



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, July 11th, 2021



Campers entering 1st-6th grades are invited to join us for an awesome week of recreation, crafts, exploring the Bible and meeting new friends! Camp will take place outdoors on the church property, Monday, August 16th through Friday, August 20th from 9:00am-11:30am. This is a sunshine only event! Please provide your cell phone number on our registration form to receive text reminders and cancellations. [Please submit a registration form for each child.](#)

The cost is \$25 per camper. If you have more than one camper in your family, the cost is \$25 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child. [Submit payment online by clicking here](#) or you may mail a check to The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, 326 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006. Please make checks payable to The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell with VBS in the memo.

This year's theme is "Athens: Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth." Campers will learn the jaw-dropping story of the Apostle Paul, straight from Paul himself! In an ancient anything goes culture, Paul will inspire kids to share the truth of God's immeasurable love today!

What does your child need each day? A water bottle with their name on it, a beach towel, a bathing suit, and a sense of adventure! Masks are not required outdoors but will be required if using the bathroom inside of the church building, so please make sure your child has a mask on them.



WE'RE LETTING THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG

Imagine a friend asks you to describe your church. What would you say? Chances are your answer would come from what you like about the church and what you have experienced, but no one person could give a full picture or know how other people feel.

Until now!

Now you can help us change that as we "let the CAT out of the bag." CAT stands for Congregational Assessment Tool. This online instrument (also available on paper) will help our church gauge the strength, vitality, and trends in our church. The information gained from this assessment will be valuable in helping our church make decisions about the future and what skills to look for in our next called pastor.

From now through mid-August, our CAT survey is available online and on paper as needed. Our preference is that you complete and submit the survey online. If you prefer, you can print the pdf version from the link below, complete it on paper and return it to the church office where we will arrange to have someone enter it online. We can schedule time for someone to help you fill it out either online or on paper. Everyone who is a regular participant in our congregation is encouraged to complete this survey about their faith experience in this church. The more people who participate, the more useful the results will be.

Your CAT survey link is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FPCCALDWELLNJ>

Your paper copy of the survey is here: [First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, NJ](#)

The survey is 104 questions. It took a Coordinating Team member 45 minutes to go through the survey and answer all questions online. Please note that you must be complete the survey during one online session. Since you cannot stop and return to finish later, it may be helpful to open the pdf link and read the survey before beginning your online session. After you submit, the site does a good job explaining why the survey is so long and detailed.

If you prefer a paper copy to fill in and do not have access to a printer, please contact the church office (973) 228-0310. One will be mailed or delivered to you.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. This is an important first step in selecting our new pastor. Thank you for your help in making this survey a success!

JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sanctuary Service at 9:30am in the Sanctuary
Illuminate Service at 11:00am in Fellowship Hall

Advance registration, at this time, is not required. All registration will be done on-site, beginning at 9:00am for the Sanctuary service, and 10:30am for the Illuminate service. Updated indoor worship guidelines are available through the link below.

Please review the guidelines prior to arriving at either service.

<https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/indoor-worship-guidelines/>

Worship online any time via livestream by clicking the links below.

[9:30am Livestream Sanctuary Service on Facebook](#)

[9:30am Livestream Sanctuary Service on Livestream Website](#)

[11:00am Livestream Illuminate Service on Facebook](#)

OPPORTUNITY TO MEET REV. SCHRAM!

On Wednesday, July 14, at 2pm - 2:45pm, Bill Schram and Barb Piercy will be hosting a get-together in Hineman Hall at Crane's Mill. It will be the first opportunity that Bill has been able to meet with members of the congregation who have not been able to come to church during the pandemic. Stop by and introduce yourself and say, "hello!"



WALKING IN SPACE — A CABARET

Join us for a special cabaret performance featuring members of the youth choir on Monday & Tuesday, July 19 & 20 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Free-will donations to support The Sara Jane Hussey Memorial Fund, Dystonia Research & The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR OUR SUMMER HYMN SINGS

Summer hymn sings have always been very popular at First Presbyterian. Each week members of the congregation eagerly call out the number of their favorite hymn. Well - this summer we shall once again seek your hymn favorites for Sunday morning worship. Submit your hymn request through the church website. Click on this link to see a full-listing of hymns in GLORY TO GOD: <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/GG2013?page=1>

THE 13TH ANNUAL
BOARD OF DEACONS YOUTH MISSION

GOLF OUTING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2021: REGISTER NOW

Please join us!

Register at: <https://www.dixongives.com/boarddeacons>

The friendly 4 player/best ball team format guarantees an enjoyable day, regardless of skill level.

- Individual \$175
Foursome \$165 per golfer (\$660)
- Early-bird Special: **10% discount before September 1st.**
Codes: For foursome: EBST21
For individual: EBSI21
- 11:30am – 1:00pm: Registration
Putting Contest
Grill Lunch
Shotgun start
- Great Awards & Prizes during the buffet dinner

All are Welcome!

Any questions please send an email to golf@firstprescaldwell.org.

PICKLEBALL HAS RETURNED!

Adult pickleball takes place in Fellowship Hall every Wednesday evening. Two sessions will be offered: 6-7 p.m. for beginners; 7-8:30 p.m. for intermediate players. Registration will be required in advance. In order to participate, a player must register their contact information and proof of vaccination. Please e-mail these items to

christine@firstprescaldwell.org. You only need to do so **once** to be included on the registered player list.



SAVE THE DATE

HERE COMES THE SUN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AUCTION

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021
7:00 PM**

**TO BENEFIT OUR MISSION PARTNERS: CALDWELL FOOD PANTRY,
COMMUNITY FOODBANK, OASIS, OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY SOUP
KITCHEN, ST. JOHN'S SOUP KITCHEN, URBAN PROMISE, AND
AFRICAN DREAM ACADEMY**

We decided to move the auction to the fall in the hopes of having it both in person as well as online. If you would like to volunteer with donations, tricky tray baskets, decorating and display, staffing, or food and beverages, please email Lydia Spinelli, lspinelli.summersteps@brickchurch.org

RAIN GARDEN AT FIRST PRES

A year ago First Pres. was approached by a member of the Environmental Commission for the Borough of Caldwell informing us that we were identified as a potential site to install a "rain garden" with a grant to the Borough of Caldwell through Rutgers University. This idea was presented to the Session and approved to move forward. The cost to the Church was zero. A site was selected along the Bloomfield Avenue side of the church where the garden would thrive fed by roof water draining into the garden.



The plan came to fruition this spring in a combined effort between the Rutgers University School of Environmental Studies, the Borough of Caldwell and members of the First Pres. Buildings & Grounds Committee. Following a specific schematic plan designed by Rutgers, workers from the town maintenance dept. dug out the space to be filled with a layered mix of dirt and topped with mulch that would receive 70 plants to beautify both the church grounds and Bloomfield Avenue while benefitting the environment. Have a look for yourself! Stop by and view the project.

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- 3. You accept the invitation and create your personal Username and Password. (KEEP THEM in order to LogIN)**
- 4. THAT'S IT. You will have FREE immediate access to ALL StudyGateway.com content as an FPC church member.**

Offering

Offerings will continue online at www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate. Mailed-in donations continue to also be gladly accepted. In addition, there will be baskets at the entry door if people choose to leave donations. Knowing that our income could be impacted, we invite those with extra resources to consider making a special gift.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

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*

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, July 11th

- 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary/Livestream
- 10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting
- 10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn, Church Lawn
- 11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Facebook Livestream, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Youth Choir, Church Lawn

TUESDAY, July 13th

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 120
- 6:00 PM Finance Committee, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, July 14th

- 8:30 AM RRC Meeting, Zoom Meeting
- 6:00 PM Beginner Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Intermediate Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, July 18th

- 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary/Livestream
- 10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting
- 10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn, Church Lawn
- 11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Facebook Livestream, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Youth Choir, Church Lawn