



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

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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.

9:30am Sanctuary Service
11:00am Contemporary Service
Sunday School and activities are available at both services except the first Sunday of each month. Nursery care is available in the Cradle Room.

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 Contemporary 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.

[Livestream on Facebook](#)
[Livestream on Livestream Website](#)

STEWARDSHIP 2023 EXPRESSING GRATITUDE AND COMMITMENT — OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF TODAY!

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Rose Niles, who will be preaching at our worship services this morning. Rose serves as a Ministry Relations Officer with the Presbyterian Foundation, which is a part of our denomination. She works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars and workshops and provides coaching to congregations about finance, stewardship and endowment matters, at no cost to the congregation.

A life-long Presbyterian, Rose has served as a church pastor with several congregations, taught in seminary programs, and prior to joining the Presbyterian Foundation, served as Development Officer at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She is also a proud mother and grandmother.

During this year, Rose has met with our Session and with members working in mission, finance and stewardship. She has even been to a Sandwich Night! We look forward to her continued partnership with our congregation as we move into a bright future.

Members and Friends of First Pres will be receiving a letter and pledge card in the mail this week. We thank Pastor Schram and our Church Staff for their leadership in this regard. You may also submit your pledge online through the Church website or you may contact the Church office to obtain a pledge card or make a pledge.

Your pledged commitment is a financial investment in the mission and ministry of The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell. It is a response to God's blessings in our lives. Pledge Dedication Sunday is November 20, 2022.

OUR CHRISTIAN CALL TO GRATITUDE, GENEROSITY AND STEWARDSHIP

We invite you to read this passage from scripture and to reflect upon God's call to each of us to be grateful and generous stewards.

Exodus 16:11-16, 31

(God provides manna to the Israelites in the wilderness)

The provision of manna to the Israelites wandering in the wilderness is a reminder that God provides abundantly for all of us. The details in this story of "meat at night and bread in the morning" and the delicious description of the manna offer a unique perspective that God doesn't just give us the bare minimum, but provides abundantly. In turn, we are called to share abundantly in our response to God, not just offering the bare minimum, but offering our best.

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. Today, October 16th is the last day of the collection.** A drop off bin for donations will be accessible outside by the church circle. Should you have questions, please contact FPC326deacons@gmail.com. As always, the Deacons and St. John's thank you for your support!



CONFIRMATION CLASS REGISTRATION

Welcome to the 2022-23 Confirmation Class! We will be having an informational meeting today, October 16th at 6:00pm in the Youth Room. All Confirmation Parents, mentors, and confirmands are required to attend this meeting. This will be a time to meet classmates, interact with mentors, and learn more about what will be expected of all of us, for this confirmation class. And don't worry, there will be pizza!

If you have not yet registered, but want to send your child to through confirmation this year, you are invited to attend and register at this meeting. You can also click the link below to register your child for class. <https://forms.gle/TCz2edBtT9D3N9aN6>

If you can not make this meeting, or have any questions whatsoever please do not hesitate to reach out to Kaitlyn Heun at youthministry@firstprescaldwell.org.

African Dream Academy now has 1500 students on two campuses (that's 600 more than last year). Please do what you can to ask friends and neighbors to fill red bags. It's better to fill more bags with less in them. There are red bags at the Christian Ed desk and at both entrances to the Church. For those who do not attend the services in person, red bags can be delivered to you, please email Lydia Spinelli: Lydia.spinelli@gmail.com. If you prefer to make a financial contribution to this effort, please do so at www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate and click "African Dream Academy" and we will purchase items and fill bags for you. Thanks so much!

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



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. Please do not put it in the bag.

Return to
Church.

FACING RACISM TASK FORCE

The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell's Facing Racism Task Force invites you to a fall/winter book study of a new book, co-authored by West Orange, NJ resident, Kerry Connelly. Published in 2022, *Wait – Is This Racist? A Guide to Becoming an Anti-Racist Church* has already gotten positive reviews. Pastor and author Robert W. Lee described the book as this: "... You have before you a guidebook, a survival guide, a deconstruction chisel, and a faithful interpretation of the reign of God that is at hand. This book made me think critically about my own blind spots while also acknowledging the potential areas of growth that could happen in my personal and professional life. ... You would be wise to sit with this book—it will change you." Connelly's co-authors of the book are Bryana Clover and Josh Riddick.

The Facing Racism Task Force will be able to provide the book to you free of charge. This study will meet via Zoom for five Thursdays on the following dates: **Oct. 27, Nov. 17, Dec. 8, Jan. 12 & Jan. 26**. Meeting times will be from 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm.

To reserve the book and a spot in this book study, please RSVP to facingracismfirstpres@gmail.com.

Blessings to All and we hope to see you on Thursday, October 27!

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

Our numbers are up and we need your help! Our Thursday soup kitchen menus are available online for the months of October and November. Please consider signing up to prepare a meal for those in need to benefit Our Lady of the Valley soup kitchen in Orange. Our Saturday soup kitchen menus are also available online and for your convenience, pans are located on the Christian Ed desk.

<https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news/>

Drop off for Thursday soup kitchen is in the staff parking lot on Wednesdays between 4:00pm and 5:00pm. If that does not work for you, you may drop off earlier at the church office. Drop off for Saturday soup kitchen is in the staff parking lot on Saturdays between 9:00am and 9:30am. Again, you may drop off earlier in the church office.

If you have any questions, or wish to volunteer to join us at the soup kitchen on Thursdays or Saturdays, please contact Laura Schalles (973) 476-8616 or Joyce McGrath (201) 738-6531. We make a difference in the lives of clients, with a smile, kind word and hot lunch. Help us serve in his name.

SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR

We are asking to have more congregants sign up to host. Kaitlyn will continue 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. If you have any questions please reach out to Diane Joy at dianejpc@gmail.com or (973)768-4656. Thank you for your help with this ministry of fellowship! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4FA5AD29A0F94-coffee>

SANDWICH NIGHT

Thank you all for participating in our September Sandwich Night, hosted by the deacons. Now we have a chance to meet the hosts of October's Sandwich Night, The Board of Elders. This is a great time to connect and meet with some of the officers of The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell while helping others in need. Our Sandwich Night benefits St. John's soup kitchen in Newark. Come out and join in the fun and fast paced evening of creating 400 to 430 bagged lunches for St. John's. Our selected date is **October 26th, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall**. Friends, family and youth (especially those who need service hours) are all welcome to join us!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL & CRADLE ROOM

We have officially launched 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>



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!

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.

VOLLEYBALL

Mondays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

PICKLEBALL

Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Thursdays (beginning on October 20th)

6:00pm Beginners

6:30 to 8:00pm Mixed level play

*****NEW PARTICIPANTS*****

Contact Barb Bruchac at 973-454-5583

OASIS - A HAVEN FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Oasis- A Haven for Women and Children is actively seeking volunteers to help in their childcare rooms, food pantry, and to coordinate food pick-ups from BJ's, Costco, Starbucks, etc. Please contact Andrea Johnston, Volunteer Coordinator, (973)881-8307 x121 for more information.

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 contact one of our chapter leaders: Barbara Bruchac, Jennifer Payne or Sarah Solie.

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!

ADULT EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

Download Newsletter: <https://bit.ly/3dXvkiL>

AMAZON SMILE—SUPPORT FPC

What's an easy way to support First Pres all year long? 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

Place your offering in the plates are at the welcome tables. Or give 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.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, October 16th

9:30 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, October 17th

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, October 18th

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Session, Chapel/Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, October 19th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor
7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Adult Ed Book Study, Room 120
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
7:00 PM PNC Committee, Parlor

THURSDAY, October 20th

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room

SUNDAY, October 23rd

9:30 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall