



# FIRST PRESS

**Sunday, April 25th, 2021**

## **SERMON QUESTIONS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH**

1. What do you think of when you hear the word "sheep?"
2. What are examples of good shepherds?
3. In what ways do we share the role of shepherd?
4. On the Sunday after Earth Day, consider that as shepherds we not only lead sheep to green pastures, but are also called to maintain, protect, and ensure that there will be green pastures and clean still waters in the future.

## **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH**

April is known as Volunteer Appreciation Month. Early in the month, Session members, committee chairs, staff and the moderator of the Deacons were asked for suggestions on volunteers to recognize this year. Below are the names that came in and general reasons for their mention. There is no way this exhausts the names of all those who have volunteered their time and efforts this year.

### **Audio-Visual Team**

Rob Thiemann  
Ray Liptak

### **RRC Members**

Betty Resch  
Jack Dusinberre  
Kris George  
Mike Bruchac  
Maureen Prince  
Stephen Cornman

### **Lawn/Outdoor Worship Coordination**

Mike Bruchac

### **Facing Racism Task Force**

Debbie Donker  
Bob McGruther  
Lydia Spinelli  
Lisa Stein  
Richard Conner

### **Service to Christian Education programs, adult and young people.**

Bonnie Chiappetta.  
Amy Kolb

### **From the Board of Deacons:**

Carolyn Legg (rolled off Jan, 2021)  
Lisa Edwards (rolled off Jan, 2021)  
Lisa Stein (rolled off Jan, 2021)  
Teresa Akersten (rolled off Jan, 2021)  
Bonnie Chiappetta  
Darcy Asche  
Kaitlyn Heun  
Todd Barnes  
Christien Endres

### **For Helping with Deacon/Mission Projects**

Ron Masson  
Sue Jones  
Ellen Johnson  
Joyce McGrath  
Laura Schalles

*Thank  
You*

# EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

## NEW DATE

Saturday, May 1st 2021  
2pm - 5pm

First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell  
326 Bloomfield Ave  
Caldwell, NJ

Please Pre-Register  
to join the fun!

Lesson and Prayer for  
the Earth

Planting of a Perennial  
Flower Garden

Collection of Message  
Rocks Painted by our  
youth

Church grounds clean up  
(must wear gloves)

## **EARTH DAY CELEBRATION POSTPONED TO SATURDAY, MAY 1ST**

Come join us for our Earth Day Celebration where we will be planting and dedicating a perennial flower garden outside our chapel doors on our rain date, Saturday, May 1st from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Please bring any gardening tools as we gather outside the chapel doors on Bloomfield Ave. Pre-Registration is required, masks must be worn, and social distancing must be observed. Register: <https://forms.gle/iXxm1DSh8zUX7wpq5>

All children & youth are invited to take part in our kindness/message rock project that will be part of our perennial flowering garden outside the chapel doors. Please stop by the church to pick up your rocks anytime during the week during regular church office hours. The paint will be supplied by you and the rock painting is up to the imagination of your child and should promote kindness, joy, and happiness. Then, please bring the rocks back to church on Sunday, May 1st, 2:00-5:00pm during the planting of our perennial flower garden and maybe help with some of the planting.

## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MOTHER'S DAY CARDS**

The Women's Fellowship is selling Mother's Day Cards to benefit the Church World Service. Cwsglobal.org CWS helps families around the world recover from disaster, displacement, and build viable sustainable lives and communities.

The Women's Fellowship is once again offering a special gift idea for Mother's Day or any other special occasion. Donate a blanket in honor of that special person in your life! For only \$5.00 you can help provide warmth, protection and comfort to children and adults throughout the world. With every \$5.00 donation you provide a good wool or cotton blend blanket.

When possible, blankets are purchased close to the scene of a disaster, to speed delivery and to spur the local economy. You will receive a lovely note card suitable for mailing to the person who is special to you letting them know about the way you have honored them and helped others in their name. Keep in mind you may also order Father's Day (coming up soon), Special Occasion, or Memorial cards!

You can order and purchase via our online link below or call the church office at 973-228-0310 to order and mail a check. If you order online, be sure to choose the drop down tab that says "Mother's Day Cards/Special Occasion." The number of cards that you order will be mailed to your home for you to personalize for your loved ones.

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#)

### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received at FPC between Easter and Mother's Day, May 9, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. **In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world.**

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) : Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees : Receives 32% of funds raised

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP) : Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed : Receives 36% of funds raised

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP) : Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues : Receives 32% of funds raised

Our church school students were sent the familiar fish banks in the mail, so families can put aside contributions between now and May 9. You may also donate through the church website at [www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate). Be sure to choose the donation tab that says One Great Hour of Sharing. Join Presbyterians around this country in providing resources that touch people's lives around the world and throughout the year.

## **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 on Saturday, 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.)

## **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](mailto: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 and the church Facebook page, and the audio for the Sermon is posted on the church's website each week.

## **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](mailto:ao@andyogden.com).



## WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

*"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill  
the law of Christ."*

Galatians 6:2

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*

**Christine Brunner**, *Office Manager*

**Chris White**, *Building Manager/Head Sexton*

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*Weekday Nursery School - 973-226-6674*

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**David Hicock**, *Superintendent*

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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](http://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, April 25th**

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Livestream

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Facebook Livestream

5:00 PM Youth Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

6:15 PM Youth Choir, Church Lawn

### **MONDAY, April 26th**

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

### **TUESDAY, April 27th**

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 120

7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, April 28th**

8:30 AM RRC Meeting, Zoom Meeting

6:30 PM "Time to Talk," Zoom Meeting

### **THURSDAY, April 29th**

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Zoom Meeting

### **SATURDAY, May 1st**

11:00 AM Deacons' Clothing Drive, Circular Driveway

2:00 PM Earth Day Celebration, Church Lawn

### **SUNDAY, May 2nd**

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary/  
Livestream

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Facebook Livestream

5:00 PM Youth Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

6:15 PM Youth Choir, Church Lawn