



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, January 16th, 2022

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](#)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting will be held on February 6th following a single service at 10:00am. The meeting will be available on Zoom using the same link as the link for coffee hour:

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

Passcode 390889

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

Pans are out for our Saturday Soup Kitchens for January 22nd and January 29th. Yes, we have two Soup Kitchens this month. Pans for January 22nd are on the shelf under the bulletin board circled in red and the 29th is on the Christian Ed Desk. Pick up your pan and help us feed our clients at Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen.



Do to the cold weather, our numbers are going up both for Saturday & Thursday and they need our help. You can sign up to cook for Thursday Soup Kitchens on the church website.

On another note, if you are interested in serving in person, please reach out to the church office (973) 228-0310. Thank you for all this congregation does to help our clients. Peace to all.

OPEN GYM

VOLLEYBALL

Mondays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

PICKLEBALL

Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

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

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Project 2022
organized by The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell
and Congregation Agudath Israel

Update due to Weather

Sunday's food drive collection time is on for this year's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Project benefitting the 7th Street Bistro of Memorial West United Presbyterian Church in Newark, New Jersey!

Members of First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell and Congregation Agudath Israel will be stationed outside of FPC (326 Bloomfield Ave, Caldwell, NJ) on circle/staff parking lot to receive drive-by donations:

Date: Sunday 1-16-22

Time: From 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

However, Monday's events will be rescheduled due to the weather forecast

Requested items:

Pinto Beans, Red Beans, Kidney Beans, Vegetarian Beans
Vegetable Soup, Tomato Soup, Cream of Chicken/Mushroom Soup
Tuna Fish, Sardines, Pink Salmon, Chicken (canned)
Peanut Butter, Grape or Strawberry Jelly/Jam,
Assorted Canned Fruit (Pears, Pineapple, Peaches Apple Sauce (or Mixed Fruit)
Dried Raisins, Cranberries, Craisins, prunes
Canned Vegetables: Green Beans, Greens, Peas and Carrots, Corn, Spinach, Mixed Vegetables
Sugar, Flour, Hamburger Helper, Cooking Oil
Any Canned Juices
Jiffy Corn Meal Mix
Cold Cereals, Various, Low sugar
Instant Oatmeal, Variety Pack
Pop Tarts
Pancake Mix, Syrup (Lite)
Pantry/Shelf Milk
Minute Rice, Instant Brown Rice
Potato Flakes
Spaghetti, Rotini, Pasta Shells, Macaroni
Pasta Sauce, any variety, and Diced Tomatoes

This project will help stock the food pantry of 7th Street Bistro of Memorial West United Presbyterian Church which will enable 7th Street Bistro to expand their food ministry.

If you would prefer to participate 100% remotely, there will be a donate button for monetary donations towards this project on the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell's website. We will be happy to do the shopping for you! <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate/>

For questions or more information, please email facingracismfirstpres@gmail.com.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR 2022

If your New Year's resolution is to brighten some lives, you're invited to join the group of caring souls who write to our homebound members. Staying in touch (by snail mail) is more important than ever because in-person visits have been limited. Especially during the last two years, our homebound friends have been touched to be remembered by their church family.

You and a partner will be assigned a month of your choice, and we'll give you a list of about twenty names to send a "thinking of you" card that includes a personal message. If you'd like to volunteer, or if you have questions about what you'd be signing up for, call or text Jack and Lynne Stoddard at 973-896-8216.

Thanks to the writers who reached out so thoughtfully in 2021: Laura Bogert, Gordon and Kathleen Bruchac, Deb Califf, Diane Casciano, Nancy Franks, Barbara Heil, Carol Ingersoll, Lois Jackson, Barbara Liptak, Nancy Meehan, Sue Olsen, Pam Ramsden, Debbie Reynolds, Lois Schnell, Sarah Solie, Gail Marie Stewart, Mary Ann Straub, Sue Tannler, and Alison White. We look forward to welcoming new writers to the group!

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."

ADULT HANDBELL ENQUIRERS CLASS

We will have an adult handbell enquirers class this Sunday, January 16th at 7:30pm. Are you curious about ringing handbells? Here's a fun, no-pressure, no-obligation introduction to ringing-- you might find yourself "hooked"!



You'll see what it feels like to ring a bell-- one of the high-pitched baby bells, or a big bass bell, or somewhere in-between. You'll learn how ringers make different kinds of cool sounds with bells using techniques like Shaking, Martellato, Plucking, Malleting, the Tower Swing, and the Echo Ring (aka the Wah-wah). Not to mention the easy-to-do-but-hard-to-say "Ring-to-pluck-clapper-grab."

Do you like physics? You'll be interested to know how a bell works, how the sound emanates from the casting, how you can actually feel how a large bell displaces the air as it rings, and how the Tower Swing technique uses the Doppler Effect.

You'll learn what the handbell music looks like and how the ringers know which notes to play. You'll learn that handbell folks are helpful, non-judgmental, and fun to be around! Come see what ringing is all about! No bell experience is necessary, but some music reading knowledge is needed.

If you are interested, please contact the church office at (973) 228-0310 or email us at fpc@firstprescaldwell.org

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you to those of you who have already submitted your pledge to the work of Christ through FPC for the year 2022. As of January 13, 2022, we have received 68 pledges totaling \$256,557.00. For the 2021 year, there were 124 pledges received, totaling \$414,057.11.

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR 2021 PLEDGE ONLINE](#)

OFFERNIGS

Offerings will continue online at www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate. Mailed-in donations continue to also be gladly accepted.

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.

OUR STAFF

Rev. Bill Schram, *Interim Pastor/Head of Staff*

Rev. Barbara Jo Piercy, *Minister of Music*

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, January 16th

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom

11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

1:00 PM MLK Day of Service Project, FPC

5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Adult Handbell Workshop, Sanctuary

MONDAY, January 17th

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

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, January 18th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Chapel

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Session, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 19th

8:30 AM RRC Session Sub Committee, Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, January 20th

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, January 23rd

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom

11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Adult Handbell Workshop, Sanctuary