



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, October 17th, 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](#)

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=dFMFrWDZPRC9IOFZ5ZnVBaUordUtHZz09>

Meeting ID: 872 8520 7895

Passcode: 847268



**Today is the last we are collecting red bags for African Dream Academy.
Thank you!!!**

THE SAINTS OF OUR LIVES

In the New Testament, "saint" is used to identify all members of Christian churches. Paul usually addressed his letters to "All the saints at _____"

In this sense we are all saints. However, we all have people of faith who have had special impact on our lives because of their example and way of living. We want to honor those who have been such saints to you. List people who have been saints to you. They can be living or deceased, family, friends or even strangers whose example has inspired you.

Turn your list in with the offering or call the church office at (973) 228-0310. The collected names will be listed and honored during communion on Nov. 7, which is All Saints Day.

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!

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. All grades (preschool through 7th) will leave the 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. Sunday School activities will also be offered during the 11:00am Illuminate Service.

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.



A MESSAGE FROM THE SEEING EYE FROM OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PANERA FUNDRAISER

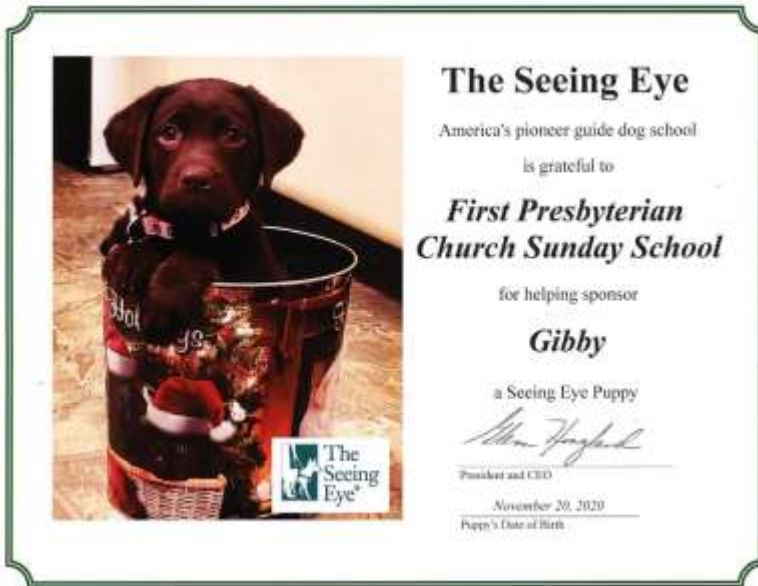
We at The Seeing Eye are delighted that you chose to participate in our Pennies for Puppies program. We are pleased to send you a Puppy Sponsorship Certificate and an official photo of Gibby, who is a male Chocolate Lab. Your support of our work enables him, and the hundreds of other puppies born each year at The Seeing Eye, to pursue a special destiny.

Gibby will spend 12-14 months living with a family as part of our Puppy Raising program. There, he will receive love, gentle guidance, a lot of socialization, and exposure to as many everyday activities as possible. Then, he will return to The Seeing Eye to begin formal training as a Seeing Eye dog. If Gibby completes all that is required of him, he will be matched with a person who is blind, and they will learn to work together and care for each other and begin life anew as very special partners.



The words of Helen Keller, written to the Seeing Eye after a visit here, beautifully express the impact of your support. She said, “Surely you will find kind people everywhere ready to help you when they know that you... bring light to those who wait in darkness for a friend to guide their feet into pathways of usefulness.”

Your support of The Seeing Eye’s work for people who are blind or visually impaired makes an enormous difference in peoples’ lives. Thank you for helping make it possible.



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*

Chris White, *Building Manager/Head Sexton*

Irma Clare, *Administrative Assistant*

Brittany Heun, *Sunday Receptionist*

Kathleen Carlson, *Director*

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<http://www.firstpresnurseryschool.com>

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

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

MONDAY, October 18th

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

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

TUESDAY, October 19th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Chapel

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Session, Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, October 21st

2:00 PM Prayer Gathering for Crane's Mill Residents Only

6:30 PM Chancel Handbells, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, October 24th

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

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.