



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

**Sunday, September 11th, 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 and throughout the month of September.***

*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](#)



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY CARE FOR SEPTEMBER 18TH**

All children in kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join us as we kick off the Sunday School year on September 18th during the 10:00am service in the Sanctuary. Children will sit with their families in worship and will be dismissed to their classroom after the Children's Message. We have a lot of fun activities planned for that day and look forward to families joining us on the church lawn following worship. Activities include a bouncy obstacle course and lawn games. Additionally, there will be plenty of food including hot dogs, soft pretzels, ice cream and more! Nursery care will be provided on September 18th in the Cradle Room for infants and children up to 4 years old.

## **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS**

We are getting ready to launch another amazing Sunday School program for the 2022-2023 year and we need your help! Please consider signing up for one or more Sundays to volunteer as a Sunday School Assistant. Learn more here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4ea4af28a1ff2-sunday>

We are excited to once again provide nursery care for babies up to the age of 4 years old in our Cradle Room and we need your help. We are looking for adults to provide nursery care to our very youngest in our church family! Please consider signing up for one or more Sundays. We won't be able to provide this service to our church families without valuable volunteers. Thanks in advance! Learn more here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4ea4af28a1ff2-fpcnursery>

## **URBAN PROMISE BOOK DRIVE**

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a Book Drive to support the children at Urban Promise beginning today, September 11<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>. First Pres Caldwell has had a long relationship with Urban Promise and actively supports their mission: “to equip Camden’s children and young adults with the skills and knowledge necessary for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth, and Christian leadership.”

We are collaborating with the Urban Promise Librarian, and the Girls Empowerment Leader. They have given us a list of specific needs for the library along with Bible Study Guides needed for the Girls Empowerment Group. The prices for the books range from \$4.00 to \$15.00. Purchases can be made directly through a registry at Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/1M0PUDQLI9H4Y/guest-view>.

The registry can be found at the Amazon home page by clicking the REGISTRY page which will bring you to the next page and ask for "Registrants Name" - type in Urban Promise and next tab select CUSTOM REGISTRY. We are listed as URBAN PROMISE BOOK DRIVE. Note there is no reference to First Pres Caldwell.

We will have books available for purchase after the September 25<sup>th</sup> Service. You can also support the project with a financial donation by going to the DONATE section at the church website and clicking the drop-down menu for the Urban Promise Book Drive.

## **THE CALDWELL STREET FAIR — JOIN US!**

FPC is excited to be participating once again in the Caldwell Street Fair, scheduled for Sunday, October 2nd from 12PM to 5PM. In past years there have been as many as 30,000 visitors at the fair and it is a great opportunity to open our doors for the community to see our beautiful sanctuary, hear about our church history and partake of the planned activities and music. We invite your help to support the event as well as have fun and fellowship in the process!

We are in need of many volunteers and ask if you can donate an hour of your time to support the event (but with all the fun you’ll have you just may want to sign up for even more time!).

We need help prior to the fair start time, to set up tents, tables, chairs, banners, etc. etc. During the event we need you to be the personal face of the church to greet people as they enter the church as well as to monitor the inside use of bathroom facilities. Afterwards we need help breaking down and storing all the equipment.

Please take a minute to consider signing up to help with the event using the following link. Your support is much needed and much appreciated.

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

## **ADULT EDUCATION—NEWSLETTER**

WELCOME to our new venture in Adult Education ministry. We believe a newsletter with diverse resources has the power to serve you better. As a seasonal publication, we will provide updates on our traditional group Bible studies and more resources for growing personally and as a community of faith while honoring the diversity of life rhythms and life experiences of our members.

We realize that making time for our spiritual life often competes with a lot of distractions. Yet Christ tells us that He is our living water (John 4:13,14). Who can live without water? In this world we can easily become spiritually dehydrated as distractions make us forget to drink. Adult Ed is aiming to find ways to rehydrate you by meeting you where you are on any given day; helping you to grab a quick refreshing sip or drink deeply from the well. Our digital world offers quick access to many resources focused on our rehydration: Apps that include easy access to devotionals and bible study tools, Podcasts that give daily messages we can listen to while we walk, drive, or do daily tasks, and more. We will also offer books for different groups and timeless treasures for everyone. We want to inspire you to discover proven tools for dipping into this deep well of “living water” so we can all remain refreshed and ready for our mission “Shining God’s Light by KNOWing Christ, GROWing in His in love, and GOing where He leads.”

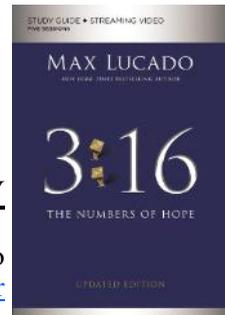
Let us know how we are doing at [adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org).

DOWNLOAD NEWSLETTER: <https://bit.ly/3dXvkiL>

### **FALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY**

“3:16 The Numbers of Hope” - by Max Lucado

[More information available in the Adult Education Newsletter](#)



### **SANDWICH NIGHT NEWS**

We're back... on September 13th at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. The Board of Deacons will be hosting the first Sandwich Night of the 2022-2023 season. We will be preparing 400 to 430 bagged lunches to benefit St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. If you are looking for a fast and fun night, come out and join us in the preparation, meeting new friends and connecting with your church family.

Our youth are welcomed to assist while acquiring community service hours if needed.

Any questions, or if your organization or committee is willing to host a Sandwich Night, please call Joyce McGrath, 201-738-6531, Laura Schalles 973-476-8616. This is an important outreach for the community and one that helps those in need

Look forward to seeing you on the 13th of September at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall!

## **SOUP KITCHEN NEWS**

We hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing summer! Now, it's time to get back to work. Not only are we beginning Sandwich Night again, but we are also moving forward with Soup Kitchen. Our Thursdays will begin on September 15th and Saturdays on September 24th. We will follow the same procedures as before for Thursday soup kitchens. We ask that all meal preparers sign up online and drop off the Wednesday before soup kitchen. If you need to drop off earlier, you may drop it in the church office and the items will be placed in the kitchen for pick-up. Saturdays will now be online for sign up (same as Thursday). You may bring your items early and they will be placed in the kitchen for pick-up. If you need pans, they will be on the Christian Ed Desk for your convenience. Sign up links are available at <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news/>

We look forward to a wonderful response from friends, family and the congregation. Giving is part of this mission and we could not operate without your ongoing support. If you have questions or concerns, or wish to volunteer to join us at Our Lady of the Valley, please do not hesitate to contact to Joyce McGrath, 201-738-6531 or Laura Schalles 973-476-8616.

## **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.

## **THE MUSIC VISION & SEARCH**

The church's Music Vision and Search Team has begun meeting to explore the future music program of the church and what that means for what we will be looking for in a new Music Director. We are asking your help in developing our vision for our music program and its leadership.

Please help the Music Vision and Search Team by taking a few minutes to answer a few questions on a survey. You can go to it through the link below. We will also have copies available at the welcome tables during worship. Please return paper copies to the church office. <https://forms.gle/1vBkTBY87ZRHV4dLA>

Whichever format you use to supply your input, please do so by Sept. 18. Thank you for your interest and input about this important part of our church life.

# **OPEN GYM**

## **VOLLEYBALL**

Mondays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

## **PICKLEBALL**

Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

\*\*\*NEW REGISTRANTS\*\*\* Contact Barb Bruchac  
to confirm availability at 973-454-5583

## **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. There will be no yoga this Wednesday, September 14th**

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.

Calling EMTs, First Aid responders and Medical professionals

The Worship Committee is looking to put together a list of individuals that are willing to be called upon to step in if a medical situation presents itself in order to offer care until EMTs arrive.

- Medical/Nursing Training
- EMT Training
- First Aid Training
- AED use Training

Please email Kris George via [kristiane.george@gmail.com](mailto:kristiane.george@gmail.com) should you have any of the above training and are willing to help.

## **SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS**

If one of your gifts is hospitality, there is a job in this church with your name on it! The Deacons would love your help being a greeter on Sunday Mornings in either service. Your job would start 15 minutes before the service and you would welcome folks to our church. If it was communion Sunday, you would invite them to take a communion cup as well as leave their envelope in the collection plate. You would remain at the door 15 min after the service started to receive any stragglers and then grab the offerings from the communion plate and go inside to count all the happy people you see in attending the service (including anyone running the service and those that sit in the balcony). Next, you may sit with your family for the remainder of the service. Once the service has ended please take the offerings and your count of people to the office for them to record. That's all there is to it!! If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Donna McGinley ([donnalmcginley@aol.com](mailto:donnalmcginley@aol.com)) so we can get you started greeting folks as soon as possible!

## **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 10:00 am 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**

**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*

**Scott Westenberger**, *Worship Leader*

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

**Christine Brunner**, *Office Manager*

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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, September 11th***

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00 AM Celebration for Barb & Noel, Fellowship Hall

### ***MONDAY, September 12th***

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

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

### ***TUESDAY, September 13th***

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

6:00 PM Finance Committee, Zoom Meeting

6:00 PM Sandwich Night, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Bible Study, Room 120

7:00 PM Deacons, Chapel & Zoom Meeting

### ***SUNDAY, September 18th***

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00 AM Sunday School Kick Off Celebration, Lawn

## **SAVE THE DATE**



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