



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, December 5, 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](#)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

There will be a congregational meeting this morning, Dec. 5 at 10:30, in person and on Zoom. Below you'll find the slate of nominees and the Zoom link for those joining us online. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Deacons Class of 2022

Darcy Asche – 2nd 3-year term
Christian Endress – 2nd 3-year term
Sandra Nathans – 2nd 3-year term
Tim Hemesath – 2nd 3-year term
Kristin Pace – 3-year term
Kitty O'Neal – 3-Year term
Lauren Willenborg – 3 year term

Elders Class of 2022

Lydia Spinelli – 2nd 3-year term
Jeanine Archibald – 2nd 3-year term
Mike Bruchac – 3-year term
Roger Johnson – 3-year term
Bonnie Chiappetta – 3-year term
Sharon Baker-Witzel – 2-year term
Jonathan Pryor – 1-year term

2022 Nominating Committee

Kaitlyn Heun - 1-Year Term
Chris Flanagan - 1-Year Term
Nancy Hauser - 1-Year Term

The meeting Zoom link is:

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

Meeting ID: 899 5680 6785

Passcode to enter meeting: 390889

ADVENT VESPERS

You are invited for a time of scripture, prayer and meditation during the Wednesday evenings in Advent at 6:30pm - 7pm in the church sanctuary. Enter the sanctuary by coming up the ramp and the door at the top. The sanctuary will be decorated for Christmas and the lights will be dimmed to enjoy the glow of the candles. Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Christ Child during this holy season. A video recording of the service will be posted on the FPC Facebook page later in the evening for viewing at home.



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF PEACE AND HOPE

Deacons and Stephen's Ministers invite you to join us at a Blue Christmas Service of Peace and Hope on Sunday, December 12th at 5:00 PM. People are welcome to join us in person this year. In a year marked by ups and downs of anxiety, losses, and limitations, let's share in a time of quiet and calm prayer, soft music, and candle lighting.



Using the link below, we invite you to submit your prayer requests. Please write in the name of any person(s) or a situation you are keeping in your thoughts this holiday season. A candle will be lit for every prayer submitted; you can choose whether or not they will be named during the service. Please feel free to add a brief message. All submissions will remain anonymous. <https://forms.gle/8v4E9CNPPusN74K4A>

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT FIRST PRES



December 19th

9:30am Christmas Family Service & Live Nativity

7:00pm Illuminate presents "An Angel Came Down - A Musical Story"

December 24th

8:00pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service

10:30pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service

LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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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 sjjones127@yahoo.com.

CALLING ALL BAKERS

We need your delicious cookies for our Annual Cookie Walk! There are a few ways to sign up:

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

Cookie Drop Off: Friday, December 10th 4pm-8pm & Saturday, December 11th at 8pm

Any questions, please email us at 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.



ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

Join us on Saturday, December 11th for our Annual Cookie Walk from 9:00am-12:00pm in the church gym. Come shop our delicious homemade baked goods! Your purchase of the mouthwatering treats will not only provide you with special treats to enjoy during the holiday season but it will also benefit those in our community who are in need during emergency situations.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

Yes, it's Christmas for all... The pans are out for December 25th and we are serving our clients on Christmas Day! Please pick up your pan and make this holiday season special for all. May all of our family and friends in the congregations and community have a blessed Christmas season. Thursday's menus are also out and ready for sign up. Please continue your very generous donations during the holiday season. It really means so much to our clients at Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen to receive a hot nourishing meal. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support. Click the following link to sign up for the Thursday soup kitchens in December: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4fa5ad29a0f94-december>

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

NEW REGISTRANTS

Contact Barb Bruchac to confirm availability at 973-454-5583

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*
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Kathleen Carlson, *Director*
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Prospect Hill Cemetery - 973-228-4410
prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org
Dr. Robert R. McGruther, *Pastor Emeritus*

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

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
6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

MONDAY, December 6th

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

TUESDAY, December 7th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Chapel
5:00 PM Building & Grounds, Zoom
6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, December 8th

6:30 PM Advent Vespers, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, December 9th

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

SATURDAY, December 11th

9:00 AM Cookie Walk, Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM Children's Advent Activities

SUNDAY, December 12th

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

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) *
