



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, August 8th, 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](#)

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) 747-5826 or by email 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.



To Benefit Oasis, A Haven for Women & Children

It's that time of year again and our back-to-school supply drive is organized to provide basic school supplies for the kids of Oasis, A Haven for Women and Children in Paterson. Similar to what we did for our Christmas collection, we have set up a gift registry at **Target.com** where you can see a list of over 6,000 items including general school supplies, backpacks, and **new this year** we also have school uniform items including polos, pants, and sneakers for you to select from in a variety of prices. The easiest & most direct way is by entering the link directly at:

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/oasisbacktoschooldrive>

You can also access the gift registry by using the following steps:

*Go to Target.com

*Click on the Registry button.

*Under "search for Organization" enter OASIS A Haven for Women and Children

*This will bring you to the Oasis gift registry with over 6000 items.

Once you select your gift and put it in the cart, you will see that the registry is set up to **send all items directly to Oasis at 59 Mill St. Paterson** so be sure not to change that feature when checking out. The gift registry link will also be made available very soon at the church website too.

If you prefer to provide financial support rather than purchase a gift, you may do so by going to the church website and clicking on the tab labeled DONATE in the top right corner and from there you will see another drop down which will show you the OASIS Back to School Supply project. You can also send in a check to the church office and checks should be made payable to First Pres Caldwell and be sure to put in the memo section Oasis School Supplies. All monetary donations must be received no later than Aug 14 to allow us to shop on your behalf. **Last day to order from the Registry will be Monday August 16** to provide enough time to process & ship your gifts to Oasis. Please **do not bring any gifts to the church** office as there will be no delivery offered due to Covid-19.

Thank you for your continued support & generosity of the Oasis Back to School Supply Drive! Please feel free to contact Ellen Johnson at johnsonellend@gmail or phone 973-229-2453 if you have questions or need assistance.



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!

VBS 2021 — REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE

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.



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.



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.

If you would like to volunteer to help or have questions, please email: 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. 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*

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Christine Brunner, *Office Manager*

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, August 8th

- 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
- 12:00 PM Children & Youth Committee, Zoom Meeting

TUESDAY, August 10th

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 120
- 6:00 PM Finance Committee, Zoom Meeting
- 7:00 PM Deacons, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, August 11th

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

SUNDAY, August 15th

- 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

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.