



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, November 28th, 2021

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

For more information about our church, please visit our website:
www.firstprescaldwell.org.

9:30am Sanctuary Service
11:00am Illuminate Service
Sunday School and activities are available at both services except the first Sunday of each month.

Advance registration for in-person attendance is not required at this time. 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 at the following link:
<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](#)



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

We need your delicious cookies!

There are a few ways to sign-up.

1. Look for a Cookie Coordinator after service
2. Call the Church Office 973-228-0310
3. Sign up via email at:
1stpres.cookiewalk@gmail.com

Cookie drop off:
Friday, December 10th 4pm – 8pm & Saturday,
December 11th 8am

Any questions email 1stpres.cookiewalk@gmail.com
Or
Call Bonnie Chiappetta 609-339-9800

- ⇒ All current sanitary food prep guidance must be adhered to. For example, frequent hand washing, no touching of face, mask wearing, sanitizing food prep surface, etc. is advisable.
- ⇒ In addition, please remember that masks must also be worn and good hygiene must be maintained while handling and transporting cooked food.

The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell
Annual Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 11th
9 am – 12 pm
Church Gym

Come shop our delicious homemade baked goods!



2021 Christmas Giving Tree Project for Oasis, A Haven for Women & Children

The Oasis giving tree project is set up to provide Christmas gifts & warm clothing for the children of Oasis, A Haven for Women and Children in Paterson. Please be an angel this holiday season and bring some joy and Christmas spirit into the lives of those less fortunate by participating in this very special cause. Similar to last year, we have set up a gift registry at **Target.Com** where you can see a list of over 500 items including toys, winter coats, & pajamas for you to select from in a variety of prices. The easiest way to access the Registry is by clicking on the link directly:

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/oasisgivingtree2021>

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

*Go to Target.com

*Click on the Registry button in the upper right corner.

*Under “search for Organization” enter OASIS, A Haven for Women and Children.

*This will bring you to the Oasis gift registry with over 500 items.

Once you select your gift and put it in the cart, 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. Please **DO NOT** have your items gift wrapped.

If you prefer to provide financial support rather than purchase a gift, you may do so by going to the church website, firstprescaldwell.org, and clicking on the drop-down tab labeled DONATE in the top right corner and from there you will see another drop down which will show you the OASIS Giving Tree Project. You can also send in a check made payable to First Pres Caldwell and be sure to put in the memo section Oasis Giving Tree. All monetary donations must be received no later than November 28 to allow us to shop on your behalf. **Last day to order from the Registry will be Tuesday Nov. 30th** to provide enough time to process & ship your gifts to Oasis. Please **do not bring any gifts to the church** office. We recommend shopping early for the best selection, and keep in mind that if you purchase an item from the Target Registry and the price goes lower before December 24, 2021, you can request a price match. Please refer to the Target.com website for additional details regarding their price match guarantee.

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



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting on Dec. 5 at 10:30, in person and on Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Nominating Committee and elect the new slate of elders, deacons and the congregational nominating committee. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89956806785>

Meeting ID: 899 5680 6785

Passcode: 390889

TURTLE BACK ZOO EVENT

Here's a fun way to get in the holiday spirit - Meet your Church Friends at the Turtle Back Zoo at 6:30 on Wednesday Dec 15. Join us as we take a stroll through the Turtle Back Zoo under the sparkling lights of over 50 winter and animal characters. Admission is free but they are asking for a non-perishable food item donation. (Rain Date Thursday 12/16) Please let us know if you will be meeting us there by emailing Susan Jones at sjones127@yahoo.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Help us accommodate everyone who wishes to attend Christmas Eve worship in person. We ask that you estimate how many might be coming and sitting together in your group - one person per group should respond. We know this is an estimate - but that's okay. This will help us to determine if we need overflow spaces and where to set up this technology for remote viewing and participation. Yes, there will be livestream viewing of each service as well. This survey will close on Sunday, December 12. Fill out the survey online:

<https://forms.gle/Ho6BJ3tYaV7Yt9W7A>, or fill out the paper form at the end of First Press.

Please only fill out one form.

NEIGHBOR BRIGADE

If you are in need of some assistance during a temporary time of crisis in your life, Neighbor Brigade is here to help you. We provide meals, rides to doctor appointments, dog walking, food shopping, etc. If you need this type of assistance or would like to be a volunteer, please call (973) 321-7353 or contact one of our chapter leaders: Barbara Bruchac, Carol DeFrance, or Sarah Solie.

OPEN GYM

VOLLEYBALL

Mondays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

PICKLEBALL

Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm



Christmas Musical 2021

Join your friends at The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell to present the children's Christmas musical, "The Animal Alleluia" for the Family Christmas Service on Sunday, December 19 at 9:30am. Wanted are performers and backstage help who are in **Grades K – 7** to put together something very special for Christmas. Everyone can be a **star!**

"The Animal Alleluia" retells the Christmas Story through the eyes of the animals at the stable where Jesus is born and reminds us that even the humblest among us have important gifts to share! The story is told entirely through scripture readings and songs, which allows for maximum flexibility with Covid restrictions of small groups & distancing.

There will be plenty of rehearsals for us to work together and so that everybody can come as often as possible. We will also enjoy fun Advent activities on the Saturdays in December. There are some logistics that we will work out together with the church session as we continue our ongoing pandemic journey. In the meantime, put these dates down and let's get ready for the baby Jesus!



NOVEMBER

Between worship services at 10:30am – 11:00am in the Chapel

- Sunday, November 7
- Sunday, November 14
- Sunday, November 21
- Sunday, November 28



DECEMBER

- Saturday, December 4 at 11:00am – 1:00pm: Rehearsal & Advent Activities
- Sunday, December 5 at 10:30am – 11:00am (Between worship services in the chapel)
- Saturday, December 11 at 11:00am – 1:00pm: Rehearsal & Advent Activities
- Sunday, December 12 at 11:00am – 1:00pm (Between worship services in the chapel)
- Saturday, December 18 at 10:00am – 1:00pm: Dress Rehearsal & Advent Activities

CHRISTMAS FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday, December 19

- 8:45am: Cast & Crew gather in the Chapel
- 9:30am: Christmas family worship service
- 10:30am: LIVE NATIVITY on the Church Lawn



Important Note!!

Participants must wear masks to rehearsals.

All rehearsals & activities are pending approval by the church Session and will be confirmed in advance. **SAVE THE DATES!**



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.



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.

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
<http://www.firstpresnurseryschool.com>
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Prospect Hill Cemetery - 973-228-4410
prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org
Dr. Robert R. McGruther, *Pastor Emeritus*

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, November 28th

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting
10:30 AM Children's Christmas Music Rehearsal
11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

MONDAY, November 29th

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Zoom

TUESDAY, November 30th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Chapel
6:00 PM Sanctuary Decorating, Sanctuary
6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, December 1st

8:30 AM RRC meeting, Zoom

THURSDAY, December 2nd

6:30 PM Chancel Handbells, Sanctuary
7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, December 4th

11:00 AM Children's Advent Activities

SUNDAY, December 5th

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary/Zoom
10:30 AM Children's Christmas Music Rehearsal
11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
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Christmas Eve In-Person Worship

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* Required

1. Which service(s) are you most likely to attend in-person on Christmas Eve? *

- Illuminate Service at 7 pm on December 19, 2021
- Traditional Candlelight Service at 8 pm on December 24, 2021
- Traditional Candlelight Service at 10:30 pm on December 24, 2021

2. How many people do you anticipate will attend all together with you? (If you will attend more than one service, please indicate how many will attend at each service) *
