



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, February 28th, 2021

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 28TH

1. What areas of your life might be avenues for greed?
2. Have you experienced the greed seen in possessing and keeping things?
3. Have you practiced disposable greed - constantly buying the latest, newest upgrades and putting aside usable but older items?
4. Have you fallen into the trap of thinking that the volume of one's possessions or wealth is also a sign of the value of a person?
5. How do the treasures of heaven satisfy in ways that earthly treasures cannot?

HOLY WEEK PARTICIPATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

All children and youth are invited to participate in a virtual Palm Sunday procession which will be included in the 9:30am Palm Sunday worship service on Sunday, March 28. Palm branches will be available for waving and shouting "Hosanna!" Minister of Music, Rev. Piercy, will be recording videos and collecting videos from March 12 - 17. Stop by the church to make a recording outside or to pick up palms to make your own video at home. More details to follow! Let us welcome Jesus into our church with excitement as we begin our Holy Week journey.

A children's choir is being put together for a special Easter Anthem, "Sing Alleluia!" by Sue Ellen Page. A practice recording and recording for making your video to submit will be included on the FPC Children's ministry facebook group and in future emails and texts. Looking forward to making a joyful noise on Easter Sunday!

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 Thursday, February 25, 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



SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

The Soup Kitchen/Sandwich Night Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank our Church Family and Friends for the very generous response to our online sign up for Thursdays Soup Kitchen. It has been a great success and we are better able to service our clients at Our Lady of the Valley Church in Orange. Kudos also to Kaitlyn Heun for making this all possible.

The sign up page for the Thursday soup kitchens during March will be available via email and website shortly. If needed, we have provided pans for Thursdays and they are located on the Christian Ed Desk in the main lobby. Drop off time is the Wednesday before the soup kitchen between 4 :00 and 4:30 in the church parking lot. If you have any questions, please reach out to Joyce McGrath, 201-738-6531 or Laura Schalles, 973-476-8616.

Please remember to comply with the sanitary guidelines set up for everyone's safety. Be safe all, thank you again and God Bless.

VALENTINE COVID CONCERT

Enjoy some LOVELy music presented by some awesome and talented performers. **Featuring:** Rae Gabrielle de la Cretaz, Micki Hardenberg, Erin Bogert, Scott & Michele Westenberger, Tyler Santarsiero, Malcolm Haddad, Emily Wynne, Paul Salierno and friends, Sarah Solie & Courtney Sappinton and Katie Kreil. What is the theme - why LOVE, of course! We hope that you enjoy this special offering: <https://youtu.be/OgQRj0h442M>.

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.

JOHN R. AND INGE P. STAFFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

John Rogers Stafford served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Wyeth Corp. He was an active supporter of many charitable and civic organizations. Along with his wife Inge P. Stafford, they were avid supporters of higher education and that it be available to all those who seek it. Inge started her career as a high school teacher in the Arlington public school system and derived great pleasure in helping young people recognize their abilities and prepare them for the journey ahead. Together, they were members of the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell for nearly 50 years.

On March 18, 2014 the Session at the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell established the John R. and Inge P. Stafford Memorial Scholarship. We are excited once again to be able to offer Scholarships for the 2021– 2022 academic school year. This scholarship is open to anyone planning to attend or who is already attending a 2 or 4 year accredited college. **Applications will become available within the next week. Application Due Date: 5:00 PM April 15, 2021**

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

"The very best gift you can offer a suffering person is a heart full of understanding, eyes filled with tears, and ears ready to listen."

Eleanor Roosevelt

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

Rev. Barbara Jo Piercy, Minister of Music

Noel Piercy, Associate Director of Music

Kaitlyn Heun, Interim Director Youth Ministries

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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 28th

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, Zoom Meeting

MONDAY, March 1st

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

TUESDAY, March 2nd

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 120

WEDNESDAY, March 3rd

8:30 AM RRC Meeting, Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, March 4th

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Zoom Meeting

SUNDAY, March 7th

9:30 AM Worship Service, Livestream

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream

12:00 PM Christian Education Committee, Zoom Meeting

5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Zoom Meeting