



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, April 10th, 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/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](#)



PALM SUNDAY

Thank you to Garrett Jones for providing us with palms for today!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- *Maundy Thursday @7:30pm in the Sanctuary
- *Good Friday Illuminate @7:00pm in Fellowship Hall
- *Available for viewing online



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

- Resurrection Celebration on Easter Sunday @8:00am
- *Festival Service on Easter Sunday @9:30am in the Sanctuary
- *Illuminate Easter Service @11:00am in Fellowship Hall
- *Available for viewing online



DEACON'S SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

The Deacons are sponsoring a spring clothing drive to benefit our friends at St. John's Soup Kitchen. Since the majority of guests at St. John's are men, the focus of our drive this spring is on men's shorts, short sleeve shirts, sweaters and light jackets. In addition, we are asking for men's personal hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, combs, shaving gear, etc.) as these are handed out on a daily basis.

Donations will be collected at the First Pres church staff parking lot on Westville Avenue on the following two Saturdays in April:

Saturday, April 23rd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

In addition to the collection days mentioned, a dropoff bin will be accessible outside by the church circle beginning Tuesday, April 19th through the end of the drive, Saturday, April 30th. Should you have questions, contact FPC326deacons@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

HAM DRIVE FOR TONI'S KITCHEN TODAY!

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 10th to benefit Toni's Kitchen, a food ministry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Montclair, NJ.

Fresh, frozen & spiral hams and other food supplies will be collected at the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell at 326 Bloomfield Avenue on April 10th 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 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



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

FACING RACISM TASK FORCE

The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell's Facing Racism Task Force's second event in our discussion series (via Zoom) entitled, "What are we called to do?" will occur from 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm on Monday, April 25, 2022. The topic of discussion on April 25 will be a few articles from Presbyterian Mission Agency PCUSA's magazine Racial Equity Torch, Volume 31, Fall 2021. https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/Torch_Fall-2021.pdf

We will discuss two short articles by Gail Strange: "Four days that changed the face of education" and "Lucy Craft Laney leveled the field through education." Plus one of your choice! There are lots of other interesting short articles and information in this edition of this PCUSA magazine. Please choose one other short article or tidbit from this edition that you may wish to add to the discussion mix. Also, please note that you do not need to have attended the first session to attend this one!

To join the conversation on Monday, April 25, please RSVP by Sunday April 24, 2022 to facingracismfirstpres@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

April showers bring May flowers! They also bring two soup kitchens at Our Lady of the Valley soup kitchen on April 23rd and April 30th. The pans are out and ready for pick up. The pans for April 23rd are on yellow sheets and are located on the shelf under the bulletin board. The pans for April 30th are on white sheets and are located on the Christian Ed desk.

Drop off for these soup kitchens are the day of between 9:00am and 9:30am in the staff parking lot. Sign up for your desired dish and make a difference in the life of those who are having a rough time. They are so appreciative of all we provide for them and continue to do so.

We are also looking for volunteers to come and serve with us, so if you find yourself free on the 4th or 5th Saturday, or any Thursday, please call Laura Schalles at (973) 476-8616 or Joyce McGrath at (201) 738-6531. We are also looking forward to some of our youth who may need hours of community service to help us as well. Pick up your pan now!

SANDWICH NIGHT IS BACK

Come one, come all! Sandwich Night is back and we are ready to work! We have scheduled three Sandwich Nights to round out the season of getting back to normal... thankfully!

Our first scheduled Sandwich Night is **April 19th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm** in Fellowship Hall. Our Board of Deacons will be our first host. Our family friends and congregants are all welcomes to come. Spread the word and join in the fun helping us to support St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. We will be bagging 400 to 450 lunches to help those in need.

Our next dates are May 24th and June 21st. All are welcome! If you or your group would like to host a Sandwich Night, please reach out to Joyce McGrath at (201) 738-6531. See you at Sandwich Night!

INTERFAITH FELLOWSHIP RAMADAN MEAL

Come together on Wednesday, April 27th at 7:00pm, for a time of learning, fellowship and a meal. Peace Island Institute, a member of the West Essex Ministerial Association and a participant at the Ukraine Peace Vigil, will come to tell us about Ramadan and the practice of fasting from sun-up to sundown as a spiritual discipline. The fast is broken by what is known as the Iftar meal. Members of PII will bring such a meal to us for us to share together. Because sundown is at 7:53pm, the program information will come first. We aren't used to fasting, so feel free to have something to eat before you come that will tide you over until 7:53pm.

Peace Islands Institute (PII) is a non- profit organization founded by Turkish-Americans of North Jersey in 2003. PII endeavors to promote respect and mutual understanding among all faiths and cultures by organizing educational and cultural activities. By this mission PII aims to contribute to improvement of diversity, pluralism and multiculturalism in the society. Come on April 27th and share in this worthy mission. Register here: <https://forms.gle/UkuMFYqAUxE1bxNN9>

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. 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.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS, MARCH 15TH, 2022

At their 3/15/22 meeting, Session opened with a time of reflection about healing patterns of discussion and looked at a Covenant of Behavioral Guidelines for future adoption.

Session decided to:

1. Allow entrance for worship through the CE/office entrance, Bloomfield and Westville narthex doors and the Bloomfield Ave. door by the chapel. There would be a welcome table at both narthex entrances. Signs on the hallway doors by the chancel would ask people to go to the welcome tables.
2. Noted that a revised mission study has been sent to Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for approval.
3. Noted approval of an Audio/Video intern helper position in an e-vote between meetings to help with Sunday broadcasts at 9:30 and 11.
4. Approved a 20 hr./week Communications A/V staff to help with Sunday mornings, help preparation of materials for Sunday services, be available to help set-up weekday hybrid meetings.
5. Received the clerk's and financial reports.
6. The Revitalization and Reopening Committee presented adjustments in worship and activity guidelines that reduced the paperwork needed for event approval.
7. Received and approved all committee reports. Adult Ed highlighted the ongoing Lenten study. Building & Grounds mentioned potential projects that are being investigated. Communications Committee reported that the Caldwell-opoly games were now available for those who ordered them. Mission Committee said that Sandwich Night is slated to begin again in April. The Auction to support mission is scheduled for June 11.
8. Worship Committee is working on Holy Week plans.

WHAT DOES FPC MEAN TO YOU?

As we continue to work on being an inviting church, rather than a welcoming church, we ask members and friends to share with us a few words. What does The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell mean to you? Tell us about how you came to the church, and what made you stay. Perhaps you have a specific memory that you would like to share. If there is a church ministry that you are involved in, tell us about why you are passionate about it! We are excited to hear from all - children and adults, current members and friends, as well as those who may have moved away!

How can you participate?

1. Record a 60-90 second video of yourself.
2. Write two to three sentences about what FPC means to you.

If you choose to record a video, which is preferred, you can do so on your phone. Please film horizontally - sometimes it's hard to edit videos if they are vertical! When you are done recording, you can email the video to Lauren Restaino at lauren@firstprescaldwell.org. If you have any questions about submitting your video, or would like assistance with filming, please email Lauren at lauren@firstprescaldwell.org. If you'd prefer not to be on video, that's okay too! Please send two to three sentences sharing you FPC experience to Lauren at lauren@firstprescaldwell.org. We will then transfer your words to a shareable graphic.

Please know that these videos and graphics will be distributed online via social media, email, and website and possibly used during the worship services. We hope you will join us in sharing with others how very special our church is.

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) 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. Application Due Date: 12:00 PM May 15, 2021.

LENTEN SEASON FOR CHILDREN AT FPC

The children will be singing on both Palm Sunday and Easter. On Palm Sunday we will meet at 8:30 in the Chapel. We will have a brief rehearsal, try on Choir Robes and having some breakfast treats! Meet us at 8:30 as we prepare to Celebrate Palm Sunday! Susan Jones has planned a very special Sunday School lesson for Palm Sunday. After the children sing, following the Children's Message, they will participate in the lesson in Room 120.

On Good Friday from 10:30am-12:00pm, we will have a morning of fellowship and rehearsals for the children. Please RSVP to Mrs. Jones sjjones127@yahoo.com if your child is coming. We have a fun morning planned with movies, crafts, singing and more. On Easter Sunday, immediately following the 9:30am service, we will have an Easter Egg hunt in the cemetery for kids up to 7th grade. Bring your easter basket to fill with goodies!



**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

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

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

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.



PLEASE DONATE FOR THE AUCTION

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

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, 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.



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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. 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, April 10th

Palm Sunday

8:30 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal & Breakfast

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

12:00 PM Ham/Food Collection, Circle Drive

5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

MONDAY, April 11th

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

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, April 12th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

6:00 PM Finance Committee, Zoom Meeting

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting, Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, April 14th

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary

FRIDAY, April 15th

10:30 AM Children's Good Friday Program

7:00 PM Good Friday Illuminate Service, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, April 17th

Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Resurrection Celebration, Sanctuary

9:30 AM Easter Festival Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Children's Easter Egg Hunt, Graveyard

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Illuminate Easter Service, Fellowship Hall