



# FIRST PRESS

**Easter Sunday, April 4th, 2021**

*Christ  
is  
Risen!*

## **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES**

Easter Sanctuary Service @9:30am

Available via First Pres Facebook & Livestream.com

Easter Illuminate Service @11:00am

Available via Illuminate Facebook



**Collecting gently used  
lightweight jackets, sweaters,  
summer shirts and shorts.**

**Donations will be accepted on  
Saturdays, April 17th, April  
24th and May 1st from 11:00  
a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the  
circular driveway.**

## **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.)

## **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](mailto: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](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org). Application Due Date: 5:00 PM April 15, 2021.**

## **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.

## **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!



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

## **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.

## WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

*"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."*

Martin Luther King Jr

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*

**Irma Clare**, *Administrative Assistant*

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*Weekday Nursery School - 973-226-6674*

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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](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 4th**

8:30 AM Easter Sunday Prayer Service, Church Lawn  
(Registration for In-Person Closed)

9:30 AM Easter Sunday Worship Service, Livestream & Church Lawn (Registration for In-Person Closed)

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Easter Sunday Illuminate, Livestream & Old Burial Ground (Registration for In-Person Closed)

### **TUESDAY, April 6th**

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 120

### **WEDNESDAY, April 7th**

8:30 AM RRC Meeting, Zoom Meeting

### **THURSDAY, April 8th**

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Zoom Meeting

### **SUNDAY, April 11th**

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/Zoom Meeting

# *IN LOVING MEMORY OF ...*

Marian and George O. Baer, by Diana Baer

My dad, Frank A. Santagata, by Bonnie & Alexis Chiappetta

Our loved ones, by Richard & Sue Conner

Ray Corbin, by Joan Corbin

Doris & David Dusinberre, by Susan and Jack Dusinberre

Ruth Johnson, by Susan and Jack Dusinberre

Jane Lonsinger, by Catherine Fleming

My husband Richard L. Harvey, by Ruth Harvey

My parents, Leah & Willis Andrew, by Ruth Harvey

Frederick Tempesta by his sister and her family, Donna, Rich, Trevor, Brittany & Kaitlyn Heun

Alfred and Winnie Tempesta, by their daughter and her family, Donna, Rich, Trevor,

Brittany & Kaitlyn Heun

Ray and Carol Heun, by their son and his family, Rich, Donna, Trevor, Brittany & Kaitlyn Heun

Loved ones, by Barbara Heuston

Lois Kramer, by Barbara Heuston

Harry Ingersoll, by the Ingersoll Family

Kay & Andy Ball, by the Ingersoll Family

Sue & John Wilcox, by the Ingersoll Family

Roland Oliphant, our Dad and Papa, by Lois, Earl, Earl, Chris, Kim, and families

Helen Oliphant, our beloved Mom and Mimi, by Lois, Earl, Earl, Chris, Kim, and families

Catherine Johnson by Diane Joy

Fred & Dorothy Binder by Diane Joy



# *IN LOVING MEMORY OF ...*



Jan Pryor, by Amy Kolb

Our parents, by Donna & Dan McGinley

My mother Alice Oyer, by Nancy Oyer

Neal Kendall Resch, by his family, Betty, Beth, Thomas, Daniel & Lukas; Julie, Tony, Ashley & Kaitlyn

Edward and Ruth Lender, by their family

Norma & Bernard Ryan, by David & Lisa Ryan Stein

Our son Dean Thiel, by Linda & Charles Thiel

Wilma & Edgar Vankovick, by Linda & Charles Thiel

My husband, William C. Hayden, by Lenore D. Voorhis-Hayden

Loved ones, by Lenore D. Voorhis-Hayden & family

John V. Vantuno, by Diane Vantuno and our children, John R., Nicole and Gina

Deborah Wefferling, by Lewis H. Wefferling

Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Wefferling, Sr., by Lewis H. Wefferling

Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Wefferling, Jr., by Lewis H. Wefferling

Mrs. Mary McManus, by Lewis H. Wefferling

Mrs. Helen Schlosser, by Lewis H. Wefferling

David Wefferling, by Lewis H. Wefferling

Our mother/grandmother Dorothy Spanner, by daughter Susan Zayas and granddaughters Amanda & Caroline



## *IN HONOR OF ...*

Jeannette DePalma, by Jessica Brand

Those needing some cheer, by Donna Chaplin

Barb & Noel Piercy for all they do, by Bonnie Chiappetta

Rob & Ray, our A/V team, by Bonnie Chiappetta

Our children & grandchildren, by Richard & Sue Conner

Michele & Sandra, by Joan Corbin

Our new grandson Grayson Ryan Curran, by Susan and Jack Dusingberre

Mima, by Jennifer Gonzalez

Heather Linsalata, by Barbara Heil

Dean & Jean Cochran, Robert Cochran & Dorothy & Anthony Lanza, by Diane & John Lanza

Our five kids and their families, by Diane & John Lanza

Elizabeth Cochran, by Diane & John Lanza



### **THE EASTER LILY**

Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies were found growing in the garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies spring up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and distress. Christian churches continue this tradition at Easter by banking their altars and surrounding their crosses with masses of Easter lilies to commemorate the Resurrection and hope of life everlasting.

The pure white lily has also been closely associated with the Virgin Mary. In early paintings, the Angel Gabriel is pictured extending to Mary a branch of pure white lilies, announcing that she is to be the Mother of the Christ child. In other paintings, saints are pictured bringing vases full of white lilies to Mary and the Infant Jesus.

The legend is told that when Mary's tomb was visited three days after her burial, it was found empty save for bunches of majestic white lilies. Early writers and artists made the lily the emblem of the Annunciation, the Resurrection of the Virgin: the pure white petals signifying her spotless body and the golden anthers her soul glowing with heavenly light.