



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, April 7th, 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)

## **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 **now 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).

## **STAFFORD SCHOLARSHIP**

We are excited once again to be able to offer the John R. and Inge P. Stafford Memorial Scholarship 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**  
Please mail or drop off your application in the main office by the deadline. Download the application at <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/memorial-scholarship>.

## **A NIGHT OF WORSHIP & MUSIC — ITALIAN BISTRO POTLUCK**

Join us for an Italian Bistro Potluck, A Night of Worship & Music on **Sunday, April 28th** from 5:00pm-7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Let us know that you're attending by Monday, April 22nd by using the following link: <https://bit.ly/48Z2XY5>, or call the church office at (973) 228-0310. Then, sign up to bring food online: <http://bit.ly/491hYc1>

## **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 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. We are now 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 to prepare a meal or to serve in person can be found at [www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news). Thank you for your ongoing support!

## **FOOD PANTRY BINGO & POTLUCK**

We are excited to once again host our Food Pantry Bingo & Potluck night on **Saturday, May 4th** in Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm and first call is at 7:00pm. The fee for entry is food for the Caldwell Food Pantry and a dish to share (appetizer, salad, main dish).

## **THE 16TH ANNUAL BOARD OF DEACONS GOLF TOURNAMENT**

What could be better than a day of terrific golf, friendly competition, great food and beverages, and wonderful prizes? Join us for The 16th Annual Board of Deacons Youth & Outreach Mission Golf Tournament on Wednesday, May 22nd at Farmstead Golf and Country Club in Lafayette, NJ. All are welcome! The friendly 4 player/best ball team format guarantees everyone an enjoyable day regardless of skill level. Check-in begins at 11:30am. There is a grill lunch at noon and a shotgun start at 1:30pm. The afternoon on the course is followed by a buffet dinner and cash bar at 5:30pm. Come for the entire afternoon, or just for dinner. The day promises fellowship as well as the opportunity to network while directly supporting Youth & Outreach Mission projects at First Pres. Register online at [charitygolftoday.com/boardofdeacons](http://charitygolftoday.com/boardofdeacons). There is a 10% early bird discount for players who register before May 1, 2024. Opportunities for various level sponsorships are also available.

## **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**

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 Gjielo

### **MUSIC AT FIRST PRES CONCERTS**

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

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Join us for an awesome week of exploring the Bible through recreation and crafts, and meet some new friends along the way! Vacation Bible School (VBS) will take place at The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, both indoors and outdoors. It is open to all children 4 years old through 6th grade.

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! When we embark on a journey like this, we can trust our captain to lead us to our destination – and we can trust God the same way! On this 5 day voyage, kids will develop a deeper understanding of how to follow Jesus as they learn that God shows us how to love others, gives us gifts to serve others, prepares us to share good news, and loves spending time with us!

The cost is \$50 per child. There is a \$100 max per family! For questions, contact Amanda Lecuona at [amanda@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:amanda@firstprescaldwell.org). To sign up, visit [www.firstprescaldwell.org/vbs](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/vbs).

## **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](mailto:amanda@firstprescaldwell.org) or for more information regarding different volunteering opportunities. Letters of recommendation can also be provided for volunteer hours!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you can spare a Sunday morning, or a few, the Children and Youth Ministry Committee 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>

## **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/3EdAOYq>

## **TIKI NIGHT TRICKY TRAY ON JUNE 8, 2024**

First Pres Members and Friends, It is time to start thinking about donations to our Tricky Tray, Tiki Night, to be held on June 8. We have put a box by the Christian Ed desk to collect items that can go into baskets and we really need lots of empty baskets. To make this event a success and fund our mission budget, we hope that each family will participate in some way either compiling a basket or going in with another family to compile one. Other gifts are welcome besides baskets such as Vacation homes, plane, theater, concert, or sports event tickets, new electronics (blender, mixer, ice cream maker, Ooni pizza maker etc.), clothes with labels, handbags, jewelry. In addition, a bicycle, barbeque or large ice chest could also work as a stand-alone gift. Families are welcome to join together in a donation and will be recognized in the program. Ideas for baskets are available at [www.firstprescaldwell.org/tricky-tray](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/tricky-tray). A donation form to sign up for a basket is available at the back of the sanctuary.

### **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.

### **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 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 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.

### **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.

### **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).

## **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**

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## **CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

**ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM**

### **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

### **MONDAY, APRIL 8th**

6:30 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Vinyasa Yoga, Room 120

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Parlor

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 9th**

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

6:00 PM Finance Committee, Zoom Meeting

6:00 PM Zumba, Room 120

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Building & Grounds

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting, Room 120

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10th**

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

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Worship & Music Committee, Zoom Meeting

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 11th**

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room

7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 13th**

7:00 AM Adult Basketball, Fellowship Hall

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 14th**

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

11:00 AM Deacon Coat Sorting, Fellowship Hall

12:15 PM Church Life Meeting, Parlor