



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, September 4th, 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](#)

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**We will have one Sunday service at 10:00 am in the sanctuary this summer.** The music leadership and worship style will be divided between traditional and contemporary. Please see below for the full schedule.

September 4th: Contemporary  
September 11th: Traditional

Additionally, we will have one worship service at 10:00am on September 18th and September 25th.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF**

We hope you will join us for Sunday School Kickoff on Sunday, September 18th! Church family fun on the lawn to follow the 10:00am worship service on Kickoff Sunday!



## **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 two adults to provide nursery care to our very youngest in our church family! The Cradle Room will be open during the 9:30 am Sunday Service and is located on the main floor, past the Christian Education Desk. 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>

## **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.”

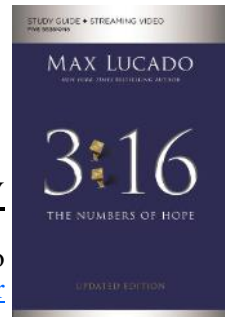
Let us know how we are doing at [adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org).

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.

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

# Come Celebrate!

The work and dedication of  
Barbara & Noel Piercy

Sunday, September 11th, 2022

10am Sanctuary Service

Reception to follow  
in Fellowship Hall

(Enter doors of glass stairwell and head downstairs)

Reception RSVP  
to the church office by  
Tuesday, September 6th, 2022

Phone: 973-228-0310 or

Email: [Fpc326events@gmail.com](mailto:Fpc326events@gmail.com)



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326 BLOOMFIELD AVE, CALDWELL, NJ 07006

We hope to see you at the farewell event on September 11 for Barb & Noel Piercy. If you haven't already done so, make a reservation for the reception by calling the church office at (973) 228-0310 or email [Fpc326events@gmail.com](mailto:Fpc326events@gmail.com). If you wish to know more about helping out, click here: <https://conta.cc/3JPoIEi>

## **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.

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!

## **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED**

For the past few months, we have had some great coffee hours/lemonade on the lawns hosted by members of the committee and the congregation. We are asking to have more congregants sign up to host. Kaitlyn has agreed to get the set up started each Sunday, but we need someone to bring in and set up the food, milk, and accessories, 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>

## **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*

**Chris White**, *Building Manager/Head Sexton*

**Irma Clare**, *Administrative Assistant*

**Brittany Heun**, *Sunday Receptionist*

**Kathleen Carlson**, *Director*

*Weekday Nursery School - 973-226-6674*

*<http://www.firstpresnurseryschool.com>*

**David Hicock**, *Superintendent*

*Prospect Hill Cemetery - 973-228-4410*

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

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

## **CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

**ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM**

### ***SUNDAY, September 4th***

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

### ***MONDAY, September 5th***

**Labor Day — Church Office Closed**

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

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

### ***TUESDAY, September 6th***

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

5:00 PM Building & Grounds, Zoom Meeting

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

### ***WEDNESDAY, September 7th***

7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM PNC Committee, Parlor

### ***SUNDAY, September 11th***

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

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



## **SAVE THE DATE**

FPC is excited to be participating once again at the Caldwell Street Fair, scheduled for Sunday, October 2nd from 12PM to 5PM.