



FIRST PRESS

JANUARY 27TH, 2019

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.

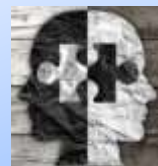
You are respectfully requested to turn off all cell phones. Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask the usher for a receiver.

Please join us for coffee hour in Room 120 after the 10:00AM service.

Hosting this week is
Confirmand Malcolm
Haddad

FACING RACISM STUDY GROUP

The Facing Racism Task Force invites you to a discussion of “Waking up White” on **Monday, 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.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thanks to those of you who have already submitted your pledge to the work of Christ through FPC for the year 2019. As of Wednesday, January 23, 2019, we have received 143 pledges totaling \$424,827.58. For the 2018 year, there were 175 pledges received, totaling \$525,232.00. If you have not yet done so, please submit your 2019 pledge as soon as possible.



FEBRUARY 3RD IS “SOUPER” BOWL 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'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.



**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 individual tickets can be purchased online. The link is available at www.firstprescaldwell.org/shu. You will purchase your tickets individually through Seton Hall and although we will not all be sitting directly next to each other, we will all be seated in Section 16. Church life will reserve a table a Dinosaur BBQ before the game. If you are interested in joining, please indicate the size of your party on the DINO BBQ form on the church website.

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 Chiappetta
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)

OPEN GYM

Basketball
Mondays from 6:30 to 8 pm

Pickleball
Tuesdays from 7 to 9 pm

Volleyball
Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY



"Life is like the ocean. It can be calm or still, and rough or rigid, but in the end it is always beautiful."

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.

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.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

PITTSBURGH PROJECT MEETING

TODAY, January 27th at 12:30PM

Our first meeting for those interested in taking part in this year's service trips is **TODAY, 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.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Each week, children are encouraged to bring in their own offering to give during Sunday School. Our hope is that with this offering, our children will learn to give happily from what God has given us in order to help others. Your child(ren) should bring their offering with them to their Sunday School classroom each Sunday. Someone will come around to collect from each classroom. At the end of the Sunday School year, we will donate all of the Sunday School offerings to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



GOD AND FAMILY PROGRAM

All children in 4th-6th grade are invited to join us for this fun weekly program in January and February! The God and Family program provides an opportunity for young people and their families to explore their faith together. Children will read about different families in the Bible, which can teach them about God's plan for strengthening families. Children in the Girl or Boy Scouts programs can earn a God and Family award for completing this program. We will meet from **5:00-6:00 PM on Wednesday, January 30th as well as Wednesday February 6th, 13th, and 20th**. Please contact Noe Lopez (noe@firstprescaldwell.org) for more information and to sign up.



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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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 Westenerger, *Worship Leader*
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prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org
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Rev. Robert Pryor, *Parish Associate*

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, January 27

- 8:30 AM Early Worship Service with Communion, Chapel
- 9:00 AM Chapel Handbell Choir, Handbell Room
- 9:00 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 Pittsburgh Project Meeting, Chapel
- 1:00 PM Urinetown, Gym
- 5:00 PM First Church Ringers, Handbell Room

MONDAY, January 28

- 6:30 PM Basketball, Gym
- 7:00 PM Facing Racism Meeting, Room 118
- 7:00 PM Venture Scouts, Youth Room
- 7:00 PM Yoga, Room 120

TUESDAY, January 29

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 7:00 PM Dapper Dan's Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Pickleball, Gym

WEDNESDAY, January 30

- 9:30 AM Crafting Group, Parlor
- 5:00 PM God and Family Program, Room 121
- 6:15 PM We Dance Ballet, Gym
- 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Parlor
- 7:30 PM We Dance Tap, Gym Stage

THURSDAY, January 31

- 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Caldwell Diner
- 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, February 1

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

SATURDAY, February 2

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

SUNDAY, February 3

"SOUPER" BOWL OF CARIN

- 8:30 AM Worship Committee, Parlor
- 9:00 AM Confirmation Mentor Breakfast, Room 121
- 9:00 AM Chapel Handbell Choir, Handbell Room
- 10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
- 11:30 AM Illuminate, Gym
- 1:00 PM Urinetown, Gym
- 5:00 PM First Church Ringers

