



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, June 26th, 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).

***Join us for a 10:00am worship service in the sanctuary on Sundays during the summer.***

*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.*

[Livestream Sanctuary Service on Facebook](#)

[Livestream Sanctuary Service on Livestream Website](#)

[Livestream Illuminate Service on Facebook](#)

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a congregational meeting at 10:30am on June 26 to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee. It will be in person and through Zoom. The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89956806785>

## **NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER**

Starting on Sunday, July 3rd, we will go to one Sunday service at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. The music leadership and worship style will be divided between traditional and contemporary. Please see below for the full schedule.

July 3rd: Traditional  
July 10th: Contemporary  
July 17th: Contemporary  
July 24th: Traditional  
July 31st: Traditional

August 7th: Contemporary  
August 14th: Contemporary  
August 21st: Traditional  
August 28th: Traditional  
September 4th: Contemporary  
September 11th: Traditional

Rev. Barbara Piercy will be focusing her efforts on two trips to Taize with young adults from the church. June 12 was her last Sunday playing for us until Sept. 11. Noel has wrapped up the choir year but will be filling in as the worship musician on July 24. On September 11, we will remain at one 10:00 am service. Barb and Noel will provide music for the service, which will be followed by a farewell reception and lunch to thank the Piercy's for their 36 years of service to this church.

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

For the first time in four years, General Assembly commissioners are gathering in person for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s first hybrid assembly, built around the theme "From Lament to Hope." The assembly is taking place now through July 9. Presbyterians can watch General Assembly committee and plenary sessions via a livestream. [Click here for more information.](#)

## **A NOTE FROM SUSAN JONES**

Dear First Pres Family,

Thank you so much for the love and appreciation I felt on June 12. My last day at First Pres is one I will not soon forget. I have so enjoyed my time working with our kids over the past few years, as well as with the Staff and Congregation.

When I started “working” back in 2018, I was concerned that I wasn’t qualified to teach or lead kids on their faith journey. I have no formal training and no degree in theology - not even close. To say I was nervous is an understatement. Almost each and every Sunday someone had something kind and uplifting to say to me, which helped me begin to relax and enjoy myself. Each week, I felt more and more accepted and appreciated by my First Pres Family. I am so thankful for all the support I have received these past years, as well as for all the love I felt.

A.A. Milne, the creator of Winnie the Pooh (a personal favorite of mine from childhood) wrote “How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.” And while this is more of a ‘see ya later,’ it is not without a degree of sadness. I will miss so many, especially my friends — the kids. Thank you to everyone who trusted me and shared your beautiful children with me. I have truly loved watching them grow spiritually.

Thank you again for your kind words and most generous gift. I am quite humbled.

Blessings,  
Susan Jones

## **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE — THANK YOU**

A sincere thank you to all of those who donated to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief offering to benefit Ukraine refugees. Whether your support came through donations at the door of the fabulous 2022 Cabaret performance “Take Me To The World,” which raised \$900.00, or through the Cloverleaf Tavern “Dine & Donate” program, which raised \$400, we are grateful to be sending a check in the amount of \$1,300.00 for Ukraine support.

## **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>

## **JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

Campers entering 1st-6th grades are invited to join us for an awesome week of recreation, crafts, exploring the Bible and meeting new friends! Vacation Bible School (VBS) will take place at The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, both indoors and outdoors, on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-1:00pm. This is a rain or shine program! Please submit a registration form for each child: <https://forms.gle/x4yunVFSTjCn6NVQ8>. The cost is \$25 per camper (\$50 max per family). Submit a payment online by clicking here: <https://secure.egsnetwork.com/donate/FB38EEBC60834C8>, or you may mail a check to The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell with VBS in the memo.

This year's theme is "On The Case." Throughout the week, we are going to investigate the mysterious meanings behind a few of the famous stories Jesus told. Growing spiritually doesn't have to be an unsolved mystery! Campers will take a four-day journey as detectives digging into a few of Jesus' parables to solve the mysteries of how to grow their faith, how to care for, serve, and love others. They'll discover that the answers have been there all along: **spend time with God, spend time with others, use your gifts, and share your story.**



What does your child need each day? A water bottle with their name on it, a bagged lunch, a beach towel, a bathing suit, and a sense of adventure!

Students in 7th through 12th grades are invited to volunteer this summer as Vacation Bible School (VBS) counselors. VBS will take place at The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, both indoors and outdoors, on Monday, August 15th through Friday, August 19th from 10:00am-1:00pm. Assist our camp leaders with bible study, crafts, games, and outdoor fun! We ask that all counselors arrive 15 minutes early and stay 15 minutes later each day to help with set up and clean up! [Submit a registration form to be a VBS Counselor.](#)

## **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.**

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.

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE IS SEARCHING FOR LAY READERS**

**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 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!

## **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](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**

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## **CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

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

### ***SUNDAY, June 26th***

*9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary*

*10:30 AM Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary & Zoom*

*11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Fellowship Hall*

*12:15 PM Music Vision Search Team, Parlor & Zoom*

### ***MONDAY, June 27th***

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

*7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall*

### ***TUESDAY, June 28th***

*9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Chapel*

*6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall*

*7:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting, Zoom*

### ***WEDNESDAY, June 29th***

*7:00 PM Yoga—Vinyasa, Fellowship Hall*

### ***THURSDAY, June 30th***

*6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall*

### ***SUNDAY, July 3rd***

*10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary*

*10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120 & Zoom*