



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, March 31, 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.

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 which is available on our website or by following the link below.

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

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.



NEIGHBOR BRIGADE HAM/ TURKEY DRIVE

Neighbor Brigade thanks all who generously contributed to last Saturday's Easter ham/ turkey drive. The bad weather did not deter your efforts, as the Caldwell Food Pantry received 36 hams/ turkeys and 45 bags of non-perishables. A huge THANKS to everyone who participated!

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.

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 15th, 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>.

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.

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. Thank you for your ongoing support!

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

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.

UPCOMING MUSIC AT FPC

APRIL 7, 2024: 2nd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Hermes Brass Quintet from the Cali School

Music by Samuel Scheidt, Brahms and J.S. Bach



APRIL 14, 2024: 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

I Know That My Redeemer Lives by Craig Courtney

APRIL 21, 2024: GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Shepherd Me, O God BY Marty Haugen

APRIL 28, 2024: 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Ubi Caritas by Ola Gjelo



TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you a high school student looking for volunteer hours? Come volunteer your time with our youth! Please contact Amanda at amanda@firstprescaldwell.org or for more information regarding different volunteering opportunities. Letters of recommendation can also be provided for volunteer hours!

MUSIC AT FIRST PRES CONCERTS — SAVE THE DATES!

SATURDAY APRIL 20 at 4pm LINDEBLAD CONCERT ORCHESTRA
CONCERTO COMPETITION WINNERS

MONDAY APRIL 29 at 8pm CHAMBER MUSIC
CALI SCHOOL OF MUSIC

SUNDAY MAY 5 at 2pm JUSTIN MCBURNEY (our tenor section leader!)
VOCAL CONCERT

FRIDAY MAY 10 at 7pm CAITLIN CAUFIELD
VOCAL CONCERT

For information: valerie@firstprescaldwell.org

Food Pantry Bingo & Potluck



Saturday, May 4th, 2024



The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell

326 BLOOMFIELD AVE, CALDWELL, NJ 07006

in Fellowship Hall (Glass stairwell)

Doors Open at 6:30

first call at 7pm

*Entry fee is food for the pantry
&*

*Bring a dish to share
(appitizer, salad, main-dish)*



A Night of Worship and Music &

Italian Bistro Potluck

Sunday, April 28th, 2024
5:00pm - 7:00pm
in Fellowship Hall



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Scan me

Let us know your attending
by Monday April 22nd:

Attendance Sign-up:

<https://bit.ly/48Z2XY5>

or call the church office: 973-228-0310

then

Sign up to bring food:

online at <http://bit.ly/491hYc1>



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 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 or 862-684-3673. **No Yoga on April 1st or April 15th**

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.

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. 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. 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.

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

Dr. Robert R. McGruther, *Pastor Emeritus*

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website: www.firstprescaldwell.org

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, MARCH 31st

Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Early Morning Easter Service, Old Burial Ground
10:00 AM Easter Celebration Service, Sanctuary
11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt, Old Burial Ground
11:00 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

MONDAY, APRIL 1st

Easter Monday—Office Closed

6:30 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor
6:00 PM Zumba, Room 120
6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd

4:00 PM Thursday Soup Kitchen Drop Off, Staff Lot
7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 4th

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th

Deacon Coat & Sweater Drive Begins

7:00 AM Adult Basketball, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 7th

9:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Joyful Noise, Choir Room
10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service, Chapel
12:15 PM Children & Youth Ministry, Youth Room