

For more information about our church, please visit our website: www.firstprescaldwell.org. An information packet is available at the rear of the sanctuary and an Usher or one of the Greeters will be glad to provide you with more information.

Nursery care is provided for children up to 24 months in our Cradle Room during our 10:00 AM service. There is Sunday School during the 10:00AM Worship Service. The Cradle Room and Rest Rooms are located through the door to the left of the pulpit then left down the hallway.

You are respectfully requested to turn off all cell phones. Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system, Please ask the usher for a receiver.

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Room 120 after the 10:00AM service
Hosting this week is
Ron Masson

Join us for the last day of our Advent Study—Hallelujah, The Bible and Handel's Messiah on **Tuesday, December 18th at 11am** in the parlor.

JOIN US FOR ADVENT VESPERS
Wednesday, December 19th
From 6:30-7:00PM in the Sanctuary

The word Vespers comes from a Latin word, “vesperae” which means “evening star” or “evening.” Vespers is part of the Liturgy of Hours or the Daily Office of the Church which falls in and around dusk or early evening. During the season of Advent, you are invited to come into the beautiful sanctuary, all decorated in Christmas splendor, and spend some time in quiet reflection. Prayers, readings, quiet music and meditation will help calm your soul and reflect on the hope that comes with the arrival of the Christ Child.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The 12 week session studying 12 women of the Bible continues at 7:00 PM in the parlor on the following dates:

Know more about the Card Writing Ministry, please email Jack and Lynne Stoddard at jandlstod@gmail.com.

IS THE CHRISTMAS SEASON A DIFFICULT TIME FOR YOU?



Join us on **Thursday, December 20th at 7:00PM** for a Blue Christmas Service. The Holiday Season is hard for those whose hearts are hurting. You are not alone. Blue Christmas is a quiet, contemplative service for those who are carrying pain or loss during this season of celebration. This service will be held in the chapel, and we will have Stephen Ministers there for you to speak with.

G.F. Handel’s Messiah Sing-Along & Favorite Carols
Friday, December 21st 7:30PM
Messiah scores will be provided—everyone is welcome to sing along! We will also sing some favorite carols. Suggested donation is \$10.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW
CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

8:30 AM Early Worship, Chapel

10:00 AM Family Worship Service, Sanctuary
“Chimes in the Night”
☆ Cherub and Youth Choirs
☆ Chapel Hand Bells

11:00 AM *The Live Nativity on the Church Lawn*

7:00 PM Illuminate Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

8:00PM Candlelight Lessons & Carols Service, Sanctuary
☆ First Church Ringers
☆ Pilgrim Choir
☆ Westminster Choir
☆ Brass Ensemble

10:30PM Candlelight Lessons & Carols Service, Sanctuary
☆ Chancel Handbell Choir
☆ Chancel Choir
☆ Brass Ensemble

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS
We still have a few pans left that need to be filled for the **December 29th** soup kitchen this month at Our Lady of the Valley! The pan are on the

brunch. Please bring \$10 for lunch. Please RSVP to Noe or Lauren.



We invite you to prayerfully
consider your pledge for 2019
and ask you to hand in your
pledge card today.

OPEN GYM

Basketball

Mondays from 6:30 to 8 pm

Pickleball

Tuesdays from 7 to 9 pm

Volleyball

Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm

THANK YOU!

I want to extend my sincere appreciation for the overwhelming kindness of our congregation in support of the Oasis Christmas Giving Tree Project. The total number of gifts we collected was 671 gifts with the 2nd and final delivery made on Tuesday. We were able to drop off hundreds of toys and lots of warm pajamas, winter coats, hats, and gloves to a most appreciative organization in Paterson. Thanks to your wonderful generosity, we have been able to brighten the Christmas season to those less fortunate.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Ellen "Elf" Johnson



The Facing Racism group is sponsoring a visit to the Montclair Art Museum on December 28th starting at 2:30 pm. The exhibit is “Constructing Identity in America (1766-2017)”. The artists who have created these varied works reflect individual and common experiences across lines of race, gender, ethnicity, religion and geographic region.

Please join us on December 28th at 2:30 pm at the museum. We will have a docent to take us around with free time after to explore on our

11:15 AM Stephen Ministry, Room 116
11:30 AM Illuminate, Gym
12:30 PM Sr. High Christmas Party Lunch, Woodstack
4:00 PM Chapel Handbells, Handbell Room
4:45 PM Pilgrim Choir, Choir Room
5:30 PM Jr. High Christmas Party, Room 120
6:00 PM Westminster Choir, Choir Room
7:30 PM First Church Ringers, Handbell Room

MONDAY, December 17

6:30 PM Basketball, Gym
7:00 PM Venture Scouts, Youth Room
7:00 PM Yoga, Room 120

TUESDAY, December 18

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor
11:00 AM Advent Bible Study, Parlor
7:00 PM Dapper Dan’s Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 PM Pickleball, Gym
7:00 PM Session Committee, Room 120

WEDNESDAY, December 19

9:30 AM Crafting Group, Parlor
4:00 PM ADVENTure Children’s Program, Gym, Room 120
6:30 PM Advent Vespers, Sanctuary
7:00 PM Women’s Bible Study, Parlor

THURSDAY, December 20

7:00 AM Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, Caldwell Diner
6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Choir, Handbell Room
7:00 PM Blue Christmas Worship Service, Chapel
7:00 PM Volleyball, Gym
8:00 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

FRIDAY, December 21

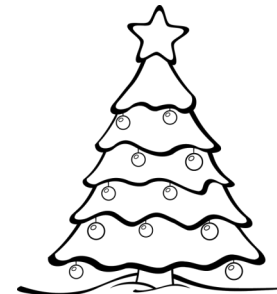
5:30 PM AA Meeting, Room 120
7:30 PM MESSIAH Sing-a-long, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, December 22

8:00 AM Dads With a Mission, Inc. (DWAMI), Rockn’ Joe Café
8:30 AM Soup Kitchen, Our Lady of the Valley
10:00 AM Cherub Choir, Room 120 & Sanctuary
11:30 AM ADVENTure Children’s Program, Choir Room

SUNDAY, December 23

8:30 AM Early Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00 AM Family Christmas Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00 AM Live Nativity, Church Lawn
4:15 PM Youth Choir Christmas Eve Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 PM Illuminate Christmas Service, Gym



OUR STAFF

Dr. Richard N. Sommers, Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Don Brown, Associate Pastor

Rev. Barbara Jo Piercy, Minister of Music

Noel Piercy, Associate Director of Music