



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.

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Stewardship is not just a time of year, or an exercise in bookkeeping. Stewardship is an expression of our Gratitude and our Commitment. In gratitude for the life forgiven and abundant that comes in Christ, we share some of our blessings from God for God's purposes. In commitment, we promise to continue sharing the Good News of the Gospel in word and deed, and then follow through on our promise. Together at FPC, we have witnessed great acts of caring, meaningful acts of worship, lives changed by experiencing and knowing our gracious Lord and savior. We've done it by sharing with the same generosity God has shown all of us and by showing our commitment to love and service in Christ's name.

This stewardship season, we are asking the you prayerfully reflect on how you can demonstrate the same generosity and commitment in the coming year. Investing in Christ's mission through the church opens us to blessings in return. We keep focused on our relationship with our Lord. We express trust in God's care for us. We remember God's generosity and lose some of our fear about the future. Generosity keeps our hands open to God so that God can take what we return and use it to bless us and others. We've seen Christ's commitment to us in helping us through the Covid limitations and the creativity in maintaining worship and mission. We've seen it in the quick hiring of an interim Music Director and the positive response Valerie has had from handbell and vocal choirs.

Generosity not only helps us appreciate our past and present blessings. It is also a way we help shape our church's future, even more so as we move through the search process. Candidates for called pastor at any church will consider a church's finances. We are asking that you consider how you might step up your gifts, be they commitments of time, talent or money, over what you gave in recent years. Our suggestion is to prayerfully decide how close you could come to increasing your giving by 1% of your income.

As the weeks go on, we will be presenting further information during worship to give you more information. Pledge cards have been sent out this week. To indicate your pledge online, visit <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/fpc-financial-pledge-2023/>. Our Dedication Sunday will be Nov. 20. Your planned giving helps us do our planning in Christ's service. Your investment in Christ's mission impacts lives with the Good News. Help us continue to grow great things in faith.

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.

Matthew 6:26-33 (Jesus talks about the birds and the lilies and God's provision)

Oftentimes a lack of generosity is based on fear or worry, that there will not be "enough". This verse reminds us that God provides generously to us, that we don't need to worry and instead we are called to "strive first for the kingdom of God." God provides, as Jesus promises in this verse, and then we are invited to share generously out of that provision.

SANDWICH NIGHT

Come 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!

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 5:00am. 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.

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.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE

It's that time of year again! The leaves are turning colors, the night air is getting cooler and families are making their holiday plans. Unfortunately, too many families cannot plan their holiday. They are too busy wondering how they are going to put food on the table for the rest of the week. We can help! The Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive takes place on **Saturday, November 19th from 9:00am—2:00pm** in our circular driveway and at Jack's Supermarket. Please help by donating a turkey and canned goods. The NJ Foodbank uses all donations to assist NJ families who would otherwise have no means to provide a holiday meal. When sitting down to dinner tonight, please say a pray for these families and help our on November 19th.

AFRICAN DREAM ACADEMY DREAM CHRISTMAS

Filled red bags are due back today! Thank you to all who contributed to this collection, giving the children at the African Dream Academy a DREAM CHRISTMAS!!

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 dianejfpc@gmail.com or (973)768-4656. Thank you for your help with this ministry of fellowship! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4FA5AD29A0F94-coffee>

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. **No Yoga on November 9th**

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 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.

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.

OUR STAFF

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, October 23rd

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

MONDAY, October 24th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Chapel
7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Parlor

TUESDAY, October 25th

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, October 26th

8:30 AM RRC, Zoom Meeting
7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

THURSDAY, October 27th

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

SUNDAY, October 30th

9:30 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Confirmation Mentor Dinner