



# FIRST PRESS

**Sunday, August 22nd, 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](#)

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A SPECIAL LABOR DAY SUNDAY!**

On Sunday, September 5th, we'll observe a special holiday worship schedule. There will be one worship service at 10am. Music will be provided by both Barbara Piercy and Scott

Westenberger. We will begin our month of acknowledging service to our community by lifting up the many ways our congregation serves our wider community. Communion will also be shared. Following worship there will be a time of fellowship and food outside. Dads With a Mission will be grilling hot dogs and an alternative choice, beverages will be available.

Appropriate health guidelines will be followed in the preparation and serving. Feel free to bring a lawn chair or towel to sit on.

## **PEDAL FOR PROMISE**

UrbanPromise wanted to take the time to send a personal invite to First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell Church Family! UrbanPromise would love if you all could join us again for Pedal for Promise on Saturday, October 2nd! Your participation in Pedal for Promise will both raise awareness and help us reach our goal of \$100,000 to provide Camden teens with innovative, safe, quality education.

The below link has additional details:

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PS: Also, Please SAVE THE DATE: As UrbanPromise is planning a Missions Day on Saturday, September 18!

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE APPRECIATION**

During September, we will be celebrating the involvement of members of this church in volunteer activities that serve the wider community. We do this in conjunction with the celebration of the Sept. 11 National Day of Remembrance and service. Congress has acted to name September 11 a day not just to remember the lives lost that day, but also to use the example of first responders and volunteers as inspiration for ongoing service to our communities.

Jeremiah 29:7 directed the Israelites in Babylon "But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you..., and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, told his followers to affect the world the way a little yeast affects a large amount of dough.

One way we follow both these scriptural directives is by what we do in the community outside the church. Many of you are active in volunteer service to the community in one or more ways. We want to celebrate your activity the first Sunday of September. Help us do that by turning in the groups with which they serve the wider community either on the paper available on Sundays by the offering plates or by contacting the church office by phone (973) 228-0310 or by email [fpc@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:fpc@firstprescaldwell.org). It can be anything from service organizations like Kiwanis to helping with youth recreation, the American Legion to scouting, soup kitchen to election helper. Let us know how you serve the wider community.

On the other Sundays of September, we are inviting community service groups in to be thanked for what they do. This year Neighbor Brigade, Oasis and the OLV Soup Kitchen will each be thanked on a different Sunday. Help us thank them by being present to show your appreciation.

## **EXCITING NEW OFFERING FROM ADULT EDUCATION**

FPC Adult Education is very excited to make available this ongoing sermon series from Brewster Baptist Church (BBC) in Brewster Massachusetts. This 66-week journey through all the books of the Bible is an opportunity that addresses the desires of many Christians who are seeking to find a rich and enjoyable way to engage the entire Bible in a very doable way.

Be it your first time through or a revisit, this series is intended to help you come into relationship with the full story of God's Word and realize his persistence in leading us to be in relationship with him. And it is flexible! The series is broken into parts that help us reflect further about specific books of the Bible and how to understand them. Part 1 of this series covers the first 5 books of the Bible and is called "Choices that Change Us."

If you are interested in these weekly messages from gifted messenger, Pastor Doug Scalise, you will learn about significant themes and people in a manner that gives us wisdom and knowledge about how to live as God desires us to live. For more information, [CLICK THIS LINK](#).

## **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!

## **ADULT EDUCATION - WE NEED YOU!**

Help us to make Adult Education a vital and responsive ministry for First Pres members and our community. A robust participation in answering this questionnaire is an important way to help secure the future of this ministry and, we believe, a key component to the future of our iconic church on the corner that has served for more than 200 years.

We include a variety of questions to help us understand much that has been difficult to discern during the past year. Particularly we need to be knowledgeable about your awareness of what we are offering, the convenience or inconvenience of our studies, and your interest level in the different topics we have covered, and the venues for participation.

[Click here to access our questionnaire.](#) Thank you for helping us help you!

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 HAS RETURNED!**

Adult pickleball takes place in Fellowship Hall every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:00pm through Labor Day. A new schedule will be announced after that date. 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.



## HERE COMES THE SUN

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AUCTION

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM

You may or may not know that the biennial auction supports most of the Church's mission budget, enabling us to help these wonderful organizations that make a difference to so many people: Caldwell Food Pantry, The Foodbank of New Jersey, Oasis, Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen, St. John's Soup Kitchen (Sandwich Night), Urban Promise and African Dream Academy. We don't want to let our mission partners down so we need our October 9 auction to be a huge success. Our title "Here Comes the Sun" and beautiful photo by our own Rob Thiemann signifies the hope we feel for the future that our congregation will rally to help those who are so much in need. We are hoping you will submit a donation to the auction.

All kinds of items are welcome: jewelry, handbags, new clothes, electronics, and household items, etc.. Please note that items should be new except for jewelry, antiques, art work, china, crystal, collectibles, etc. that people would want to buy. You might have season sports or concert tickets and be willing to give up one event. The businesses you frequent might be willing to donate something. A favorite restaurant might be willing to donate a dinner for four or you might offer to cook dinner in the bidder's home or yours. You might have a vacation home you are willing to donate for a week or weekend or frequent flyer miles you won't use. You might have connections for a children's birthday party. Donations can range from preparing a will or a decorating consultation to making a birthday cake or wrapping Christmas gifts, gardening or mowing lawns.

There are two ways to donate an item. [You can do it directly online to the auction website by clicking here.](#) Or you can fill out and mail [in the donation form](#) or drop it off at Church. There will be a box in the back of the Church.

If you don't have anything to donate and prefer to send a monetary donation, [you can do so by clicking here.](#)

We will also have our ever-popular tricky tray baskets. If you would like to help with this endeavor, donate a basket or items to make up a basket, please contact Liz Moore at [coachlizmo@yahoo.com](mailto:coachlizmo@yahoo.com).

If you would like to volunteer to help or have questions, please email: [lydia.spinelli@gmail.com](mailto:lydia.spinelli@gmail.com).

We are so grateful for your support,

The Auction Co-Chairs, John Dusinberre, Ellen Johnson, Susan Jones and Lydia Spinelli

## 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*

**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*

**Brittany Heun**, *Sunday Receptionist*

**Kathleen Carlson**, *Director*

*Weekday Nursery School - 973-226-6674*

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**Dr. Robert R. McGruther**, *Pastor Emeritus*

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### CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

#### **SUNDAY, August 22nd**

- 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

#### **TUESDAY, August 24th**

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Chapel
- 7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

#### **WEDNESDAY, August 25th**

- 8:30 AM RRC Session Sub Committee, Zoom Meeting
- 6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

#### **SUNDAY, August 29th**

- 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary/Livestream
- 10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting
- 10:30 AM Choir Member Discussions w/ Noel at Coffee Hour
- 10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn, Church Lawn
- 11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Facebook Livestream, Fellowship Hall

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

The deadline for the next First Press is 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).