



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, February 27, 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>.



ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 2ND, 2022

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd begins the season of Lent. Join us in-person for a service of prayer, music and reflection at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.



AMAZON SMILE—SUPPORT FPC

What’s an easy way to support First Pres? Just sign into Amazon using the link below before you start shopping. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to First Pres. [Click here to get started.](#)

“WALKING THE WAY OF THE CROSS with Paul”

6 week Lenten Study from Adult Education

Hopefully combination in-person & ZOOM

WEDNESDAYS 7:00 – 8:30 pm March 9th to April 13th

Register by March 6th ADULT.EDU@FIRSTPRESCALDWELL.ORG

Free handouts for each lesson will be emailed to you

Lent is, among other things, a journey on the way of the cross--a journey of learning how to appropriate Christ's teaching about "taking up the cross" (Mark 8:34-35) for ourselves. **This six-session study will look at how one early Christian missionary, teacher, and theologian sought to do just that in his work and in his life.**

Participants will examine a number of passages in Paul's letters in order to reflect on the place of the cross in Christian lives today. They will consider Paul's statements about the cross and its implications not only in themselves but in relation to his practice--including areas where he seems to us to have had difficulty living up to his own ideals.

The aim is to invite you into Lenten reflection and practice centered on the cross of Christ, guided by Paul's own incorporation of the cross into his spirituality. Leaders and participants will have an opportunity to reflect on their own practices of Christian spirituality and ethics in the light of the experience, teaching, and faith of the apostle Paul.

WEEK 1: What does it mean to live in a new creation because of the crucified Messiah

WEEK 2: Rediscover/reclaim what is “foolish” about the Christian message and the Christian life, particularly w/ regard to the crucified Messiah. **See 1 Cor 1:18–31**

WEEK 3: Reflect on the relationship between Jesus and God. • Discuss our understanding about the place of Christ-like humility and obedience in our own lives

WEEK 4: Understand how Paul sees the cross of Christ as a means of spiritual transformation

WEEK 5: Learn Paul’s understanding of the power of the cross. • Reflect on our own weakness and God’s power in us.

WEEK 6: Articulate what the cross means for Christian living.

Dear Fellow Church Members,

You may or may not know that the biennial auction supports most of the Church's mission budget, enabling us to help these wonderful organizations that make a difference to so many people:

Caldwell Food Pantry, The Foodbank of New Jersey, Oasis, Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen, St. John's Soup Kitchen (Sandwich Night), Urban Promise, 7th St. Bistro and African Dream Academy.

We don't want to let our mission partners down so we need our June 11th auction to be a huge success. Our title "Here Comes the Sun" and beautiful photo by our own Rob Thiemann signifies the hope we feel for the future that our congregation will rally to help those who are so much in need. We are hoping you will submit a donation to the auction.



All kinds of items are welcome: jewelry, handbags, new clothes, electronics, and household items, etc.. Please note that items should be new except for jewelry, antiques, art work, china, crystal, collectibles, etc. that people would want to buy. You might have season sports or concert tickets and be willing to give up one event. The businesses you frequent might be willing to donate something. A favorite restaurant might be willing to donate a dinner for four or you might offer to cook dinner in the bidder's home or yours. You might have a vacation home you are willing to donate for a week or weekend or frequent flyer miles you won't use. You might have connections for a children's birthday party. Donations can range from preparing a will or a decorating consultation to making a birthday cake or wrapping Christmas gifts, gardening or mowing lawns.

There are two ways to donate an item. You can do it directly online at the auction website. Or you can fill out and mail in a donation form or drop it off at Church. There will be a box in the back of the Church. If you don't have anything to donate and prefer to send a monetary donation, you can do so on the auction website. Visit www.firstprescaldwell.org for access to the acution website.

If you would like to volunteer to help or have questions, please email: lydia.spinelli@gmail.com.

We are so grateful for your support,

The Auction Co-Chairs, John Dusinberre, Ellen Johnson, Susan Jones and Lydia Spinelli



FACING RACISM TASK FORCE

First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell's Facing Racism Task Force will be holding a winter/spring discussion series entitled, "**What are we called to do?**" A different PCUSA recommended resource will be discussed each meeting. Our first conversation will take place from 7:30 pm-8:30 pm on Monday, March 14, 2022. The topic of discussion will be A Matter of Faith: A Presby

Podcast's *Episode 7: Social Media, Protest?, & Does Faith and Politics Mix?*

<https://amatteroffaith.buzzsprout.com/1648090/8326592-episode-7-social-media-protest-does-faith-and-politics-mix> To join the conversation on March 14th, please RSVP by Sunday March 13, 2022 to facingracismfirstpres@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

The Soup Kitchen Committee is looking for help supplying food for Our Lady of the Valley's Thursday Soup Kitchen. Click the link below to sign up to help and download the recipes. Please select any and all slots that you are able to. Drop off will be in the church parking lot on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00pm. If you have any questions, reach out to Joyce McGrath at jlmlamby@aol.com. <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news>

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>.



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.

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*

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, February 27th

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

MONDAY, February 28th

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

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, March 1st

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Chapel

5:00 PM Building & Grounds, Zoom Meeting

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, March 2nd

Ash Wednesday

8:30 AM RRC Session Sub Committee, Zoom Meeting

7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service of Prayer, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, March 3rd

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsals, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, March 6th

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary