



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, January 23rd, 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 Kitchen for January 29th. Pans can be found 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

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

For over thirty years the SouperBowl of Caring has been inspiring people across the nation to tackle hunger in their own communities. This has been a rich tradition organized by the youth at First Pres for many years.



In 2021, we collected an astonishing \$1,102.00 and 257 items of food for the Caldwell Food Pantry. This was more than double the collection from 2020! Let's try and beat that in 2022!

The collection will begin on tomorrow, January 24th and run until Sunday, February 14th - Superbowl Sunday!

Food items, including cans of soup, and cash donations will gladly be accepted during Sunday School, and on Sunday mornings. There will also be a bin at the Christian Ed desk for non-perishable food items. Monetary gifts will also be collected through the Church Office. Be sure to indicate "SouperBowl of Caring" on your check's memo.

Monetary donations can be made online by clicking the drop down menu item for the SouperBowl of Caring on the donate tab of the church web page.

Help us tackle hunger - together we can feed our community. Every dollar and can of soup donated goes to the Caldwell Food Pantry. Thank you for helping make a collective impact on hunger!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

In February, our Sunday School class will focus on the sacraments of Baptism and Communion. Historically this has been a series of lessons geared towards our second graders, culminating in celebrating the Lord's Supper with families on the first Sunday in March. This year, all the children will be included in each week's instruction. For some students, this will be a refresher course, others will be given an introduction to these two foundations of our Christian faith.

All students will end the month of February with a greater understanding of the sacraments of Communion and Baptism in the Presbyterian Church. What a fun month this will be. We hope everyone will join us!

During Sunday School on January 30th, we will be having the red carpet premiere of "The Animal Alleluia" starring so many of our very own Sunday School Friends. Please plan on coming for this very special movie event!

Stay tuned for information about this summer's Vacation Bible School. It is tentatively scheduled for August 15-19. Join us for what is sure to be an exciting week filled with fellowship, laughter and learning more about following Christ!

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 WORKSHOP

We will have an adult handbell workshop class this Sunday, January 23rd 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 20, 2022, we have received 65 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*

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

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

MONDAY, January 24th

1:00 PM MLK Day of Service Project, FPC

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

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, January 25th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Chapel

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 26th

THURSDAY, January 27th

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

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