



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, September 18th, 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.

Join us for a 10:00am worship service in the sanctuary 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>

Let's give the children at African Dream Academy a Dream Christmas.



Help

a boy or girl

from African Dream

Academy, Monrovia, Liberia

(www.africandreamacademy.org)

receive his or her only Christmas gift.

Liberia is one of the five poorest countries in the world. Pick up a red bag with a child's name and age on it. Fill it with goodies and return to Church by October 23 at the latest. Then we will pack barrels and ship them to Liberia.

Please include a composition book, pens and pencils. Other Suggestions: a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, Band aids, pair of socks, hard candy, paper, markers, crayons, glue, tape, other art supplies, sunglasses, a ball, an age-appropriate paperback book a flashlight, toys for younger children (little cars, little dolls, etc.), toiletries for older girls, headbands, barrettes, jewelry, lip gloss. Enclose a note or Christmas card if you like! If you would like to contribute towards shipping, write a check to African Dream Academy Foundation for \$10.00 and return to Church.

URBAN PROMISE BOOK DRIVE

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a Book Drive to support the children at Urban Promise **now through October 1st**. 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 25th 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>

Additionally, on Street Fair Sunday, we invite all to join as a church family wearing our newly designed t-shirts highlighting FPC's mission statement. T-shirts can be ordered at the link below. The order form is set to close in 3 days - so get your order in now!

<https://www.customink.com/g/dac0-00cg-4j3m>

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.”

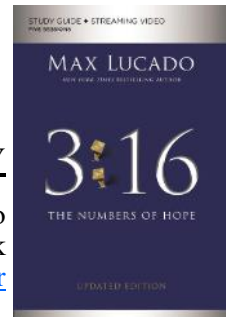
Let us know how we are doing at adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org.

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

FALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

“3:16 The Numbers of Hope” - by Max Lucado
Study begins this week

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



DEACONS FALL/WINTER DRIVE

The Deacons are sponsoring a fall/winter drive to benefit our friends at St. John’s Soup Kitchen. We are collecting gently used winter coats, sweaters, hoodies and sweatshirts. In addition, St. John’s has requested used backpacks and overnight canvas bags.

Beginning **Sunday, October 2nd through Sunday, October 16th** a drop off bin for donations will be accessible outside by the church circle.

Additionally, we will be in person collecting donations by the church staff parking lot on Westville Avenue on:

Saturday, October 8th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Should you have questions, please contact FPC326deacons@gmail.com

As always, the Deacons and St. John’s thank you for your support!

FINDING BALANCE: THE RULE OF ST. BENEDICT

Morris V. Prout Lecture Series & the Verona Clergy Association are presenting a reflection on the Rule of St. Benedict entitled "Finding Balance, Happiness and Peace in Everyday Life". St. Benedict composed his Rule in 516 AD and many people today apply his principles to create a calmer, less frazzled way of life.

The Rev. Dr. Jane Tomaine and the Rev. Albert Holtz OSB, both noted authors and scholars of the Rule will lead this ecumenical roundtable discussion about how we can all apply this ancient wisdom that transcends religion to help meet modern challenges with grace and joy. Rev. Tomaine is an Episcopal Priest of the Newark Diocese and Rev. Holtz is a Benedictine Monk and Prior of the Newark Abbey.

The Roundtable will take place on **Saturday, September 24 at 2 pm** in Chamberlain Hall at the First Presbyterian Church of Verona, 10 Fairview Ave, Verona. For more info or to RSVP please visit www.ProutFuneralHome.com

INTERIM MUSIC DIRECTOR TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Valerie Shondel as our interim music director. She is an accomplished organist/pianist and a practiced choir director. She has served similar roles in churches in New York City and northeastern New Jersey and came highly recommended. Valerie will play an organ postlude and meet with the choir after church on September 25th, 2022. Her first full service will be October 2nd, 2022

THE MUSIC VISION & SEARCH SURVEY IS CLOSING

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 **Sunday, September 18th**. Thank you for your interest and input about this important part of our church life.

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 Thursday soup kitchens have begun and our Saturday soup kitchens will begin 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.

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.

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.

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 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) 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. 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. 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*
Kaitlyn Heun, *Interim Director Youth Ministries*

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, September 18th

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00 AM Sunday School Kick Off Celebration, Lawn

MONDAY, September 19th

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

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, September 20th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Session Chapel & Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 21st

7:00 PM PNC Committee, Parlor

7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, September 22nd

7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room

SUNDAY, September 25th

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120



SAVE THE DATE

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