



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, May 22nd, 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](#)



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 this **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.

SANDWICH NIGHT

Our next Sandwich Night is this **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 with 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! **This sandwich night is generously sponsored by the family of Sandra Selfridge Lopus Harvey in her memory.**

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

Pans are out for the **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>

FACING RACISM TASK FORCE DISCUSSION

FPC's Facing Racism Task Force will be hosting the third conversation in the series "What are we called to do?" on Monday, May 23, 2022 from 7:30pm-8:45pm. The topic of discussion will be Dr. Jennifer Harvey's interview with author Robert P. Jones, who is founder of the Public Religion Research Institute. Jones was the featured speaker at the Presbyterian Foundation Breakfast at the 2019 Presbyterian Church USA's Big Tent Conference. Interview can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOY5faxXBrQ&t=246s>

You do not need to have attended earlier sessions to join in on this one! To join what will most certainly be a lively conversation, please RSVP by May 22nd to facingracism@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

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)!!!

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.



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 at www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate by choosing the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance—Ukraine option in the drop down menu.

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 or (973)768-4656. Thank you for your help with this ministry of fellowship!!

MIDWEEK VINYASA YOGA AT FPC

***There will be no yoga on Wednesday, May 25th**

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.

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 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

EXPLORING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS, 7 PM

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

PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dear Fellow Congregants,

Since the Church has completed the process required by the Presbytery, the 2022 Nominating Committee is now ready to nominate a Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). The PNC will present a candidate to the Congregation to be called as our next pastor. It should have 7, 9 or 11 members and that number will be set by Session. The slate must be diverse and representative of our Church. Members should be spiritual, devoted to prayer, committed to the future of our Church and open to the Holy Spirit. They must understand what it means to be Presbyterian. Please send suggestions for this very important committee that will affect the future of our Church to the Nominating Committee to consider to: FPCNominating@FirstPresCaldwell.org. Please understand that if the person you nominate is not invited to the committee, it is because of the need for balancing the PNC for representation.

With great appreciation,

Lydia Spinelli

Chair of the 2022 Nominating Committee

Committee Members:

Christien Endres

Chris Flanagan

Nancy Hauser

Kaitlyn Heun

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.

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. 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

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.](#)

OFFERINGS

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*

Rev. Barbara Jo Piercy, *Minister of Music*

Noel Piercy, *Associate Director of Music*

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Susan Jones, *Interim Director Children's Ministry*

Scott Westenberger, *Worship Leader*

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Christine Brunner, *Office Manager*

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, May 22nd

- 9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120 & Zoom
- 11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
- 12:15 PM Visitation Committee Meeting, Chapel
- 5:00 PM First Church Ringers, Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Westminster Choir, Sanctuary

MONDAY, May 23rd

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

TUESDAY, May 24th

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Chapel
- 5:00 PM Sandwich Night, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, May 25th

- 11:30 AM Deacons Golf Outing, Farmstead Golf Club
- 7:00 PM Adult Education, Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, May 26th

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

SUNDAY, May 29th

- 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