



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, February 14th, 2021

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 14TH

1. Have you thought of sloth simply as laziness before?
2. Christians can be anything but lazy when they are actively engaged in sloth. How do you respond to this?
3. Have you ever experienced sloth in this way yourself?
4. Lack of caring and empathy for others is a result of sloth. Have you ever said to yourself "I'm tired of hearing about it?"
5. What helps you rekindle an appreciation of joy? Of caring?

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT IS DUE ON FEBRUARY 21, 2021



Per Capita Apportionment is the amount of money paid to the presbytery, synod and General Assembly by every Presbyterian Church to share in the cost of coordinating and evaluating mission. **Per Capita** is calculated on church membership, based on the assigned amount for **2021 of \$32.00 per active member** (active members include confirmed youth, as well as adults).

On **February 21st**, the “**Per Capita Special Offering**” will be received and you are invited and encouraged to participate by contributing the amount of **\$32.00** for each active member in your family. For each of us to give our per capita apportionment is a special gift to our church and contributes to its overall mission. Submit your per capita by choosing ‘Per Capita 2021’ on the donate page: <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate>.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Thank you to all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring this year. We collected 257 items of food and \$1,101 (more than double last year’s monetary donations) for the Caldwell Food Pantry!



VALENTINE COVID CONCERT

Be on the look out for a Valentine Covid Concert which will be shared on the evening of Sunday, February 14th. The theme is love. This month's Covid Concert features: Micki Hardenberg, Erin Bogert, Rae de la Cretaz, Katie Kreil, Sarah Solie, Tyler Santarsiero, Paul Salierno, Barbara Piercy, and Scott and Michele Westenberger.



ASH WEDNESDAY— FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Ash Wednesday, Feb 17, 2021 begins the season of Lent. We will observe it in ways geared to show our faith while observing healthy practices in these times. There will be a pre-recorded service available to view at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm. All are invited to drive through the circular driveway and pick up Ash Wednesday stickers from 4:30-5:30 pm and 8:00-9:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you to those of you who have already submitted your pledge to the work of Christ through FPC for the year 2021.

As of Wednesday, February 3, 2021, we have received 82 pledges totaling \$316,022.06

For the 2020 year, there were 124 pledges received, totaling \$414,057.11.

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR 2021 PLEDGE ONLINE](#)

Abundant Life



Joyous Generosity

FACING RACISM TASK FORCE BOOK STUDY

First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell's Facing Racism Task Force will be holding a six part winter/spring book study about the PCUSA recommended book - No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice. This study will be via Zoom from 7:30 pm-8:45 pm (every other week) on the following dates: Feb. 22, March 8, March 22, April 5, April 19, and May 3. FRTF is able to provide a free copy of this book to participants. To order your book and reserve a spot in this book study please RSVP by Feb. 14



SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

The pans are out and ready for pick up for our February soup kitchen. We are excited to announce a new day—Thursday. For more information visit <https://conta.cc/2NYtfpz> or reach out to Joyce McGrath, 201-738-6531. Thank you for your support!

IT'S NOT EASY TO SIGN UP FOR THE VACCINE, BUT HERE ARE A FEW WAYS:

1. [Covid19.nj.gov](https://covid19.nj.gov).

Visit the site and register for the vaccine, if you already haven't. Once registered, you will receive an email with a place to click "Here" and you will have appointments to sign up for. Be sure to save the email as you will need it to sign up again if the first place does not work out. Don't pick a close distance, as you won't get anything. One known experience was choosing 25 miles which came up with a list with all close places filled. The choices were Elizabeth or Raritan Valley Community College in Somerset. But two drives to Somerset may be worth vaccine.

If you click on how and where can I get vaccinated, you will come up with a list of places.

Under "Click here to view a full list of these designated vaccination sites" click.

Go to Morris County and find Morris County Megasite, and click on the link to health.morriscountynj.gov. Once in that site go to the very bottom and click on <https://bit.ly/3onkSkC>, and this will take you to the place to pre-register with Atlantic Healthcare for the Megasite at the Sears at Rockaway Townsquare Mall.

2. [Essexcovid.org](https://essexcovid.org).

You have to keep going in as they keep adding dates, and you may have the site tell you no vaccines are available on a given date, and as they get vaccines, it may change. So right now it is saying no vaccine on any of the dates they have listed, but as vaccines come in that will change. People are going in a few times a day and eventually getting a slot. This is an annoying site as you have to put in a lot of information each time. It is your way to the school on Passaic Ave or the Kmart in West Orange.

3. Both Vanguard and Summit Medical are contacting their patients to schedule. They call you rather than you initiating the call.

4. Shop Rite, CVS, and other sites are available with more limited numbers.

Persistence pays.

MASKS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

The church has received a generous donation of disposable surgical masks from Sean and Kristen Glasser through Sean's company Blue Track, Inc. This donation was made to assist members of our congregation individually, as well as being a resource for the church when we are able to safely resume in person worship. If you are in need of masks, please call the office at 973-228-0310 to arrange a pick up time.



CELEBRATE A SPECIAL OCCASION WITH FLOWERS

A donation to the flower fund is an opportunity for members to publicly express their special concerns and share their generous support. Our congregation benefits from this offering in special ways. Of course, worshippers appreciate the beautiful reminder of God's work on earth. Also, these floral arrangements are separated into smaller bouquets which are then presented to individual church members to recognize their personal joys, sorrows and accomplishments.

During this time of virtual worship, we are not consistently decorating the sanctuary with fresh flowers as we have previously. However, there are many families who enjoy honoring loved ones, past and present, with flowers to commemorate a special date. That opportunity is still available. During those special weeks we will arrange to have a fresh arrangement in the sanctuary for Sunday worship, to honor special family members or friends. Simply complete the flower memorial order form. Mail or drop off your form, along with a check to the church. You may also make your request via telephone call to the office with the details, and pay on-line.

A suggested offering of \$40.00 can be made Payable to the First Presbyterian Church. Please write FLOWER FUND on the memo line.

YOUR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

Your Envelope # _____

The enclosed donation to the First Presbyterian Church Flower Fund is given:

() **In Memory of:** _____

() **In Honor of:** _____

() **To Celebrate:** _____

() **Other:** _____

These flowers should be placed in the sanctuary during the month of _____

() First Sunday () Second Sunday () Third Sunday

() Fourth Sunday () Fifth Sunday

****Please note—in 2021 there will be no flower memorials on:
April 4 (Easter); November 21st or 28th (Thanksgiving); December
12th, 19th or 26th (Christmas Poinsettias)**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Amount Paid \$	_____
Check #	_____
Cash	_____
Date Paid	_____

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

*“Prayer does not change God, but it
changes him who prays.”*
Soren Kierkegaard

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.*



OUR STAFF

Rev. Bill Schram, Interim Pastor/Head of Staff

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One of the implications of
suspending public worship
is that our regular offering
isn't being collected. As it
is essential to pay our staff and meet our current
obligations, we ask if you are able, please mail your
offering to the church or submit online at
www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate. Knowing that our
income could be impacted, we invite those with
extra resources to consider making a special gift.



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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, February 14th

9:30 AM Worship Service, Livestream
10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting
11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream
5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Church Lawn

Monday, February 15th

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Zoom Meeting

TUESDAY, February 16th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 120
7:00 PM Session Meeting, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, February 17th

8:30 AM RRC Meeting, Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, February 18th

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Choir, Sanctuary
7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Zoom Meeting

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