)

### **JOYFUL NOISE CHILDREN'S CHOIR**



COME SING WITH US!!!! Joyful Noise Children's Choir is for singers between the ages of 6 and 11. Directed by Julia Pennello. The choir rehearses on Sundays from 10:30-11:00am in the FPC Choir Room. All are welcome! To register, please contact Valerie at [Valerie@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:Valerie@firstprescaldwell.org).

### **UPCOMING MUSIC AT FPC**

MARCH 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY

FPC Chancel Choir: Lift High the Cross by Gilbert Martin

FPC Bell Choir and Valerie Shondel, piano: The Palms by Barbara Kinyon



### **NEIGHBOR BRIGADE**

If you are in need of some assistance during a temporary time of crisis in your life, Neighbor Brigade is here to help you. We provide meals, rides to doctor appointments, dog walking, food shopping, etc. If you need this type of assistance or would like to be a volunteer, please call (973) 321-7353 or contact one of our chapter leaders: Barbara Bruchac, Jennifer Payne or Sarah Solie.

### **ZUMBA ON TUESDAY NIGHTS**

Come to a Zumba class on Tuesday nights at 6:00pm in Room 120. Those who are interested in participating in the class can sign up for \$10 per class, or \$80 for 10 classes.



# **Tiki Night TrickyTray**

**First Presbyterian Church  
at Caldwell**

**326 Bloomfield Avenue**

**Supporting local, national and  
international charities**

**Saturday Night**

**June 8 6:00 p.m.**

**Food, Wine, Beer**

**3 levels of baskets**

**50/50 Raffle**

**[Trickytray1stPres@gmail.com](mailto:Trickytray1stPres@gmail.com)**

**Save the  
Date**

# Join Us for Vacation Bible School!

**August 12th-16th 9:00am-3:00pm**

Come aboard! Feel the warm sunshine and cool breeze as we set sail on a new adventure. An ocean cruise is a perfect place for relaxing, having fun, and making new memories with people we love!

Open to children 4 years old - 6th grade

Visit [www.firstprescaldwell.org/VBS](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/VBS) for more information!



THE ANNUAL  
BOARD OF DEACONS

# GOLF OUTING



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22ND  
SAVE THE DATE**

## **VOLLEYBALL & PICKLEBALL**

Join us for volleyball in Fellowship Hall on Mondays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm and Wednesdays from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Our Tuesday night session of Pickleball is currently full; however, new participants are welcome to join us on Thursday evenings. Beginners will play from 6:00pm to 6:30pm. From 6:30pm to 8:00pm, we will have a mixed level play. New participants must contact Barb Bruchac at (973) 454-5583.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Children and Youth Ministry Committee is excited for this Sunday School year! If you can spare a Sunday morning, or a few, we would greatly appreciate your assistance! Please take a look at the schedule below, and consider signing up to help us with Sunday School! <https://bit.ly/3FHQbBa>

## **VINYASA YOGA AT FPC**

Relax, recharge, and renew for the rest of the week by moving through a sequence of poses to increase strength, flexibility, and focus led by Sue Tannler. Join us on Mondays at 7:00pm in Room 120. Bring a mat and a water bottle. If you have blocks and a strap, scarf, or belt, bring them as well. Please enter through the gym doors in the parking lot. Any questions reach out to Sue Tannler: [btannler@gmail.com](mailto:btannler@gmail.com) or 862-684-3673.

## **ROVING REPORTERS NEEDED**

“If a picture is a worth a thousand words, then a video is worth a million.” First Pres is looking for roving reporters to help us with capturing our services, programs and events via photos and/or videos. If you take any photos or videos at FPC, please email them to Lauren at [lauren@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:lauren@firstprescaldwell.org).

## **SIGN UP TO ACOLYTE THIS YEAR**

It's a very special responsibility to bring the light of Christ into the sanctuary for our services of worship. Children in grades 3-5 are encouraged to participate in this wonderful ministry of light. To sign up to be an acolyte, use the following link: <https://bit.ly/3EdAQYq>

## **SIGN UP FOR LEMONADE ON THE LAWN**

Coffee Hour (Lemonade on the Lawn during summer months) is an opportunity for church members and friends to gather in fellowship while enjoying refreshments. Lemonade on the Lawn begins on May 26, 2024. Please review the calendar and consider signing up for any dates that work for you to either host or provide refreshments. Sign up using following link. <http://bit.ly/3XqBYQb>

## **THERE IS STILL TIME TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2024**

### **STEWARDSHIP 2024 - BOLDLY...RESPONSIBLY...FAITHFULLY**

Pledge cards were mailed to members and friends, and are also in the pews now. You may complete and submit a pledge card by presenting it during worship today or delivering it to the church office. You may also submit your pledge online on our church website, [www.firstprescaldwell.org](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org). Finally, you may contact the church office directly at 973-228-0310.

## OFFERINGS

Place your offering in the plates at the welcome tables. Or give online at [www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate). Mailed in donations continue to also be gladly accepted.



## DRIVERS WANTED

The Deacons are involved in coordinating transportation to and from church for church members who are unable to drive themselves. An online sign up form has been created and includes information related to the process for pick-up/drop-off. Please consider signing up to help with transportation for a week or two. <http://bit.ly/3kuNYSj>

## DO YOU HAVE A CHURCH PROGRAM OR EVENT THAT NEEDS TO BE ADVERTISED?

The deadline for the next First Press is Monday at 3:00pm. We cannot guarantee inclusion of material submitted after that. Please email Lauren Restaino at [lauren@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:lauren@firstprescaldwell.org).

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## **OUR STAFF**

**Rev. Christopher Houtz**, *Pastor/Head of Staff*

**Valerie Shondel**, *Director of Music*

**Scott Westenberger**, *Worship Leader*

**Christine Brunner**, *Office Manager*

**Chris White**, *Building Manager/Head Sexton*

**Amanda Lecuona**, *Youth Education Coordinator*

**Lauren Noack**, *Communications Coordinator*

**Celesta Silvera**, *Administrative Assistant*

**Brittany Heun**, *Sunday Receptionist*

**Kaitlyn Heun**, *Sunday Sexton*

**Dennis Velez**, *AV Technician*

**Kathleen Carlson**, *Director*

*Weekday Nursery School - 973-226-6674*

*<http://www.firstpresnurseryschool.com>*

**David Hicock**, *Superintendent*

*Prospect Hill Cemetery - 973-228-4410*

*[prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org)*

**Dr. Robert R. McGruther**, *Pastor Emeritus*

## **THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL**

*326 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006*

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*website: [www.firstprescaldwell.org](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org)*

## **CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

***ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM***

### ***SUNDAY, MARCH 24th***

9:30 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

10:30 AM Joyful Noise Rehearsal, Choir Room

11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Chapel

### ***MONDAY, MARCH 25th***

6:30 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Yoga, Room 120

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Parlor

### ***TUESDAY, MARCH 26th***

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

6:00 PM Zumba, Room 120

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

### ***WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th***

4:00 PM Thursday Soup Kitchen Drop Off, Staff Lot

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

### ***THURSDAY, MARCH 28th***

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary

8:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### ***FRIDAY, MARCH 29th***

7:00 PM Good Friday Service, Chapel

### ***SATURDAY, MARCH 30th***

7:00 AM Adult Basketball, Fellowship Hall

8:30 AM Saturday Soup Kitchen Drop-Off, Staff Lot

### ***SUNDAY, MARCH 31st***

8:00 AM Early Morning Easter Service,  
Old Burial Ground

10:00 AM Easter Celebration Service, Sanctuary

11:00 AM Coffee Hour

11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt, Old Burial Ground