



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.



The Chapel will be undergoing a renovation soon. 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.

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.

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

Thursdays 5:15 - 6:15pm starting January 10, 2019.

NO SESSION 1/17/19, resumes on 1/24/19.

Free for all members of First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell. \$10 per class for all other bereaved.



WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

“When you think there is no hope, God says, ‘Take my hand and let me lead the way. Be still and know I am God, and we can do this together.’”

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.

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 **TODAY, January 13th & Sunday, 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

Please join us for Sandwich Night this **Tuesday, 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, wishing all a very Happy New Year.

OPEN GYM

Basketball

Mondays from 6:30 to 8 pm

Pickleball

Tuesdays from 7 to 9 pm

Volleyball

Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm

Enloe Study



WOMEN'S 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.

FACING RACISM STUDY GROUP

The Facing Racism Task Force invites you to a discussion of "Waking up White" on **January 28th, at 7 PM in Room 118**. The meeting will last one hour. You need not have read Chapters 24-28, in order to participate in the discussion. For questions or more information please contact Debbie at facingracismfirstpres@gmail.com



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.



YOU'RE INVITED TO A BABY SHOWER FOR SCOTT & MICHELE WESTENBERGER

All are invited to join us on **Sunday, February 3rd at 12:30PM in Room 120** for a Baby Shower for Scott and Michele! Cake and coffee will be served. Please use a simple ribbon or bow as wrapping. Registered at [buybuyBaby](http://buybuyBaby.com).

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

JR. HIGH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, January 20th 5:30-7:00PM—Pizza, Board Games & Devotional

Join us for a pizza and board game night followed by a devotional on **Sunday, January 20th from 5:30-7:00PM!** Please bring \$5 for pizza and your favorite board game!

SR. HIGH FELLOWSHIP

TODAY, 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 with Noe and Lauren and submit your payment by Friday, January 18th.



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. Paperwork will be available in the office and online one week prior 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 grade—freshman year of college is July 20th-27th.



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 you wish to volunteer to serve in person, please call Joyce McGrath, 201-7386531. See you at Soup Kitchen.

Looking for Players!

For years, a staple at First Pres was our men's softball team. Well, the Rec committee is hoping to bring that aspect of the church back. We are looking for Men and Women who are above the age of 18 to join a Co-ed slow-pitch softball team. Depending on how quickly we get enough people to field a team, we are hoping to be able to join a league in the Spring. We are very excited about this opportunity and hope that you are too! Please fill out the insert with your information and drop it in the offering plate or in Kaitlyn Heun's mailbox located in the church office.



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.



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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*

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prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org

Dr. Robert R. McGruther, *Pastor Emeritus*

Rev. Robert Pryor, *Parish Associate*

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, January 13

8:30 AM Early Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
11:15 AM Chapel Handbells, Handbell Room
11:30 AM Illuminate, Gym
12:30 PM Inquirer's Class, Parlor
12:30 PM Sr. High Fellowship Lunch
1:00 PM Urinetown Rehearsal, Gym

MONDAY, January 14

6:30 PM Basketball, Gym
7:00 PM Venture Scouts, Youth Room
7:00 PM Yoga, Room 120
8:00 PM We Dance Ballet, Gym Stage

TUESDAY, January 15

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor
5:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting, Parlor
6:00 PM Sandwich Night, Gym
7:00 PM Dapper Dan's Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting, Room 120
7:00 PM Pickleball, Gym

WEDNESDAY, January 16

9:30 AM Crafting Group, Parlor
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Parlor
7:30 PM We Dance Tap, Gym Stage

THURSDAY, January 17

7:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Caldwell Diner
6:30 PM Chancel Handbells, Handbell Room
7:00 PM Volleyball, Gym
8:00 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

FRIDAY, January 18

10:00 AM We Dance Yoga, Choir Room
5:30 PM AA Meeting, Room 120

SATURDAY, January 19

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

SUNDAY, January 20

8:30 AM Early Worship Service with Communion, Chapel
9:00 AM Confirmation, Room 121
10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
11:15 AM Stephen Ministry, Room 118
11:15 AM Chapel Handbell Choir, Handbell Room
11:30 AM Illuminate, Gym
12:30 PM Inquirer's Class, Parlor
12:30 PM Sr. High Fellowship
1:00 PM Urinetown, Gym
5:30 PM Jr. High Fellowship, Gym