



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, March 21st, 2021

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST

1. When have you been envious?
2. How do you distinguish between greed and envy?
3. Do you agree with the quote that envy is a "small town sin"?
4. How does envy isolate a person from others?
5. How does envy erode a person's sense of self-worth?
6. In what ways does loving God and loving neighbor as yourself defend us from envy?

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Maundy Thursday	@7:00pm	Livestream	
Good Friday Scripture	@12:00pm	Pre-recorded	
Good Friday Illuminate	@7:00pm	Livestream	
Easter Vigil	@8:00pm	Pre-recorded	
Early Easter Service	@8:00am	In-person outdoor	
Easter Sanctuary Service	@9:30am	Livestream & limited in-person indoor & outdoor livestream viewing	
Easter Illuminate Service	@11:00am	Livestream & limited in-person indoor	

All in-person services require reservations.
 Service times and locations are subject to change.

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 Friday, March 12, 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.**

“TIME TO TALK” HOSTED BY THE RRC

The Reopening and Revitalizing During COVID-19 Session Subcommittee (RRC) is hosting a “Time to Talk” (open house / drop-in format) via Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. A few members of the RRC will be present to hear any concerns or questions regarding reopening for in-person worship and/or revitalizing the church during COVID-19, or just simply to chat. The fourth Wednesday of the month meeting time is from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. The Zoom link for this Wednesday’s (3-24-21) Time to Talk from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82965137916?pwd=REhiSXpBTWtZWVhJmIk2d0EvTmsyZz09>

Meeting ID: 829 6513 7916 Passcode: 627474

Hope to see you there!

*Please note that the time for the next 2nd Wednesday Zoom event (4-14-21) will be at the earlier time slot of 5:00-6:00 pm and a different link will be sent out for that event.

2021 DEACONS SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

The Deacons are sponsoring a Spring to Summer clothing drive to benefit our friends at St. John’s Soup Kitchen.

St. John’s is in need of clean, gently used lightweight jackets, sweaters, summer shirts and shorts. They have also requested disposable rain ponchos in order to keep their guests dry during a sometimes rainy spring.

We will be collecting the items for three Saturdays:

April 17th, April 24th and May 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

To stay safe, donations will be accepted outside in the FPC parking lot/ circle during this drive-by, drop-off event. (We ask that face coverings be worn during drop-off.)

CHILDREN’S EASTER ANTHEM POSTPONED

Instead of an Easter Anthem, we will be working toward a children’s choir project for Mother’s Day. Be on the look out for more information!

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

“Behold, my friends, spring has come, the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun and we shall soon see the results of their love!”

Sitting Bull

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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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.



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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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

TUESDAY, March 23rd

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 120
- 7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, March 24th

- 8:30 AM RRC Meeting, Zoom Meeting
- 6:30 PM "Time to Talk," Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, March 25th

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

SUNDAY, March 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