



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Come on in!

Worship with us
on-site Sundays

9:30 AM Sanctuary Service

11:00 AM Illuminate Service

Worship online anytime via Livestream

www.firstprescaldwell.org

JOIN US FOR 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](#)

IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 19TH

We are very excited to be back in person for Sunday School this year! Our first day will be on Sunday, September 19th during the 9:30am service. Registration forms will become available soon on our website and via email.

All grades (preschool through 7th) will leave the worship service together and we will have one classroom in the chapel. Masks will be required for all.

We will enjoy a Sunday School Kickoff Celebration on the church lawn following the 9:30am worship service. Join us for an ice cream truck and lawn games. Please email Susan Jones at sjjones127@yahoo.com if you have any questions.



A 9/11 PASTORAL RESOURCE FROM PASTOR BILL

I remember 9/11/2001 as a time that one of the anchors of a sense of security in life was shown to be more tenuous than I had realized. Since that time, the 2 decade long decline in church participation across the board, the pandemic, the events of Jan. 6 have added to a sense of tenuousness of other formerly secure anchors in my life.

The presence of our Lord with us and the foundation that comes through God's word in scripture are still firm. Therefore I share this resource for people to reflect on in this time before Sept. 11. The author, Bill Tameus has also written material for The Thoughtful Christian, part of our PCUSA publishing arm. Below is part of the introduction of the material

"This week our nation will observe the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. For The Wired Word editorial team member Bill Tammeus the anniversary is especially poignant because his nephew, Karleton Fyfe, was a passenger on the first plane to smash into the World Trade Center. Like others whose loved ones died on that catastrophic day, Bill has struggled to come to terms with the murder of a loved one and with the larger issues that terrorism presents to our world.

... We have asked Bill to write this lesson, not in the dispassionate words of a journalist (which Bill is), but in his own first-person voice" [CLICK HERE TO VIEW ARTICLE](#)

CHOIR CONTINUES TO SING AND RING AT FIRST PRESS

The choirs at The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell continue to sing and ring a new song as we begin the 2021/2022 season. How about joining us for musicmaking that is Covid-safe and fun?

VOCAL CHOIRS

- Chancel Choir (Adults) - Thursday nights at 7:30pm - 8:30pm in the sanctuary (Masks required); May join in person or via ZOOM. Contact the church office for information to participate online.
- Westminster Choir (All Youth in Grades 6th - 12th Grade) at 6pm - 7:30pm in the sanctuary (Masks Required) and on the church lawn.
- Children - Watch for special singing opportunities through Sunday School participation and via recordings. A Christmas musical is being planned for the FPC Family Christmas Service.

HANDBELLS

- Chancel Handbell Choir (Adults) - Thursday nights at 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the sanctuary (Masks required)
- First Church Ringers (All Youth in Grades 6th - 12th Grade) - Sundays at 5pm - 6pm in the sanctuary (Masks Required)

This Sunday, September 12, the youth choirs will kick off with a special pizza party at 6pm - 6:30pm outside on the church lawn. It will be a good chance to catch up with one another and talk about ideas for the upcoming choir season. Plus, hope to greet new choir members!!

Questions? Contact Rev. Piercy, Minister of Music, through the church office

MUMS ON A MISSION

*The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell
2nd Annual Deacon Mum Sale*

Fresh from Morris County Farm

Help Support Vital Deacon Missions:

- **Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen** in Orange
- **Sandwiches Nights** for St. John's Church in Newark
- **Oasis: A Haven for Women and Children** in Paterson
- **Coat + Sweater Drives, Turkey Drives & more!**

Decorate
your home
for fall

**Honor a
Loved One**
Donate to
Sanctuary

Bring Cheer
to a friend
or neighbor

Order by Sunday, September 26th
Pick up on church lawn
Saturday, October 2nd

Delivery available for small fee.
See order form for details.

Questions? Call or text
973-632-4031

Laudato Si

The Care of Our Common Home



by Pope Francis

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THE WEST ESSEX MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Thursday, September 23, 2021

7:00pm - 8:00pm ZOOM

Hosted by **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL**
326 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006

Thursday, September 30, 2021

7:00pm - 8:00pm ZOOM

Hosted by: **CONGREGATION AGUDATH ISRAEL**
20 Academy Road, Caldwell, NJ 07006

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

7:00pm - 8:00pm ZOOM

Hosted by: **SAINT ALOYSIUS CHURCH**
219 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006

Laudato Si' is a call to all people of faith to look at creation
as a **GIFT** from the Creator.

A **GIFT** we all share. A **GIFT** we all need. A **GIFT** we must all protect.

STUDY BOOK CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH AMAZON \$3.50

On Care for Our Common Home Group Reading Guide to Laudato Si'

By: Bill Huebsch

Register early by September 15, 2021

Space is limited.

This is the link for the WEMA Laudato Si' study.
<https://forms.gle/DaFy8UPLnfvZuzXr6>

SOUP KICTEN NEWS

Thank you to our friends and church family for making last year's soup kitchen so successful. We are very excited to be back for our 2021/2022 Soup Kitchen season serving Our Lady of the Valley on the fourth and fifth (when applicable) Saturday of each month and every Thursday. September's pans are out on the Christian Ed desk! Menus are now available for all Thursdays during the month of September. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for an entree or other dishes for Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen. We are very grateful for all the participation and enthusiasm that has been generated by the online sign ups. Thank you all in advance for your donations.

SERMON SERIES AVAILABLE THROUGH 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](#).

ADULT EDUCATION SPECIAL OFFERING IN PERSON & ON ZOOM

Have you ever wanted to read the Bible but found it too intimidating? Have you ever found it difficult to see how it all fits together? Do you already enjoy Bible studies but still need to fill in some gaps - maybe A LOT of gaps? If you said "Yes" to any of these questions, [then click this link to watch a video and learn more about our upcoming fall & winter study.](#)

GOLF OUTING

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)

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.

THIS YEAR'S AUCTION POSTPONED

Every two years First Pres has held an auction to support its mission charities. This spring we scheduled our 5th auction, and were forced by COVID-19 to postpone it to this fall hoping that vaccinations and responsible behavior would allow us to gather once again. We are committed to an event that would be fun and community-building as well as a fundraiser. COVID-19, and more significantly the Delta variant, continue to spread. As a result, we have decided to postpone the auction until April 30, 2022.

The escalation of COVID cases, masking requirements, the present limit of 40 people in Fellowship Hall and a concern about the logistics of holding the event inside or outside led us, regretfully, to make this decision. We hope you will continue to think about donations, both services and goods you might provide and donations from businesses you frequent. Do not hesitate to let us know at any time in the next months about what you might contribute. We are optimistic that our spring auction will be a fun event that will generate needed support for our mission partners: The Caldwell Food Pantry, The Community Foodbank of NJ, Oasis, Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen, St. John's Soup Kitchen, Urban Promise, and African Dream Academy. Thank you for your continued support.

Gratefully,

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

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:

<https://urbanpromiseneewsubscriberslist.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/y/B6C265831BC1D8292540EF23F30FEDED/49CBD9CCC4C909AE81176E9AA71FFAE9>

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



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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Kathleen Carlson, *Director*

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<http://www.firstpresnurseryschool.com>

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prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org

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website: www.firstprescaldwell.org

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, September 12th

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary/Livestream

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Facebook Livestream, Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, September 13th

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

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

TUESDAY, September 14th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Chapel

6:00 PM Finance Committee, Zoom Meeting

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Deacons, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 15th

8:30 AM RRC Session Subcommittee, Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, September 16th

6:30 PM Chancel Handbells, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, September 19th

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary/Livestream

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Facebook Livestream, Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

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.