



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, March 14th, 2021

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH

1. What image comes to mind when you see the word "gluttony?"
2. Do we judge people with weight issues differently? Do we judge on esthetic, moral or health grounds?
3. What do you think are some moral issues of gluttony?
4. If you accept that gluttony is in part an over-fixation on food, do you see how anorexia and bulimia might be related to it?
5. What spiritual hungers might we try to fill by eating?

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. **Find more details in the flyer attached at the end of this newsletter.** 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 85 pledges totaling 317,597.06.

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

Pans are out and we are already well into March. Welcome Spring! I know we could all use a good healthy dose of Spring, with a side of a vaccine, but we still need to serve our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate than we are.

Pick up your pan and make a difference, and while your preparing, remember to comply with our sanitary regulation. Another reminder, check out our online sign up for our weekly Thursday Soup Kitchen. It is easy and has proven successful: <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news/>. We cannot express our how grateful we are to our friends and family from our congregation. You are the backbone of our ministry. Be well and stay safe.

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 can be found at www.firstprescaldwell.org. Application Due Date: 5:00 PM April 15, 2021.**



Easter Lilies



The beautiful and fragrant flowers of Easter not only grace our sanctuary but bring joy to those who cannot join us in worship and can also be an expression of thanks to those who give so much of themselves to our church. If you wish to be a part of this Easter tradition please complete the form below and place it in the church office.

You can enjoy the display of these lilies in our sanctuary on Easter Sunday at the 9:30 am service!

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY MARCH 23rd, 2021
The cost of a lily is \$15.00

- ◆ Whether we are able to worship in person this Easter, or remain virtual, please consider participating in dedicating a Lily.
- ◆ If you indicate that you wish to take home a lily, they will be left outside the sanctuary on Easter Sunday for you to pick up at your convenience.
- ◆ If you indicate deliver, they will be distributed to homebound members after the 9:30 service.
- ◆ If you are able to help with the delivery, please contact the church office at 973-228-0310.
Many hands make light work and this is a great family activity!

I would like to place a Lily in the Sanctuary ... *Please PRINT clearly*

() TAKE HOME

() DELIVER TO SPREAD EASTER BLESSINGS

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

Please fill out a separate form for each lily or individual remembered. Return these forms with your payment of \$15.00 for each lily ordered to the church office. (Checks made payable to The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell with "Lily" marked in the memo.)

YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE NO. _____
(This information will help a great deal in the posting of your statement.)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Amount Paid \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash
Date Paid _____	
# Lillies Ordered _____	

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

Susan Jones, Interim Director Children's Ministry

Scott Westenberger, Worship Leader

Lauren Restaino, Youth Ministry & Communications Coordinator

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<http://www.firstpresnurseryschool.com>

David Hicock, Superintendent

Prospect Hill Cemetery - 973-228-4410

prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org

Dr. Robert R. McGruther, Pastor Emeritus

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.



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, March 14th

9:30 AM Worship Service, Livestream

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Zoom Meeting

7:30 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

MONDAY, March 15th

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

TUESDAY, March 16th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 120

7:00 PM Session, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, March 17th

8:30 AM RRC Meeting, Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, March 18th

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Zoom Meeting

SUNDAY, March 21st

9:30 AM Worship Service, Livestream

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream

11:30 AM Confirmation, Zoom Meeting

5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Zoom Meeting

HOSANNA PARADE

Palm Sunday 2021

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

MATTHEW 21:9



Children and youth are invited to join the **VIRTUAL HOSANNA PARADE** to be pre-recorded and shown during the 9:30 worship service on Palm Sunday, March 28. Palm branches will be delivered to the church and short (approximately 10 to 15 seconds) video recordings will be collected from Friday, March 12 – Tuesday, March 16. ***There are many ways that you can participate!*** Decide what works for you and join the parade.

Pick up a palm branch(es) from the church to take home and make a recording of a parade inside your house or outside on your lawn or sidewalk

Pick up a palm branch(es) from the church and make a recording of a parade outside by the church

Mrs. Piercy can stop by your house with a palm branch(es) and do the recording

MrsPiercy can meet you at the church and do a recording outside of the church

WHAT IS A HOSANNA PARADE?

Have fun pretending to be in Jerusalem on the day that Jesus rode a donkey into the city. Any number of people can be in your video. Perhaps ask your siblings and friends to also participate. Just be sure to pickup enough palm branches for all the parade goers that you will be filming. You can march or move from place to place while waving your palm branch.

WHAT DO I SAY WHILE I PARADE?

Just like the account of Palm Sunday in the Bible, you can shout "Hosanna!" Or, check out the phrases in the Bible verse at the top of this page. You can say all of them. If there are several of you in the parade, you can shout all at the same time and at different speeds or each of you can shout something different. The louder, the better!

WHAT IS THE MOOD? HAPPY & EXCITED!!!!



Text your recording to Mrs. Piercy at 201-349-7355 or download to **GOOGLE DRIVE** and share with Mrs. Piercy at piercybarbara@gmail.com
DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 16



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CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

Easter Sunday 2021

Join your voice with others in raising a **JOYFUL ALLELUIA** for the 9:30am Worship Service on Easter Sunday, April 4. The children's anthem is "**Sing Alleluia!**" which was written in 1968 by a young lady of 18 who went on to become a prolific composer of children's anthems. Believe it or not, Mrs. Piercy sang this anthem when she was little and in a children's choir at her church. It was one of her favorite anthems and she is SO excited to have you learn it and sing it on Easter Sunday.

How do we sing together during the time of Covid? Well – with a recording to help you learn the song and record it, we will put everything together in one gorgeous choral sound! And, you can also dress up in your special, fancy Easter clothes if you would like to. (Optional!)

ANTHEM LINKS ON GOOGLE DRIVE

LYRICS ONLY https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rF_o3MGkCkt60W7yrWA0419EUxNOMriC/view?usp=sharing

SHEET MUSIC

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10155SdMIjCSepVWOHONUDzvgIkFnTBcf/view?usp=sharing>

REHEARSAL RECORDING & RECORDING GUIDE (*Video is used for both practicing & recording*)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cEhoZbG8w78G-2zRSpuApS2bdy7StJXe/view?usp=sharing>

(Youtube Link): <https://youtu.be/OcZ2-39wJv0>

RECORDING INSTRUCTIONS

1. On one device (such as a computer) your child will be listening and watching the model video found at the link below. Using another device (such as a smartphone), you will be making a video recording of your child singing along. The lyrics are also inset in the video – they are also easy for the children to memorize.
2. To prepare, your child should watch the REHEARSAL RECORDING & RECORDING GUIDE, and practice singing along. Do this at least a few times before attempting to make a recording.
3. Make sure you have good lighting & eliminate as much ambient noise as possible. Turn off any electrical appliances. Put the dog in another room. Please make sure your recording environment is as quiet as possible to eliminate unwanted noises on the final recording.
4. Your child will have to use ear buds or headphones to watch and listen to the REHEARSAL RECORDING & RECORDING GUIDE -- their video must include only the sound of their voice. Some people have found it easier to tell what you're doing if you listen to the guide video with only one ear.
5. First, press RECORD.
6. Then, start playing the REHEARSAL RECORDING & RECORDING GUIDE.
7. You will see & hear Mrs Piercy counting 1-2-3-4-CLAP. You clap exactly together with her-- this will help her line everything up later.
8. Now the song will start and you sing along.
9. When the song is over, nobody move, nobody talk! Count silently to 10.

10. Stop recording.

11. When you are satisfied with your recording, please save it as a .MOV file or other video format.

12. The file may be too large to email. We suggest you upload it to your Google Drive (or other cloud storage space) and share it with Mrs. Piercy at piercybarbara@gmail.com. It might be short enough that your cell phone will let you text it directly to Mrs. Piercy at **201-349-7355**. You can also stop by the church and Mrs. Piercy can help you record (with your mask on, of course!) if that is easier for you.

If you have questions, please ask. Please complete the project NOW-- we need them all by **TUESDAY, MARCH 23**

(One week after the PALM SUNDAY "HOSANNA PARADE IS DUE!")

