



FIRST PRESS

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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. 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
Confirmand, Gracie Suda.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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.

**Thursdays 5:15 - 6:15pm starting January 10, 2019.
Free for all members of First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell. \$10 per class for all other bereaved.**

If there are any questions please call Prema at 201-796-7585.

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation. The old has passed away; the new has come."

2 Corinthians 5:15

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.

TAKE A LEAP OF FAITH: BECOME A MEMBER

Want to meet other newcomers and find out more about us? We offer an orientation to our church called THE INQUIRERS GROUP. Join us on 2 Sundays, January 13th & January 20th in the Parlor from 12:30PM-1:30PM. Childcare will be provided if requested. Through fun and friendly discussion, we will explore membership questions and learn more about our denomination and First Pres in particular.

SANDWICH NIGHT

Happy New Year and welcome to the first Sandwich Night of 2019! This Sandwich Night is on **January 15th at 6pm, in Fellowship Hall (Gym)** to benefit St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. We have a Girl Scout Troop from Caldwell hosting and we are looking forward to sharing the experience of making 400 to 450 bagged lunches to help those in need. If you are looking for a fun evening, please come and enjoy meeting new friends and old!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study



The 12 week session studying 12 women of the Bible continues on **Wednesday, January 16th at**

7:00PM in the church parlor.

The Women's Bible Study group meets every other Wednesday. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Bruchac at bebru8190@gmail.com.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

Pans are out and we are getting ready for the 2019 Soup Kitchen Season. Remember the 4th Saturday of every month (and when there is a 5th Saturday) we head down to Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen to serve our clients in need. Pick up your pan and make the day brighter for the less fortunate. If your wish to volunteer to serve in person, please call Joyce McGrath, 201-738-6531. See you at Soup Kitchen.

NEW OFFERING EVELOPES

Everyone who used offering envelopes during 2018 has been issued envelopes for 2019. If you make your contributions electronically, please be sure to check your offering envelope number with your bank for 2019. In an effort to save the cost of postage to mail your envelopes (about \$2.30 per person), please pick them up at the rear of the sanctuary. They are in alphabetical order for your convenience. If you have a family member, friend or neighbor who cannot be here to pick up their offering envelopes, please take them and deliver them. If you did not use offering envelopes in 2018, but would like them for 2019, please call the church office during the week.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS FOR 2019

Each Sunday, we enjoy the beauty of fresh flowers at the front of the Sanctuary. It's a perfect way to remember a special person who has left your life. It's also a unique way to say "Thank-You" or celebrate a "Special" day! You can fill out the flower dedication insert and place it in the offering plate or save it for a special occasion when it comes along.

OPEN GYM

Basketball*

Mondays from 6:30 to 8 pm

***NO BASKETBALL THIS WEEK 1/7**

Pickleball*

Tuesdays from 7 to 9 pm

***This week, Pickleball will be switched to Wednesday, January 9th from 7 to 9 pm**

Volleyball

Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

JR. HIGH FELLOWSHIP

Today, January 6th 5:30-7:00PM—Pizza, Dodgeball & Devotional

Finally, some fun and relaxed fellowship time in the gym on January 6th from 5:30-7:00PM! Please bring \$5 for pizza.

SR. HIGH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, January 13th 12:30-1:30PM

Sr. High Fellowship will begin again with lunch on Sunday, January 13th from 12:30-1:30PM.

ALL YOUTH SNOW TUBING TRIP

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

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for a trip to Campgaw Mountain for a fun night of snow tubing. The cost is \$45. We will be getting dinner on the way. Please sign up and submit your payment by Friday, January 18th. Don't miss out!



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.



KIDS PAGE TEACHERS NEEDED

Every first Sunday of the month First Pres offers a family worship service at 10:00am. While this means that there is no Sunday School, we still offer a program called Kids Page for children from pre-k to first grade. We are looking for adult volunteers to teach Kids Page on these Sundays. A lesson and an activity will be provided to you for you to lead the children. Please contact Noe Lopez at noe@firstprescaldwell.org to sign up. Thank you for your help!

Dates Needed: February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th and June 2nd



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



The Chapel will be undergoing a renovation. Part of the project will be the removal of the wooden pews. If any member would like to have one of the pews please let Mike Bruchac or any member of the Buildings & Grounds Committee know.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL

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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*

Lauren Restaino, *Communications/Youth Intern*

Christine Brunner, *Office Manager*

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Dr. Robert R. McGruther, *Pastor Emeritus*

Rev. Robert Pryor, *Parish Associate*

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, January 6

- 8:30 AM Worship Committee, Parlor
- 9:30 AM Confirmation, Room 121
- 10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
- 11:30 AM Illuminate, Gym
- 12:30 PM Facing Racism Book Discussion, Room 118
- 5:30 PM Jr. High Fellowship, Gym

MONDAY, January 7

- 6:30 PM Church Life, Parlor
- 7:00 PM Venture Scouts, Youth room
- 7:00 PM Yoga, Room 120

TUESDAY, January 8

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 5:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee, Room 121
- 5:00 PM Finance Committee, Parlor
- 6:15 PM Mission Committee, Parlor
- 7:00 PM Dapper Dan's Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Holiday Decoration Cleanup, Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting, Room 120

WEDNESDAY, January 9

- 9:30 AM Crafting Group, Parlor
- 7:00 PM Girl Scouts, Room 121
- 7:00 PM Pickleball, Gym

THURSDAY, January 10

- 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Caldwell Diner
- 10:00 AM Old Guard
- 5:15 PM Yoga for Bereaved, Room 120
- 6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Choir, Handbell Room
- 7:00 PM Volleyball, Gym
- 8:00 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

FRIDAY, January 11

- 5:00 PM St. John The Divine Trip-Meet at Church
- 5:30 PM AA Meeting, Room 120

SATURDAY, January 12

- 8:00 AM Dads With a Mission (DWAMI), Rockn' Joe's

SUNDAY, January 13

- 8:30 AM Early Worship Service, Chapel
- 10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
- 11:15 AM Chapel Handbell Choir, Choir Room
- 11:30 AM Illuminate, Gym
- 11:30 AM Church Life, Don's Office
- 12:30 PM Inquirer's Class, Parlor
- 12:30 PM Sr. High Lunch-Offsite
- 1:00 PM Urinetown Rehearsal, Gym