



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, May 8th, 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](#)



**In honor of Mother's Day, the Worship Committee has donated \$100 to Oasis, A Haven for Women and Children.**

## **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. 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.

## **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.



**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](https://charitygolftoday.com/boardofdeacons).

**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!!

**PREPARE A MEAL FOR THURSDAY SOUP KITCHENS**  
**DURING THE MONTH OF MAY**

The sign up form for the Thursday soup kitchens during May is available at the link below. Drop off time is the Wednesday before the soup kitchen between 4:00 and 5:00 in the church parking lot. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4fa5ad29a0f94-maythursday>

## **ADULT ED SPRING OFFERING ON PRAYER WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00PM**

**May 11** \* Tonight, our focus will be on praying through song. Barb Piercy will be moderating our conversation. Barb will share a bit of her own experience of praying through song. After that, we'd love to hear from you. Have you ever heard a song that expressed a prayer that you otherwise didn't have the words to express? Have you ever sung in a group (a crowd or a choir) and felt that your song was a kind of prayer? We'll also share a few recordings of songs that some of us have found prayerful (and some of them might surprise you!)

**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>

## **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@fpc.org](mailto:jstaehle@fpc.org) for more information and to register.

## **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 or 862-684-3673.

## **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.

## **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.

## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS, 4/19/2022**

Rev. Schram moderated via Zoom due to testing Covid positive on Saturday, 4/16  
The session of First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell dealt with the following in April:

The session heard from Rev. Rose Niles, our regional representative from the Presbyterian Foundation. Rev. Niles shared an overview of stewardship resources and planned giving resources, which session agreed to follow up on.

Session approved again selling beer and wine at the Auction in June.

The session adopted a Behavioral Covenant detailing the way they will act with one another in decision making and discussion.

The Mission Committee reported on a mission statement for the committee:

As followers of Christ, we as a committee are called to love our neighbors as ourselves by serving those in need, and working together towards a world of compassion, peace and justice. We strive to express the words of our Lord "To whom much is given, much shall be required. ( Luke 12:48).

Heard a report on a meeting with borough officials and session members regarding the borough's proposal to take a section of the green overseen by the church, give the church another portion so that a new municipal center and library might be built. Session discussed viewpoints and history of the deed restriction placed by church trustees in 1891 when land was given to remain a common for the village. Borough officials had said they would put together discussion points raised in a written proposal to the church. We are still waiting for that.

Approved start of coffee hour after the 9:30 service in room 120, effective April 24. It will be overseen by the deacons. The 11 service will have refreshments available prior to and after worship in Fellowship Hall.

\* Noted a special session meeting to be held May 3 at 7 pm. Rev. Greg Horn of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry will be present to talk about next steps in electing a Pastoral Nominating Committee.

**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

# *take me to the world*

A CABARET PERFORMANCE BENEFITING UKRAINE



*June 5 4:00pm & 7:00pm*

presented by the Westminster Choir  
at First Presbyterian Church of Caldwell  
326 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006

[www.firstprescaldwell.org](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org)

(973) 228-0310

Donations will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (Ukraine)

## 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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**Dr. Robert R. McGruther**, *Pastor Emeritus*

## **THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL**

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## **CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

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

### ***SUNDAY, May 8th***

#### ***Happy Mother's Day!***

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, May 9th***

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

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

### ***TUESDAY, May 10th***

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Chapel

6:00 PM Finance Committee, Zoom Meeting

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Deacons, Zoom Meeting

### ***WEDNESDAY, May 11th***

7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Adult Education, Zoom Meeting

### ***THURSDAY, May 12th***

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

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

9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

10:30 AM All Church Photo

11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM First Church Ringers, Sanctuary

6:00 PM Westminster Choir, Sanctuary