



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, March 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](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](#)

**WANTED:** Lay Readers

**WHAT:** To read scripture or other printed parts of the worship service.

**WHY:** to remind us that worship is a act of all the people.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Being able to read in front of the congregation

**WHEN:** Readers needed at the 9:30 and 11:00 services

**WHERE:** At some (but not all- we will rotate) services. Your availability will help determine how often.

If interested contact: [fpc@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:fpc@firstprescaldwell.org)

Come on - this is an easy way to help out and it gets you in front of a microphone!! Looking forward to getting swamped with volunteers! From the Worship Committee



## **FACING RACISM TASK FORCE**

Rescheduled Event: First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell's Facing Racism Task Force will reschedule the first event in our discussion series (via Zoom) entitled, "What are we called to do?" to occur from 7:30-8:45 pm on Monday, March 21, 2022. A different PCUSA recommended resource will be discussed each meeting. The topic of discussion on March 21st 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 Monday, 3/21, please RSVP by Sunday, 3/20 to [facingracismfirstpres@gmail.com](mailto:facingracismfirstpres@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

## **ADULT EDUCATION NEWS**

Adult Education is currently doing a 6 week Lenten study. Stay tuned for new ideas being offered after Easter!

## **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES**

Maundy Thursday @7:30pm in the Sanctuary  
Good Friday Illuminate @7:00pm in Fellowship Hall  
Resurrection Celebration on Easter Sunday @8:00am in the Sanctuary



*Easter Sunday*

Festival Service on Easter Sunday @9:30am in the Sanctuary  
In-person outdoor Easter Sanctuary Service @9:30am  
Illuminate Easter Service @11:00am in Fellowship Hall

All services will also be available for viewing via livestream.

Easter is coming up soon and you may be starting to anticipate a family dinner with lots of great food. But there are many people in our local area who are challenged each day to feed themselves and their families.

**Please join us in a drive to collect hams for those in need on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> to benefit Toni's Kitchen, a food ministry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Montclair, NJ.**

Frozen hams (including spiral hams) and other food supplies will be collected at the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell at 326 Bloomfield Avenue on April 10<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 12 noon and 2PM. Drive your car into the circular driveway on Westville Avenue where you will be greeted by volunteers to receive your food donation.

Please check grocery store offers for free frozen hams that may be available to you. Other food supplies in need include: dry cereal, oatmeal, pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, peanut butter, rice, soup, nuts and canned beans (please no glass jars).

Sponsored by Neighbor Brigade [www.neighborbrigade.org](http://www.neighborbrigade.org)



## **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.

## **YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP**

This summer, we are planning a trip to a new Mission Project in Philadelphia, PA. The Philly Project runs a lot like The Pittsburgh Project. We will work on home repairs for local homeowners, work with youth at the summer camp, as well as prep and serve food at the local soup kitchen. One key difference about this year's trip is that we will be bringing both Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers during the same week.

We are looking to get a count on how many youth/adults would like to be a part of this year's trip so we can reserve our spot. We are excited to get back on a mission trip and get our youth out in the community to spread God's love to the Philadelphia community.

For more information about this mission trip, visit <https://thephillyproject.org/summer-of-service>. You can also reach out to Kaitlyn ([kaitlynheun@gmail.com](mailto:kaitlynheun@gmail.com)) for more information. Fill out the interest form by using the following link: <https://forms.gle/iLqvByKF57VRBRpq8>

## **JOHN R. AND INGE P. STAFFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

John Rogers Stafford served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Wyeth Corp. He was an active supporter of many charitable and civic organizations. Along with his wife Inge P. Stafford, they were avid supporters of higher education and that it be available to all those who seek it. Inge started her career as a high school teacher in the Arlington public school system and derived great pleasure in helping young people recognize their abilities and prepare them for the journey ahead. Together, they were members of the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell for nearly 50 years. On March 18, 2014 the Session at the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell established the John R. and Inge P. Stafford Memorial Scholarship.

We are excited once again to be able to offer Scholarships for the 2022– 2023 academic school year. This scholarship is open to anyone planning to attend or who is already attending a 2 or 4 year accredited college. Applications can be found at [www.firstprescaldwell.org](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org). Application Due Date: 12:00 PM May 15, 2021.

## **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.](#)



# **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

**YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE LIVES OF  
ALICE GIBSON & SANDRA HARVEY**

**ALICE GIBSON - Saturday, April 23 at 1pm**

We invite you to attend A Celebration of Life of Alice Gibson, Saturday, April 23, 2022, at First Presbyterian Church of Caldwell, Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey. The time is one pm. Please send your reservation with the number of persons attending in your party to pbradydan@erols.com.

Also contributions can be made in Alice's name to the Grover Cleveland Association by mailing them to: GCBMA PO Box 183 Caldwell, NJ 07006. In addition, contributions can be made to another of Alice's favorite organizations, UWWE Checks should be mailed to: Diane Vantuno, Treasurer, UWWE, 48 Walker Road, West Orange, NJ 07052. There will also be a secure box available at the event for those wishing to contribute in person.

Since we are expecting many of Alice's friends to attend, we recommend that you place your reservations early. We look forward to sharing a wonderful tribute to our dear friend, Alice Gibson.

**SANDRA HARVEY - Sunday, May 22, 11:30am - 2:30pm**

Please come celebrate our beautiful mother's life. Sandra Harvey loved being a member of First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell for the past 50 years. It was her wish to have a celebration of her life at the Montclair Golf Club, where she enjoyed many years with her husband David Harvey. Please join us on Sunday, May 22, 2022, from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm at the Montclair Golf Club. So that we may have the appropriate space available, please RSVP to Nancy Lopus by May 1, 2022. Email address: Lopus253@gmail.com

**SERVANT KEEPER (FAITHLIFE) INVITATION**

By now, you should have received an "invitation" to your membership profile on our new church membership management program, Servant Keeper (Faithlife).

If you have not yet done so, please accept the invitation. Create a password and log in to check that the information for yourself and your family is accurate. As well, please update any missing information such as an e-mail address. Now that you have your password set, how do you get back into the membership portal? Easy, just bookmark this URL which will allow you to log in at any time. <https://servantkeeper.com/member-portal/FPCCaldwell/login>



As with many things these days, there is "an app for that". For Apple devices search Servant Keeper (SK8 Mobile) in the App Store, for Android, search Servant Keeper in Google Play (SK8 Mobile). Any questions, please call the church office.

**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. Drop off will be in the church parking lot on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00pm. <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news>

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL** **STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE**

### **WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO MAKE A PLEDGE COMMITMENT FOR 2022?**

Pledging makes it possible for First Presbyterian to discern what commitments to make for the year ahead; it provides church leadership with an understanding of the resources that can be available for those commitments.

First Presbyterian asks all new and ongoing members for pledges of time, talent and treasure. There is an expectation that all members will participate with a financial pledge that is meaningful and manageable in their current financial situation. If circumstances change, your financial pledge can always change.

### **WHY DOES MY GIFT MATTER?**

Pledged commitments directly determine what is possible for us to do through mission and service, education and discipleship, and worship and music.

Pledging is about more than what we can do. It is also about who we are. Making a commitment and giving annually to the church is one of the ways we express what it means to be disciples and a part of this faith community. By being generous in our financial giving, we express our gratitude for what God is doing in our own lives and in the world.

### **HOW CAN I MAKE A FINANCIAL PLEDGE COMMITMENT?**

If you have already made a financial pledge for 2022, Thank You!

If you have not had the opportunity to participate by making a financial pledge for 2022, it is not too late to prayerfully consider doing so. You may submit your pledge online on our church website, [www.firstprescaldwell.org](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org). You may also complete and submit a pledge card by placing it in the offering basket during worship or delivering it to the church office. Finally, you may contact the church office directly at 973-228-0310.

Hello members and friends of FPC,

We continue to move forward to prepare for calling a new pastor, and your input and participation is very important to this work. You will recall we had worked with a Holy Cow! consultant to assist in getting ready and she has identified tasks that need to be done before we go further in calling a pastor. Two identified tasks were to share the wisdom we gained about better dealing with conflict than the church has done in the past and to explore our sense of why we are here in order to discern a mission vision statement. A Mission Statement answers the question, “Why do we do what we do as the body of Christ here at FPC?” Addressing these tasks is necessary to both attract a new pastor and assist them in leading us into a more vibrant future.

As follower’s of Christ, knowing why we exist and what we are committed to helps us make consistent decisions about what to do and how we do it. This unites members in their sense of purpose in all of their ministries as well as helping to reduce disagreements when the what and how parts get elevated to exaggerated importance. The power of such an understanding holds us accountable in our relationships with God and with each other.

Our Planning Team is asking you to be available Saturdays, April 2 and April 9 from 9am-12 noon. We will meet around tables in Fellowship Hall and by Zoom so we can accommodate as many as possible. The first meeting will help us learn from sharing memories and identifying what has been important to FPC and what behaviors can be left behind

Your congregational participation will continue on April 9. At that meeting we will look at the strengths and discard lists from the first meeting and ask what values can be seen in those lists. This will be a foundation for listing core values of the church that will guide the way we enact a mission vision. Core values seen with added scripture study will help us frame our provisional mission statement.

A mission statement created as a community effort, including input from many within the congregation creates an opportunity for all of us to unite in our discernment of our “Why” and take ownership of It. This first step helps us to re-member who FPC can be as the body of Christ in the world.

Sign up to participate by clicking the link below. Help the church take this critical next step in finding the next called pastor.

<https://forms.gle/rqT1bic68psPKXTm6>

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](http://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](mailto:lydia.spinelli@gmail.com).

We are so grateful for your support,

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

# Easter Lilies



*The beautiful and fragrant flowers of Easter not only grace our sanctuary but bring joy to those who cannot join us in worship and can also be an expression of thanks to those who give so much of themselves to our church. If you wish to be a part of this Easter tradition please complete the form below and place it in the church office.*

*You can enjoy the display of these lilies in our sanctuary during the Easter Sunday worship services.*

**ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY APRIL 8th, 2022**  
**The cost of a lily is \$17.00**

- ◆ Please consider participating in dedicating a Lily to brighten our sanctuary.
- ◆ If you indicate deliver, they will be distributed to homebound members after the 9:30 service.
- ◆ **PLEASE** take time to help the worship committee in delivering donated lilies. Indicate your availability to participate in the order form below.  
*Many hands make light work and this is a great family activity!*

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**I would like to place a Lily in the Sanctuary ... *Please PRINT clearly***

**( ) TAKE HOME**

**( ) DELIVER TO SPREAD EASTER BLESSINGS**

**( ) I AM WILLING TO HELP WITH LILY DELIVERY**

**IN MEMORY OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN HONOR OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GIVEN BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check       Cash

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_

# Lillies Ordered \_\_\_\_\_

*Please fill out a separate form for each lily or individual remembered. Return these forms with your payment of \$17.00 for each lily ordered to the church office.*



## Emergency response to Ukraine war



As the violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. Our response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.

**GIVE:** To support emergency relief for those fleeing Ukraine, designate gifts to DR000156. You can also text PDAUKR to 41444 to donate. Gifts can be made online at [pcusa.org/UK22](http://pcusa.org/UK22), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check using the below reply device.

**ACT:** Urge the U.S. government to support generous aid for refugees and civilians suffering in Ukraine, and call for engaging a diplomatic solution to the conflict.

**PRAY:** *May we undergird our prayers with tangible resources to help.*

*May we reach deeply, give generously, and welcome extravagantly.*

*May we lift our voices in a strong and unified advocacy.*

*May we all, even as we breathe in lament, breathe out mercy, hope and peace.*

*And in this Lenten season, when we walk the way toward death and resurrection, repent our complicity in cultures of violence and renew our efforts toward justice and peace.*

-Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



\$500    \$125    \$50    \$25    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation/PIN \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

## **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 March 3rd, 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](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*

**Noel Piercy**, *Associate Director of Music*

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

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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, March 20th***

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

10:30 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal, Chapel

11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### ***MONDAY, March 21st***

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

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

### ***TUESDAY, March 22nd***

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

### ***WEDNESDAY, March 23rd***

8:30 AM RRC Session Sub Committee, Zoom Meeting

### ***THURSDAY, March 24th***

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsals, Sanctuary

### ***SUNDAY, March 27th***

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

10:30 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal, Chapel

11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

12:00 PM Deacon Visitation Ministry, Chapel

5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary