



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, May 15th, 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](#)



## **THE BOARD OF DEACONS YOUTH & OUTREACH MISSION GOLF OUTING**

What could be better than a day of terrific golf, friendly competition, great food and beverages, and wonderful prizes?

Join us for the Board of Deacons 14th Annual Youth & Outreach Mission Golf Outing on **Wednesday, May 25th** at Farmstead Golf and Country Club in Lafayette, NJ. All are welcome! The friendly 4 player/best ball team format guarantees everyone an enjoyable day regardless of skill level.

Check-in begins at 11:30am. Lunch is available at Noon, followed by a shotgun start at 1:30pm. The afternoon on the course is followed by a buffet dinner and cash bar. Come for the entire afternoon, or just for dinner.

The day promises fellowship as well as the opportunity to network while directly supporting Youth & Outreach Mission projects at First Pres. To sign up, register online at [charitygolftoday.com/boardofdeacons](http://charitygolftoday.com/boardofdeacons).

## take me to the world

A CABARET PERFORMANCE BENEFITING UKRAINE



June 5 4:00pm & 7:00pm

### **TAKE ME TO THE WORLD,** **Presented by the Westminster Choir**

*Take Me to the World*, the Westminster Choir's newest cabaret performance, conceived and directed by Micki Hardenberg, takes a well-rounded look at the effects COVID-19 has had on our lives. Each of the themes presented in the show comes directly from thoughts and experiences shared by the teenagers in the group. Far from dwelling on the negative, this show includes humorous numbers from *Guys and Dolls* and *Bye Bye Birdie*, in addition to more reflective moments from *Violet* and *Evening Primrose*. *Take Me to the World* ultimately aims to make the audience as well as the young people involved feel seen while offering a hopeful message for a future where we are reminded of the importance of compassionate community. Join us on **Sunday, June 5th at 4:00pm & 7:00PM** at The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell. Donations will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (Ukraine). Online donations will be accepted.

### **COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!**

As we get back to our regular fellowship at FPC, we are bringing back Coffee Hour! For the past few Sundays, we have had some great coffee hours hosted by members of the committee and the congregation. We are asking to have more congregants sign up to host. Kaitlyn has agreed to make coffee/set up the coffee each Sunday, but we need someone to bring in and set up the food, milk, and cream, as well as host in room 120 to offer assistance and be a friendly face. If you host coffee hour, you are also required to stay and clean up.

Please review the calendar and sign up for any dates that work for you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4fa5ad29a0f94-coffee>

If you have any questions please reach out to Diane Joy at [dianejfpc@gmail.com](mailto:dianejfpc@gmail.com) or (973)768-4656. Thank you for your help with this ministry of fellowship!!

### **MIDWEEK VINYASA YOGA AT FPC**

Relax, recharge, and renew for the rest of the week by moving through a sequence of poses to increase strength, flexibility, and focus led by Sue Tannler.

Who: You and an open-mind

Where: FPC Fellowship hall

**When: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning May 4th**

What: Bring a mat and a water bottle. If you have blocks and a strap, scarf, or belt, bring them as well. (Extras will be on hand as well).

Any questions reach out to Sue Tannler [btannler@gmail.com](mailto:btannler@gmail.com) or 862-684-3673.

**DINE & DONATE @ THE CLOVERLEAF TAVERN,**  
**SPONSORED BY OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Proverbs 118:24

What better way to rejoice a day that the Lord has made by NOT COOKING! And better yet? Contributing to a worthwhile cause!

Every year, our Sunday School classes chose an organization to collect our offerings for. In the past we have supported The Seeing Eye, Heifer International, Vitamin Angels, St. Jude Children's Hospital and many others. It's always fun to share with the kids what their weekly offering has grown into and who will be helped as a result.

This year was once again a bit different in Sunday School so our offering will be a "Dine and Donate." On **June 14, 2022**, First Pres will be partnering with The Cloverleaf Tavern to raise money for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, with the funds going to aid the refugees in Ukraine. Delicious food, no cooking, fun family time or fellowship with friends.

Simply come in (or order take out) from The Cloverleaf Tavern between 11:00am and closing and **mention this fundraiser**. A portion of the proceeds of your meal receipt will be put aside to donate to this worthwhile effort.

The crisis in Ukraine is something that cannot be overlooked. As of late February, 6.5 million people have been displaced. That is equal to the population of the state of Massachusetts. Over 400,000 children are living in the conflict zone. These people are in desperate need of our help. Eating sure seems like a simple way to provide some help.

Come for lunch, come back for Happy Hour and then have dinner! Calories don't count when it's for a good cause.

Please contact Susan Jones (973) 768-3827 if you have any questions. See you on the 14th at the Cloverleaf!



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**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**  
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

## **SOUP KITCHEN NEWS**

Pans are out for **Saturday, May 28th** Soup Kitchen. They are on the shelf under the bulletin board at the Christian Ed Desk, pick up your pan and serve those in need.

Thursday's scheduled menus for Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen are online, sign up and make a meal for our clients or sign up to serve in person. Call Joyce McGrath, 201-738-6531, for your chance to serve. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4fa5ad29a0f94-maythursday>

## **SANDWICH NIGHT**

Our next Sandwich Night is **Tuesday, May 24th**. Come and help prepare 400 to 430 bagged lunches to benefit St John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. The event will be in Fellowship Hall from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

It's time to reconnect we our friends we have not seen in a while and enjoy moving forward while helping people in need. Essex County Vocational High School will be hosting. Come and enjoy a fun hour!

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS**

Last Sunday, May 8th, we received the One Great Hour of Sharing offering at church. If you have not already, please turn in your fish banks this Sunday!

Join us on **June 5, 2022 at the 9:30am Sanctuary worship service** to help us celebrate Pentecost by flying paper airplanes. Don't forget to wear red! We will not have Sunday school on that day, but we will stay together as a class in the balcony hearing that Pastor Bill has to say about the Church's Birthday!

Sunday, June 12th is the last day of Sunday School. Be sure to join us that day and enjoy an ice cream truck in the circle at 10:30am!

Be on the look out for registration for VBS this summer (Week of August 15th)!!!

## **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.

## **WANTED: PEOPLE WHO SPEAK A LANGUAGE BESIDES ENGLISH**

Do you speak a language besides English? We would like your help on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th. To help us remember the Spirit's gift of speaking in different languages, we wish to have an opening sentence to worship spoken in a different language. If you can speak an additional language and are willing to help, then let the office know or tell Pastor Bill and be sure he writes it down.



## **AUCTION ALERT!**

One of the popular components of FPC's biennial mission auction is the "Tricky Tray". The preparation of themed gift baskets is already underway, but we'd like your help! Please consider providing the elements of a themed basket with a minimum value of \$50 to add to our offerings. Items can be donated by individuals, families, study groups, etc. and will be assembled and decorated by the Committee for a consistent look. To allow for this preparation, please bring to the church office, bagged and tagged, by Friday, May 27th. Feel free to contact Darcy Asche at 973-768-4217 or Lisa Stein at 201-247-4317 with any questions or inspiration ideas. Thank you for your support in helping make the Tricky Tray a fun and successful part of the auction on June 11th. We hope to see you there!

Jeannine Archibald, Darcy Asche, Lisa Stein

## **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>

## **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 your 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.

## **EXPLORING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS, 7 PM**

**May 18** \* Our focus tonight is on silence--and we have a lot to say about it! Scott Westenberger will share a practice of silence he has found valuable as a way of centering himself. After that, we'd love to hear from you. Has silence been a part of your prayer life? Is it something you seek out regularly? Or has silence found you--when you wandered into an empty cathedral or found yourself alone for a few minutes in a beautiful natural area? Have you had negative experiences of silence? Have you been scolded for making noise in a sacred setting? Or tried to sit quietly only to find yourself squirming with discomfort within moments of starting? What has your experience of silence taught you about prayer?

**May 25** \* Tonight, our focus will be on intercessory prayer, which is prayer in which we are asking God for something for ourselves, for others or for the world. Judi D'annunzio and Pastor Bill will each share some of their own experience with this kind of prayer--how they do it, leading group intercessory prayer and what it means to them. We hope you'll join us! After hearing from our leaders, we'd love to hear from you. What has been your experience of intercessory prayer? What do you wonder about this kind of prayer?

**June 1 & 8** \* Lectio Divina -- A method of prayerful reading of scripture that can be applied to other written material. During the first night Bonnie Chiappetta will introduce what Lectio Divina is and the methods used as she guides us through it with a simple source like song lyrics or a poem. On the second night she will guide us through the process once more using a source she learned through in seminary using a chapter from Harry Potter.

Register for the evenings that you will be joining us for the Adult Education Spring Offering on Prayer: <https://forms.gle/7NrhKTSYiXkRm93T7>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83631660857?pwd=YjArV1RPa2VXSfJzTTBibE5WNm02QT09>

Meeting ID: 836 3166 0857

Passcode: 217860

## **TRIP TO OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY TO EXPERIENCE THE PASSION PLAY**

Since 1634, the most famous Passion Play in the world has been presented every 10 years in Oberammergau, Germany. This Fall you are invited to go on a 9-day trip to the beautiful Bavaria and Tyrol regions of Germany and Austria to experience the world's largest dramatic and musical Passion Play. The all-inclusive cost for this trip is \$4,685. We will depart from JFK on Monday, September 26th and return on October 4th. This trip will be led by FPC member Jaime Staehle. Please contact her at [jstaehle@fapc.org](mailto:jstaehle@fapc.org) for more information and to register.

# **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

## **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.

**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

## **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*

**Lauren Restaino**, *Youth Ministry & Communications Coordinator*

**Christine Brunner**, *Office Manager*

**Chris White**, *Building Manager/Head Sexton*

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## **CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

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

### ***SUNDAY, May 15th***

9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary  
10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120 & Zoom  
11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Fellowship Hall  
5:00 PM First Church Ringers, Sanctuary  
6:00 PM Westminster Choir, Sanctuary

### ***MONDAY, May 16th***

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

### ***TUESDAY, May 17th***

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Chapel  
6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM Session, Zoom Meeting

### ***WEDNESDAY, May 18th***

7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM Adult Education, Zoom Meeting

### ***THURSDAY, May 19th***

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Choir, Sanctuary  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

### ***SUNDAY, May 22nd***

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