



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, January 30th, 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

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE PROJECT

A big thank you to everyone who participated in Sunday Jan. 16th's portion of the 2022 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Project done cooperatively this year with Congregation Agudath Israel!



On Tuesday Jan. 18th, members of FPC and CAI were able to bring 2.5 car loads of donated food to Memorial West United Presbyterian Church in Newark for the 7th Street Bistro. An additional \$960.00 has also been collected which will enable additional amounts of the requested items to be purchased for and delivered to the 7th Street Bistro in the coming months. The 7th Street Bistro volunteers are so grateful for this influx of contributions. It was stated, "Many lives will be blessed by your tremendous donation and support." Thank you again to all who participated in person or virtually!

As a make-up for the postponed Monday event, on Sunday Jan. 30th members of FPC and CAI will do some community outreach together and be stationed at Jack's Foodtown parking lot in Caldwell from 12:30 pm to 3:30pm to collect additional food for the 7th Street Bistro. If you get a chance, please stop by to say hello!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

For over thirty years the Souper Bowl 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 run from now until Sunday, February 13th – Super Bowl 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 and online. See below for all of the ways in which you can donate!

1. Direct food donations can be made via <https://yougivegoods.com/fpccaldwell2022>. Shop online using the link provided and all donations will be delivered to the Caldwell Food Pantry after the drive is over.
2. Monetary donations will be accepted online and through the church office. To donate online through FPC, please [visit www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate) and click 'Souper Bowl of Caring' in the drop down menu. You may also mail checks to the church office made out to The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, or drop off a monetary donation during church office hours. If writing a check, please indicate "Souper Bowl of Caring" in the memo. First Pres Caldwell will send the final amount to the Caldwell Food Pantry.
3. There will be a bin at the Christian Ed Desk to drop off canned goods on Sundays and during church office hours.

We invite you to be a part of the tradition of using the energy of the Big Game to tackle hunger. Every dollar and food item donated goes to the Caldwell Food Pantry. Thank you for helping make a collective impact on hunger!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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!

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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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!

TRIENNium

Calling all High Schoolers and incoming Freshman!! Triennium is back this year and we want you to join us! What is Triennium? Triennium is a gathering of high school aged Presbyterian youth from all across the country. It's a place where all youth are welcomed and encouraged to grow, challenge, and even question their faith. This is a unique opportunity to meet people from around the country who are all connected by their Presbyterian beliefs.

Each person who goes to Triennium gets something different out of it. It is truly a life changing few days spent meeting new people and growing closer to God. We hope that you will join us this year!! <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/> If you would like to come to Triennium or have any questions please email me at Kaitlynheun@gmail.com.

ADULT HANDBELL WORKSHOP

We will have an adult handbell workshop class this Sunday, January 30th 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

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

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 30th

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 Service Project, Foodtown

5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Adult Handbell Workshop, Sanctuary

MONDAY, January 31st

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, February 1st

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Chapel

5:00 PM Building & Grounds, Zoom Meeting

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, February 2nd

8:30 AM RRC Session Sub Committee, Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, February 3rd

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsals, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, February 6th

10:00 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00 AM Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary/Zoom

5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary