



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
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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

There will be a congregational meeting **immediately following the 10:00AM service on Sunday, February 3rd** for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2021; and to fill an unexpired term in the Elder Class of 2019; and to fill unexpired terms in the Deacon Classes of 2019 and 2020; and to elect a Teen Deacon for a one-year term.

SESSION:

Class of 2021
Jack Dusinberre
Chris Flanagan
Nancy Hauser
Lydia Spinelli
Jeannine Archibald

Class of 2019
Paul Califf

DEACONS:

Class of 2021
Bonnie Chiapetta
Kaitlyn Heun
Christien Endres
Darcy Asche
Eleanor Casagrand
Tim Hemesath
Sandra Nathans

Class of 2020
Ellen Nicol

Class of 2019
Mimi Maher
Luke Pryor
Gabiella Suda (Teen Deacon)

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY



"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

Martin Luther King, Jr

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.

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 at 5:15PM. 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.

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, 201-738-6531.

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.



FEBRUARY 3RD IS “SOUPERBOWL” SUNDAY

More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.” Since that day, more than \$100 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving. Through this mission, young people learn what it’s like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need. Be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need. ***Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd. Every dollar and can of soup donated goes to the Caldwell Food Pantry.***



YOU CAN BEAT THE WINTER BLUES!

JOIN US FOR A SETON HALL BASKETBALL GAME– FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT

The Church Life Committee is offering a Seton Hall Men’s Basketball event to get together with friends from FPC. Come join us on **Saturday February 9th at 8:00PM** as the Seton Hall Pirates take on the Creighton Bluejays at the Prudential Center in Newark, NJ. Seton Hall is celebrating their first annual Faith and Family Night. The cost is \$25 per person and the deadline to sign up will be Friday, February 1st. Please sign up in the church office. Online registration will be available during the week at www.firstprescaldwell.org. Church life will reserve a table a Dinosaur BBQ before the game. If you are interested in joining before the game, please indicate when you sign up.



OPEN GYM

Basketball

Mondays from 6:30 to 8 pm

Pickleball

Tuesdays from 7 to 9 pm

Volleyball

Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

JR. HIGH FELLOWSHIP

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

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

SR. HIGH FELLOWSHIP

TODAY, January 20th 12:30-1:30PM

Sr. High Fellowship will meet for lunch on **today, January 13th from 12:30-1:30PM.** Please bring \$\$ for lunch!



YOUTH SOCCER NIGHT — GO FOR THE GOAL!

All youth (grades 6-12) are invited to a soccer night on **Tuesday, January 22nd from 6:00-7:00 PM.** This will be a time of friendly recreation where we can get to know each other through the beautiful game of soccer. We will be meeting in the gym. Be ready to run, sweat, and have a great time!

ALL YOUTH SNOW TUBING TRIP—LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP

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 at Chipotle on the way. Please sign up with Noe and Lauren and submit your payment ASAP.



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.

SR. HIGH RETREAT AT CAMP JOHNSONBURG

Friday, February 8th – Sunday, February 10th

Deadline to sign up: Thursday, January 24

All High Schoolers are invited to join us for a retreat at Camp Johnsonburg on Friday, February 8th-Sunday, February 10th. The cost is \$125 per person. For more information, please contact Noe Lopez (noe@firstprescaldwell.org)



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.



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.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL

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Stephen Ministry - 973-228-0310 ext. 235

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 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 Sr. High Fellowship
1:00 PM Urinetown, Gym
5:30 PM Jr. High Fellowship, Gym

MONDAY, January 21—MLK DAY

Church Office Closed

10:00 AM Urinetown Rehearsal, Gym
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 22

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

WEDNESDAY, January 23

9:30 AM Crafting Group, Parlor
7:30 PM We Dance Tap, Gym Stage

THURSDAY, January 24

7:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Caldwell Diner
10:00 AM Old Guard, Room 121
5:15 PM Yoga for Bereaved, Room 120
6:30 PM Chancel Handbells, Handbell Room
7:00 PM Volleyball, Gym
8:00 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

FRIDAY, January 25

10:00 AM We Dance Yoga, Choir Room
5:30 PM All Youth Snow Tubing, Campgaw Mountain
5:30 PM AA Meeting, Room 120

SATURDAY, January 26

8:00 AM Dads With a Mission, Inc. (DWAMI), Rockn' Joe Café
8:30 PM Soup Kitchen, Our Lady of the Valley

SUNDAY, January 27

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 Chapel Handbell Choir, Handbell Room
11:30 AM Illuminate, Gym
12:30 PM Pittsburgh Project Meeting, Chapel
1:00 PM Urinetown, Gym

