



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, November 6, 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.

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](#)



Expressing Gratitude Together

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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.

Psalm 24:1-5 (The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it)

Similar to Genesis 1, this Psalm reminds us that everything we have is from God. But then it takes us a step further and tells us that to see God face to face, we cannot lift up our souls to what is false. Money and consumerism can easily become a false idol. We are called to recognize that all we have comes from God. Acknowledging God's abundance and provision, and then sharing generously from that provision will help us move in the direction that Psalmist tell us to, to have clean hands and pure hearts. And we are promised blessing, vindication and salvation when we do that.

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.



2022 Christmas Giving & Gratitude Tree Project for Oasis, A Haven for Women & Children

Please be an angel this holiday season and bring some joy and Christmas spirit into the lives of those less fortunate by participating in our Giving Tree Project. We will have our traditional tree with gift tags set up outside the church office as well as a gift registry at **Target.com** where you can see a list of over 900 items including toys, winter coats, & pajamas for you to select from in a variety of prices. The easiest way to access the Registry is by clicking on the link directly:

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/oasisgivingtree2022>

You can also access the gift registry by going to Target.com and clicking on the Registry button in the upper right corner & search under “Organization” and enter Oasis A Haven for Women and Children. Once you select your gift and put it in the cart, the registry is set up to **send all items directly to Oasis at 59 Mill St. Paterson** so be sure not to change that feature when checking out. Please **DO NOT** have your items gift wrapped.

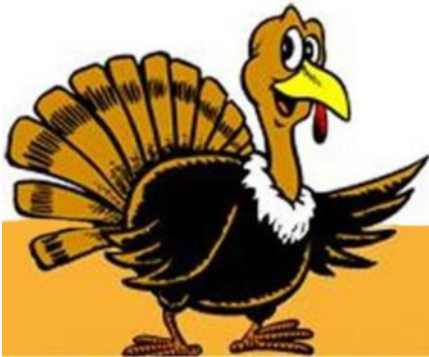
You can also make a financial donation by going to the church website and clicking on the drop-down tab labeled DONATE and from there another drop down which will show you the OASIS Giving Tree Project. You can also send in a check made payable to First Pres Caldwell and be sure to put in the memo section Oasis Giving Tree. All monetary donations must be received no later than **November 28** to allow us to shop on your behalf. **Last day to order from the Registry or drop off gifts at church will be Monday Dec. 5th** to provide enough time to process & deliver your gifts to Oasis.

This year, after you take a gift tag from our Giving Tree, please feel free to pick up one of the special “Gratitude” tags in the basket on the Christian Ed Desk and write one or two words on the back of the tag that you are thankful for in your life and then we can hang it back up on the tree to share with others. We have much to be thankful for in our lives so please take a moment during this busy season to reflect & fill out a Gratitude Tag!

Thank you for your continued support & generosity of the Oasis Giving Tree Project!

Please feel free to contact Ellen “Elf” Johnson at johnsonellend@gmail if you have questions or need any assistance.

2022 Turkey Drive



*Share the joy a holiday meal can bring
& help feed those in need.*

**Saturday, November 19th
9:00am–2:00pm**

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.

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>

Thankful



Blessed

West Essex Ministerial Association

invites you to a

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

*Join us for an evening
to unite with your neighbors
and give thanks.*

**Tuesday,
November 22, 2022
7:30 pm**

**Notre Dame Church
359 Central Avenue,
North Caldwell, NJ 07006**

Fellowship to follow


Nonperishable food items and/or monetary donations
will be collected to benefit the
Caldwell Food Pantry and the Community Foodbank of NJ.

Thank you for your support.

Those at home may join us by livestream at
www.ndparishnc.com

THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE

All are welcome to gather in faith, song, and gratitude on November 22 at 7:30pm at Notre Dame Church! FPC Chancel Choir and FPC Chancel Handbell Choir will participate in the service providing glorious vocals and handbell ringing! Rev. Bill Schram will be the speaker.



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS

COOKIE WALK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
9AM-NOON

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
(GYMNASIUM, BOTTOM FLOOR)

*All proceeds will go to support the good works
of the First Pres Deacons.*

All are welcome!



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326 BLOOMFIELD AVE, CALDWELL, NJ 07006

SANDWICH NIGHT

What a fun night we had at Sandwich Night that was hosted by The Board of Elders! We also had members of the choir, deacons, FPC congregation, a member from Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen, and volunteers from Saint Al's join us. All came with the joy of giving and sharing. We bagged approximately 430 lunches to benefit St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. It was an incredible evening.

If you are looking for a fun and meaningful evening, come to our Sandwich Night, meet new friends, and reconnect with established friends. If some of our youth are seeking community service, it is a fast two hours!

Our next Sandwich Night will be hosted by our Mission Committee on **Wednesday, November 16th at 6:00pm** in Fellowship Hall. On **Wednesday, December 7th**, we will have a Sandwich Night hosted by the Essex County School of Technology. Come and check us out and maybe your group or committee will soon host one or two Sandwich Nights. See you all soon!

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

Have you signed up to prepare a meal for our Thursday or Saturday Soup Kitchen yet? It's very easy. Visit www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news and click on the Thursday or Saturday links. Choose the item that you wish to prepare, click sign/submit. Add your name, phone number and email, scroll down and click sign up. Done! Any questions, please call Laura Schalles (973) 476-8616 or Joyce McGrath (201) 738-6531.

Our numbers at the soup kitchen are up and we need volunteers to prepare our meals. Think of our clients who may just have the one meal for the day. We at this church are blessed to have so much. Let's share what we have for the less fortunate.

If you cannot pick up at the allotted time, you can always drop your items at church earlier. Just let the church office know when you plan to come. Thank you all for your ongoing support. God Bless.

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.

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-minded

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. Any questions reach out to Sue Tannler btannler@gmail.com or 862-684-3673.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 10:00 AM

Calling all youth to participate! We will be holding our Annual Family Christmas Service on Sunday, December 18 at 10:00AM. This year, we would like all youth from our youngest members through college age to participate.

IN SEARCH OF!!!!

Angels, kings, Mary, Joseph

Readers

Helpers with the angels, kings, Mary and Joseph

Singers

Musicians (any instrument you play)

Ushers

Participants wearing costumes will try on costumes before December 18th. There will be a walk through of the Service December 18th before the service. No other rehearsals. All interested should contact Valerie Shondel, Interim Director of Music at valerie@firstprescaldwell.com 973 228-0310 ext 213 or Kaitlyn Heun at kaitlynheun@gmail.com.

WESTMINSTER CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY 12:00 NOON — CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS!!!!!!

The Westminster Choir will begin rehearsals this Sunday at 12:00 Noon in the First Presbyterian Music Room. The Choir is open to all High School Students who are interested in singing together. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact our Interim Director of Music Valerie Shondel at valerie@firstprescaldwell.org.

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

Rev. Bill Schram, *Interim Pastor/Head of Staff*

Valerie Shondel, *Interim Music Director*

Kaitlyn Heun, *Interim Director of 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*

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David Hicock, *Superintendent*

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Dr. Robert R. McGruther, *Pastor Emeritus*

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, November 6th

9:30 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall

12:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

MONDAY, November 7th

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Bible Study, Parlor

TUESDAY, November 8th

5:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Committee, Parlor

6:00 PM Finance Committee, Zoom Meeting

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Deacons, Chapel & Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, November 9th

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

THURSDAY, November 10th

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room

SUNDAY, November 13th

9:30 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall

12:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

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*****

MUST Contact Barb Bruchac at 973-454-5583