



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, January 22nd, 2023

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 every Sunday 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 Facebook or livestream.com by following the links below.

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

IN SEARCH OF THE CHURCH

The followers of Jesus created something new after his death - THE CHURCH. Their understanding of church was influenced by their setting and life situations. Each week, now through Feb. 16, sermons will explore one perspective and you are encouraged to pick from 1 of 3 opportunities for a Sermon Talk Back to help relate the image of the church to FPC today. The schedule of times and a Zoom link are included.

Sundays at 7:00PM

<https://bit.ly/3HfAPoW>

Meeting ID: 837 4942 1465

Passcode: 367126

Wednesdays at 3:00PM

<https://bit.ly/3QRQ7U4>

Meeting ID: 874 7103 5578

Passcode: 047295

Thursdays at 7:00PM

<https://bit.ly/3J1qK09>

Meeting ID: 829 8074 3418

Passcode: 162560

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!

DRIVERS WANTED

The Deacons are involved in coordinating transportation to and from church for church members who are unable to drive themselves. An online sign up form has been created and includes information related to the process for pick-up/drop-off. Please consider signing up to help with transportation for a week or two. <http://bit.ly/3kuNYSj>

VALENTINE'S DAY CARE PACKAGES

FPC is preparing care packages to send to college-age young adults either in school or in the military. We will be shipping to arrive in time for Valentine's Day to remind the young adults at FPC that we are thinking about them. Below you will find a sign up form for items that we would like to include in the packages. Please take a look and consider signing up to donate toward the care packages. Please drop items to church in the box outside of the main office by Sunday, January 29th. <http://bit.ly/3XDzmy0>



Help us collect addresses for our college-age young adults whom we are sending the care packages to. If you are the parent or close friend of a young adult FPC church member either in school or in the military, please fill out the form below with their mailing address. Thank you!
<https://bit.ly/3IW5BVg>

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO MAKE A PLEDGE COMMITMENT FOR 2023?

Pledging makes it possible for First Presbyterian to discern what commitments to make for the year ahead; it provides church leadership with an understanding of the resources that can be available for those commitments. First Presbyterian asks all new and ongoing members for pledges of time, talent and treasure. There is an expectation that all members will participate with a financial pledge that is meaningful and manageable in their current financial situation. If circumstances change, your financial pledge can always change.

WHY DOES MY GIFT MATTER?

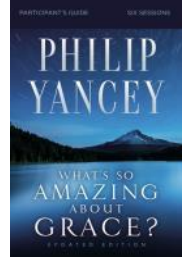
Pledged commitments directly determine what is possible for us to do through mission and service, education and discipleship, and worship and music. Pledging is about more than what we can do. It is also about who we are. Making a commitment and giving annually to the church is one of the ways we express what it means to be disciples and a part of this faith community. By being generous in our financial giving, we express our gratitude for what God is doing in our own lives and in the world.

HOW CAN I MAKE A FINANCIAL PLEDGE COMMITMENT?

If you have already made a financial pledge for 2023, Thank You! If you have not had the opportunity to participate by making a financial pledge for 2023, it is not too late to prayerfully consider doing so. You may submit your pledge online on our church website, www.firstprescaldwell.org. You may also complete and submit a pledge card by placing it in the offering basket during worship or delivering it to the church office. Finally, you may contact the church office directly at 973-228-0310.

ADULT EDUCATION WINTER NEWSLETTER

DOWNLOAD NEWSLETTER: <https://bit.ly/3BJSNge>



WINTER/SPRING BIBLE STUDY

“What’s So Amazing About Grace?” by Philip Yancey For more information about this study, download the Adult Education Newsletter: <https://bit.ly/3BJSNge>

SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour is an opportunity for church members and friends to gather in fellowship while enjoying coffee and treats. Coffee hour takes place in Room 120 on Sunday mornings at 10:30am (in between our two service times). We are asking to have more congregants sign up to host coffee hour. Kaitlyn Heun will continue to make coffee/set up the coffee each Sunday, but we need volunteers each Sunday to provide and set up the food, milk and cream. Hosts will also offer assistance and be a friendly face in Room 120. If you host coffee hour, we ask that you stay and clean up, as well. Please review the calendar and consider signing up for any dates that work for you. We appreciate all of our volunteers for helping us to make this a special time for our church community. <http://bit.ly/3XqBYQb>

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. Join us on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. 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.

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

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

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*

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<http://www.firstpresnurseryschool.com>

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, January 22nd

9:30 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, January 23rd

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Bible Study, Parlor & Zoom

TUESDAY, January 24th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

5:00 PM Caldwell-4U Basketball, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 25th

7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM PNC Meeting, Parlor

THURSDAY, January 26th

5:00 PM Caldwell-4U Basketball, Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room

7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

SUNDAY, January 29th

9:30 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Confirmation Class, Youth Room