

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

**Hosted by:
Jeannine Archibald**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The 12 week session studying 12 women of the Bible continues on **Wednesday, January 2nd at 7:00PM in the church parlor.**

In the New Year, we will meet every other Wednesday. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Bruchac at bebru8190@gmail.com.

Bible Study



OPEN GYM

Basketball
Mondays from 6:30 to 8 pm

Pickleball
Tuesdays from 7 to 9 pm

Volleyball
Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm

All open gym nights will return after the new year beginning with volleyball 1/3/19

CARD-WRITING MINISTRY: FIND OUT MORE

HAPPY NEW YEAR

What better way to start off the New Year than attending the Sunday, January 6th, 10:00am service to **Welcome Rev. Dr. Rick Sommers back to the pulpit!!** Rick will also be participating in the Illuminate service at 11:30am. We are all extremely grateful to have his presence at First Pres again.

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY



"New Year's most glorious light is sweet hope."

Mehmet Murat Ildan

To find out more about this caring, listening, confidential ministry call the confidential line at 973-228-0310 ext. 235, or speak to one of our pastors.

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

TAIZÉ RETREAT 2019



Come and find out what is planned for this year's retreat **today, Sunday, December 30 at 5pm** in the church parlor. All are invited - bring a friend!

A wonderful opportunity for youth and young adults to enjoy fellowship with people from different countries.

End of July to mid-August: A week in the south of France, plus Amsterdam, Berlin, Geneva and a trip to the Swiss Alps!

YOGA FOR BEREAVED

Grieving someone we loved dearly can be tough not only on our emotions but our bodies as well. Join Prema, a retired bereavement counselor and experienced yoga instructor, for gentle stretches done in a chair to help relieve some grief and allow our bodies and minds to have a little vacation.

The 50 minute class includes a deep relaxation that can be done on the floor with a thick towel or blanket or in the chair. Please bring your own towel, blanket and small pillow if necessary.

ALL YOUTH SNOW TUBING TRIP

Friday, January 25th 5:30-11:00PM

All youth (6th-12th grades) are invited to join us for a snow tubing trip at Campgaw Mountain on Friday, January 25th from 5:30-11:00PM. Please let Noe know if you are interested. Limited space available.

PITTSBURGH PROJECT MEETING

Sunday, January 27th at 12:30PM

Our first meeting for those interested in taking part in this year's service trips is set for Sunday, January 27th, at 12:30PM in the chapel. All interested students, along with their parents, should attend this meeting! A deposit of \$100 and paperwork is required, if you wish to reserve a spot. These spots fill up fast, so please make sure to bring your deposit and paperwork to the meeting. Please let Noe know if you have any questions. All 6th - 12th graders are invited to join us for a fabulous week of serving others this summer, doing minor home repairs for elderly and disabled homeowners in Pittsburgh. The Jr. High trip for those entering 7th-9th grade is scheduled for the week of July 7th-12th; the Sr. High Trip for those entering 10th-college is July 20th-27th.

VOLUNTEERS KEY TO SUCCESS OF ADVENT FESTIVAL

A note from Jack and Lynne Stoddard: Once again, we've had the privilege of working with a huge group of amazing, extraordinary, and creative people! We are grateful to all those who made this year's Advent Festival another fun and fellowship-filled event: Ashley Amitrano, Jeannine Archibald, Rosa & Gabriella Biancone, Barbara Bruchac, Deb & Elizabeth Califf, Bonnie Chiappetta, Jill Colavita, Jeanette DePalma, Alison & Ian Flanagan, Kris & Steve George, Malcolm Haddad, Susan & Henry Jones, Diane Joy, Amy Kolb, Barbara Kozam, Diana & John Lanza, Rachel Lindsay, Ray Liptak, Bridget Lonsinger, Nicole Mangili, Angie Maxwell, Emily McVey, Barbara & Rey Mercado, Sandra Nathans, Elizabeth & Max Oehler, Callie Onjian, Emma Phillips, Billy & Elsa Slater, Lisa Stein, Mary Ann Straub, Gynine, Gianna & Gracie Suda, Bruce, Courtney, Scott & Sue Tannler, Chloe, Stacy & Sydney Theilmeier, Susy Tietjen, Diane Vantuno, and Sharon Witzel. Our confirmands were stars, and special thanks to Anna Fusaro for handling many administrative areas this year. Apologies if we missed anyone!



More nods of appreciation: As always, the excellent support of our church staff made the whole event possible. Special thanks to Dan

5:00 PM Raise Summer Trip Meeting

MONDAY, December 31—NEW YEAR'S EVE

**TUESDAY, January 1—NEW YEAR'S DAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

WEDNESDAY, January 2

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Parlor

THURSDAY, January 3

7:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Caldwell Diner

5:15 PM Yoga for Bereaved, Room 120

7:00 PM Volleyball, Gym

FRIDAY, January 4

5:30 PM AA Meeting, Room 120

7:00 PM Youth Choir Retreat, Room 120

SATURDAY, January 5

8:00 AM Dads With a Mission, Inc. (DWAMI), Rockn' Joe Café

10:00 AM Youth Choir Retreat, Gym

SUNDAY, January 6

8:30 AM Worship Committee, Parlor

9:30 AM Confirmation, Room 121

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:30 AM Illuminate, Gym

12:30 PM Facing Racism Book Discussion, Room 118

5:30 PM Jr. High Fellowship, Gym



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

**If you have not done so already, please re-
member to pick up your pledge envelopes
in the back of the sanctuary.**

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

Noe Lopez, Director of Children & Youth Ministries

Scott Westenberger, Worship Leader

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