



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, April 24th, 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/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](#)

## **DEACONS' 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 **Saturday, April 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** In addition to the collection days mentioned, a drop-off bin will be accessible outside by the church circle now through the end of the drive, Saturday, April 30th. Should you have questions, contact [FPC326deacons@gmail.com](mailto:FPC326deacons@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!



**COFFEE HOUR RESUMES  
TODAY, APRIL 24TH IN ROOM 120  
FOLLOWING THE 9:30AM  
SANCTUARY SERVICE!**

## **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received at FPC between Easter and Mother's Day, May 8th, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world.

Our Sunday School students received the familiar fish banks, so families can put aside contributions between now and May 8th. You may also donate through the church website at [www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate). Be sure to choose the donation tab that says One Great Hour of Sharing. Join Presbyterians around this country in providing resources that touch people's lives around the world and throughout the year.

## **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.
- 3.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **INTERFAITH FELLOWSHIP RAMADAN MEAL IS CANCELLED**

The Ramadan program and dinner scheduled for April 27 is cancelled due to minimal sign-up. We have thanked Peace Island Institute for the offer and have asked to be informed about future efforts we could share.

## **SOUP KITCHEN NEWS**

Our second Saturday soup kitchen at Our Lady of the Valley is scheduled for April 30th. The pans are out and ready for pick up. The pans for April 30th are on white sheets and are located on the Christian Ed desk. Drop off is 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!

## **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](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](mailto:facingracismfirstpres@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

## **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

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FPC'S AUCTION**

When attending the recent meetings to determine what we value most about First Pres, it was very clear that helping those in need is a great priority of our congregation. As you know, the auction on June 11 supports just that as it provides the mission budget. So we need your help! Please click on the link below to fill in your availability to help. And if you have donations, that would be great too! If the times below don't exactly match your availability but you want to help, please email Barb Bruchac, bebru8190@gmail.com. In addition to help with set up and clean up; during the auction, we will need help with technical assistance since we will be bidding online, help with food and drink, live and silent auctions, Tricky Tray and check-in and check-out. Thanks so much for making a difference!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4EA9AA283-first>

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 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.

## 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](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

## **YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE LIVES OF SANDRA HARVEY**

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

## **YOUTH DODGEBALL**

All Middle and High School students are invited to bring a friend and join us for Dodgeball and Pizza in the Gym on Sunday, May 1st at 5:00 - 6:30pm. We will be playing dodgeball and ordering pizza. We ask that everyone in attendance come with \$5 to cover the costs of Pizza. We are excited to bring back this fun event, and we hope to see you there! If you have any questions please reach out to Kaitlyn (kaitlynheun@gmail.com)

## **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**

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.

**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

## 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.



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DISASTER ASSISTANCE**  
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Presbyterian Mission

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## AMAZON SMILE—SUPPORT FPC

What's an easy way to support First Pres not only during the Christmas season, but all year long? 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.](#)

## 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*

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

**Scott Westenberger**, *Worship Leader*

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## **CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

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

### ***SUNDAY, April 24th***

9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM First Church Ringers, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Westminster Choir, Sanctuary

### ***MONDAY, April 25th***

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

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

7:30 PM Facing Racism Task Force Discussion, Zoom

### ***TUESDAY, April 26th***

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

### ***WEDNESDAY, April 27th***

8:30 AM RRC Session Sub Committee, Zoom Meeting

### ***THURSDAY, April 28th***

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

### ***SATURDAY, April 30th***

11:00 AM Deacon's Spring Coat Drive, Staff Lot

### ***SUNDAY, May 1st***

9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

12:15 PM CYM Committee, Parlor/Zoom Meeting

12:15 PM Deacon Visitation Committee, Chapel

3:30 PM Dodgeball & Pizza, Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM First Church Ringers, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Westminster Choir, Sanctuary