



# FIRST PRESS

**Sunday, July 4th, 2021**



**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](#)

**DO YOU HAVE A CHURCH PROGRAM OR EVENT THAT NEEDS TO BE ADVERTISED?**

The deadline for the next First Press is tomorrow (Monday) at 3:00pm. We cannot guarantee inclusion of material submitted after that. Please email Lauren Restaino at [lauren@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:lauren@firstprescaldwell.org).



# 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!

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](mailto:golf@firstprescaldwell.org).*

## **PICKLEBALL RETURNS THIS WEDNESDAY, JULY 7TH**

Adult pickleball will resume in Fellowship Hall starting Wednesday, July 7th. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

# OFFERING FROM ADULT EDUCATION

**REGISTER BELOW to have FREE, instant access to ALL STUDYGATEWAY materials**

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## **REGISTER for free participation in this service**

- 1. EMAIL [adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org) with your name and email address**
- 2. We will have StudyGateway email you an invitation to participate in our FIRSTPRESCALDWELL subscription.**
- 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](http://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*

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**Scott Westenberger**, *Worship Leader*

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## THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL

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### CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

#### **SUNDAY, July 4th**

##### **Communion Sunday**

##### **Happy 4th of July!**

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

#### **MONDAY, July 5th**

##### **Church Office Closed**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, July 7th**

8:30 AM RRC Meeting, Zoom Meeting

6:00 PM Beginner Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Intermediate Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

#### **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