



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, October 9th, 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).*

**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](#)

### **WE ARE BACK TO TWO SUNDAY SERVICES**

The traditional service will begin at 9:30am in the church sanctuary and the contemporary service will begin at 11:00am in Fellowship Hall. We invite all to join us in-person, and also on livestream.

### **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. Now through Sunday, October 16th,** a drop off bin for donations will be accessible outside by the church circle. Should you have questions, please contact [FPC326deacons@gmail.com](mailto:FPC326deacons@gmail.com). As always, the Deacons and St. John's thank you for your support!



### **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.

#### **Luke 10:25-29 (Love God and love neighbor, the greatest Commandment)**

Jesus answers the question, "And who is my neighbor" with the story of the Good Samaritan. Some version of the "Greatest Commandment" or the "Double Love Command" is found in all the synoptic gospels and this version in Luke concludes with the story of the Good Samaritan and is particularly fitting for reflecting on stewardship. This is the basis for Christian life, to love God and love our neighbors. And we show our love to our neighbors by giving generously of our time, energy and resources, just as the Samaritan did.

### **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 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.

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](mailto:Lydia.spinelli@gmail.com). If you prefer to make a financial contribution to this effort, please do so at [www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 5:00am. 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.

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.

## 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!

### **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

## **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](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*  
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## **CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

***ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM***

### ***SUNDAY, October 9th***

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

### ***MONDAY, October 10th***

#### ***Columbus Day — Church Office Closed***

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Parlor

### ***TUESDAY, October 11th***

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

### ***WEDNESDAY, October 12th***

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor  
7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### ***THURSDAY, October 13th***

7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room  
7:00 PM Deacons, Chapel and Zoom Meeting

### ***SUNDAY, October 16th***

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