



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, October 10th, 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](#)

SEMI-ANNUAL COAT DRIVE SPONSORED BY THE DEACONS

The Deacons are sponsoring a drive for clean, gently used winter coats and sweaters to benefit our friends at St. John's Soup Kitchen. Donations will be collected at the First Pres Church parking lot on Westville Avenue on the following two Saturdays in October: **Saturday, October 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, October 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

In addition to the collection days mentioned, beginning October 4th through October 16th a drop off bin will be accessible outside at the church circle, and during church office hours a rack will be set up for donations by the Christian Education Desk. Should you have questions, contact FPC326deacons@gmail.com. Thanks for your support!



Let's give the children at African Dream Academy a Dream Christmas.
There are now 910 students attending in Nursery through 12th grade.



DREAM CHRISTMAS



Help

a boy or girl

from African Dream

Academy, Monrovia, Liberia

(www.africandreamacademy.org)

receive his or her only Christmas gift.

Liberia is one of the five poorest countries in

the world. Pick up a red bag with a child's name and

age on it. Fill it with goodies and return to Church by October 17

at the latest. Then we will pack barrels and ship them to Liberia.

Please include a composition book, pens and pencils. Other Suggestions: a

toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, Band aids, pair of socks, hard candy, paper, markers,

crayons, glue, tape, other art supplies, sunglasses, a ball, an age-appropriate paperback book

a flashlight, toys for younger children (little cars, little dolls, etc.), toiletries for older girls, headbands,

barrettes, jewelry, lip gloss. Enclose a note or Christmas card if you like! If you would like to

contribute towards shipping, write a check to African Dream Academy Foundation for \$10.00

and

return to

Church.

Imagine a child who has never received a gift. You can change that!

Red bags for the children of African Dream Academy in Liberia, West Africa will be available both at the back of the Church every Sunday from 9am—12pm and at the Christian Ed desk during the week from 9am-3pm. Filled bags may be dropped off at the Christian Ed desk from 9am-3pm during the week or 9am-12 pm on Sundays. We will be collecting bags on October 16 from 10am-12pm in the Church Staff parking lot or at Church on Sunday, October 17 which is the deadline. Thank you!!!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational meeting following the 9:30 service on Oct. 17. The purpose is to fill 1 vacancy on the congregational Nominating Committee. This committee is in process of seeking nominees for church officers. Please attend either in person or through the Zoom link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87285207895?pwd=dFMrWDZPRC9lOFZ5ZnVBaUordUtHZz09>

Meeting ID: 872 8520 7895

Passcode: 847268

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

The pans are out for October and we are entertaining two Saturdays, the 4th and the 5th Saturdays of the month. Come and pick up your pan to serve in Jesus' name. The pans for October 23rd are on the shelf under the bulletin board on white paper. The pans for October 30th are on the Christian Ed desk printed on gold paper. We look forward to your assistance as always and are indeed appreciative of all you do for Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen. It is not possible for this committee to serve without our family and friends from our congregation who prepare and donate. Many thanks, as always! Blessings to all!

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

We are very excited to be back in person for Sunday School this year during the 9:30am service. 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. Please email Susan Jones at sjjones127@yahoo.com if you have any questions. **There will be no Sunday School on the first Sunday of each month. We encourage all to join us in worship for Church Family Sunday.**



FACING RACISM TASK FORCE

The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell's Facing Racism Task Force invites you to a Zoom discussion of three short readings from Presbyterianwomen.org on Monday October 25, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The articles that will be discussed are:

-NOT Anxious to Talk about It by Hanno Cho <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/stories/not-anxious-to-talk-about-it/>

-Decentering Whiteness in a Multiracial Society by Stephanie M. Patterson <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/decentering-whiteness-in-a-multiracial-society-horizons/>

-DisGrace: The Church Addresses Racism by Irene Pak Lee and Mindy Douglas <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/2017/05/04/disgrace-the-church-addresses-racism/>

To join what will most certainly be an interesting conversation, please RSVP by Sunday Oct. 24, 2021 to facingracismfirstpres@gmail.com.

Hope to "see" you there!

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*

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, October 10th

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, October 11th

Church Office Closed

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

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

TUESDAY, October 12th

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, October 13th

8:30 AM RRC Session Sub Committee, Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, October 14th

6:30 PM Chancel Handbells, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, October 16th

10:00 AM Dream Christmas Red Bag Drop Off, Driveway

11:00 AM Deacon Coat Drive Drop Off, Driveway

SUNDAY, October 17th

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary & Zoom

11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, 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.