



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, February 20, 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](#)

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

Per Capita Apportionment is the amount of money paid to the presbytery, synod and General Assembly by every Presbyterian Church to share in the cost of coordinating and evaluating mission. Per Capita is calculated on church membership, based on the assigned amount for 2022 of \$40.00 per active member (active members include confirmed youth, as well as adults). This February, the “Per Capita Special Offering” will be received and you are invited and encouraged to participate by contributing the amount of \$40.00 for each active member in your family. For each of us to give our per capita apportionment is a special gift to our church and contributes to its overall mission. Submit your per capita by choosing ‘Per Capita 2022’ on the donate page: <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate>.



CALDWELL-OPOLY

The Caldwell-West Caldwell Educational Foundation has created a local version of the classic board game of monopoly featuring local businesses and community organizations, including FPC. We were happy to participate as a sponsor for this fundraiser supporting local education. Sales of the game will benefit the Caldwell-West Caldwell Education Foundation, which provides grants for teachers’ special projects in the district. Caldwell-opoly costs \$42 and is available for purchase on the foundation’s website at <https://www.cwcef.org>.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Thank you to all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring this year. We collected a record breaking 479 items of food and \$1,737.37 for the Caldwell Food Pantry!



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!

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!

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.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

Pans are out for Thursdays and for the 4th Saturday of this month. Pick up your pan and make a difference in the life of our clients at Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen. Now more than ever we need your help and support, our numbers have grown and we have increased the number of pans, sometimes by two additional and it is looking like we will continue to increase so we can properly feed all who need a meal. We hope our congregation can continue to assist us in this very important ministry by continuing to pick up pans and donate your time and talents by supplying menu items.

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 February 10th, 2022, we have received 80 pledges totaling \$291,717. For the 2021 year, there were 94 pledges received, totaling \$324,627.

[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*

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 &*

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Christine Brunner, *Office Manager*

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, February 20th

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service,

5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

MONDAY, February 21st

Church Office Closed

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

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, February 22nd

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Chapel

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, February 24th

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsals, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, February 27th

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service,

5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary