



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, February 6, 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](http://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 today, 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

## **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>.



## **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!

## **SOUP KITCHEN NEWS**

The Soup Kitchen Committee is looking for help supplying food for Our Lady of the Valley's Thursday Soup Kitchen. [Click here to sign up to help](#). 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](mailto:jlmlamby@aol.com).

## **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!

## **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.

## **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 4th, 2022, we have received 74 pledges totaling \$276,177.00. 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](http://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](mailto:lauren@firstprescaldwell.org).

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## **OUR STAFF**

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

**Rev. Barbara Jo Piercy**, *Minister of Music*

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**Kaitlyn Heun**, *Interim Director Youth Ministries*

**Susan Jones**, *Interim Director Children's Ministry*

**Scott Westenberger**, *Worship Leader*

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## **THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL**

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## **CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

***ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM***

### ***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

### ***MONDAY, February 7th***

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

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

### ***TUESDAY, February 8th***

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Chapel

6:00 PM Finance Committee, Zoom Meeting

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Deacons, Zoom Meeting

### ***THURSDAY, February 10th***

2:00 PM Crane's Mill Service (residents only)

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsals, Sanctuary

### ***SUNDAY, February 13th***

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