



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, March 28th, 2021

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH

1. When has pride gone before a fall in your life?(It doesn't have to be a major fall)
2. How would you describe the difference between sinful pride and healthy sense of self-esteem?
3. Sinful pride is self-esteem at the expense of others. Do you agree?
4. What is the connection between sinful pride and fear of the "other?"
5. Pride is a main sin of Holy Week. Where do you see this acted out during Holy Week?
6. What might Jesus have done in Holy Week if he had given in to sinful pride?



PICK UP YOUR PALMS

Palm branches will be set out on Sunday morning (Palm Sunday). Stop by during the day and pick up palm branches to take home.

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



Easter Sanctuary Service @9:30am Livestream & limited in-person indoor worship & outdoor viewing of the livestream broadcast
 Easter Illuminate Service @11:00am Livestream & limited in-person indoor worship & outdoor viewing of the livestream broadcast

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

WHEN GOD'S SPIRIT MOVES

New Spring ZOOM Study from Adult Education
6 Wednesday Evenings – April 14th to May 19th
7:00 to 8:30 PM

QUESTION: If you had to explain the **Holy Spirit** to a 10 year old and what He does, how would you go about it? What words would you use? What examples would you give to describe this 3rd member of the Trinity?

JESUS: “I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – the **Spirit of truth**. The world cannot accept him because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.” (John 14:16-17)

A Timely Study for Us All

A great many of us probably do not think a lot about the Holy Spirit or know how to best describe him, even though we are familiar with this critical passage of Jesus' announcement of our “advocate”. After his resurrection but before his ascension, Jesus again tells us. “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8) And after his final ascension into Heaven, the Spirit came to earth on that day in Pentecost and lives in each soul who accepts Christ Jesus as our Redeemer.

Please join us as we head toward Pentecost, and get reacquainted with our “Advocate”, “Helper”, “Counselor” and “Comforter”. Be encouraged through the testimonies of people whose encounters with the Spirit empowered both their physical and spiritual lives. Let's see what restoration can happen when the Holy Spirit moves powerfully within a church.

REGISTRATION & MATERIALS

Please respond with you NAME & PHONE at adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org

Video participation is **FREE** through First Pres subscription to StudyGateway
Study Guide “When God's Spirit Moves” is available through...
Amazon.com (\$9.99) AND Churchsource.com (\$9.09)

Please let us know if you need assistance in the purchase of your study guide.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

The online sign up sheet for the Thursday Soup Kitchens in April is now available online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4FA5AD29A0F94-april>

Don't forget to select your contribution and be a force in helping those less fortunate than ourselves. The Thursday Soup Kitchen has been a success and it's all because of our very generous congregation. Thank you for all you do and all the support for this great ministry.

Pans are out and we are ready to support Our Lady of the Valley Saturday Soup Kitchen, so pick up your pan and make a difference in someone's life. We have supported this ministry for decades and its success is all because of our family and friends on going support and generosity. From the Board of Deacons and the Mission Committee, THANK YOU, and God Bless.

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.**

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.)

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS — HELP THE PLANET FOR EARTH DAY 2021

Sponsored by the Caldwell Environmental Commission

1. Saturday April 24th from 10am - 1pm

Participate in the Shredding Event for the JCHS Scholarship Committee behind Caldwell Borough Hall. Participants will receive reusable produce bags.



2. Thursday, April 29th 7pm

Dr. Chris Obrupta, Director, Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program will discuss Caldwell's rain gardens. RAIN GARDENS - a way to address water quality and flooding on your property. As an example of Green Infrastructure, they capture storm water in a more environmentally friendly way. They also provide native plants which attract local pollinators.

ZOOM WEBINAR— Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ad7YJbZQRKSPFhn8peHyBQ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information on how to join the webinar.

WE ARE LOOKING TO OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR INPUT AS WE WORK TO BUILD A NEW CHURCH WEBSITE!

Please take a few minutes to fill out the following questionnaire:

<https://www.firstpreswebsite.com>

Your input to these questions will help us capture what makes First Pres so special and make it easier for anyone to engage in church activities. Feel free to write as much or as little as you want – or to leave questions blank entirely.

Your responses will be read only by the website team, though you can grant permission to share direct quotes with Session at large (attributed or anonymous).

And if you'd like to discuss any of these ideas directly, drop Andy a line at ao@andyogden.com.

Thanks so much for the help,
the Website Team

JOIN THE A/V TEAM

Interested in PC, Stage, Film, Video Production? First Pres is in need of people like you! Learn the systems as a member of the church A/V Team. Learn about all the aspects via hands-on!

Email (fpc@firstprescaldwell.org) or call the church office (973-228-0310) to learn more!



AUDIO CDS OF SUNDAY WORSHIP AVAILABLE

If you or someone you know would like an audio CD of the 9:30 am Sunday service please contact the church office during regular business hours Monday through Friday.

Each week the AV group prepares audio CDs of the entire traditional Sunday service and the church office staff mails those CDs to all those on the request list.

Please note the video of the Sunday service is available on [livestream.com](https://www.livestream.com) and the church Facebook page, and the audio for the Sermon is posted on the church's website each week.



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

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

*"Silence is the sleep that nourishes
wisdom."*

Frances Bacon

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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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 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 29th

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY, March 30th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 120

WEDNESDAY, March 31st

8:30 AM RRC Meeting, Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, April 1st

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service, Livestream

FRIDAY, April 2nd

12:00 PM Good Friday Scripture, Pre-recorded Facebook

7:00 PM Good Friday Illuminate, Livestream

SATURDAY, April 3rd

8:00 PM Easter Vigil, Pre-recorded Facebook

SUNDAY, April 4th

9:30 AM Easter Sunday Worship Service, Livestream

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Easter Sunday Illuminate, Facebook Livestream