



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, January 8th, 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](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 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](#)

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a brief congregational meeting between worship services at 10:30am on January 8, 2023. The purpose will be to elect officers and Nominating Committee members. To join the meeting via Zoom, please follow the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83239394146?pwd=dUowMHZnRndKMIBvT3VpY3BLU3lFUT09>

Meeting ID: 832 3939 4146  
Passcode: 353838

## **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, Jan. 15-Feb. 16 sermons will explore one perspective. Each week, 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://us02web.zoom.us/j/83749421465?pwd=QVFjZ2VVCY2xyL3VQU0JQL1ZlbgT0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 837 4942 1465  
Passcode: 367126

### **Wednesdays at 3:00PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87471035578?pwd=TWZzOEF3cWc2M1FTc1ZCZkZpZjcxdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 7103 5578  
Passcode: 047295

### **Thursdays at 7:00PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82980743418?pwd=eE1McGduOVlyeWxsOXp5RmE4dFE5QT09>

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](http://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!

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Project 2023 organized by  
The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell and Congregation Agudath Israel**

Since 1994, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday has been designated as a national day of service. The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell and Congregation Agudath Israel are teaming up once again this year to invite you to participate in a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Project benefitting the 7th Street Bistro of Memorial West United Presbyterian Church in Newark, New Jersey. This soup kitchen helps to address some of the food insecurity needs of families who live in the West Ward of Newark. We will be collecting requested items to help restock the food pantry of 7th Street Bistro of Memorial West United Presbyterian Church.

Members of Congregation Agudath Israel and First Presbyterian Church will be stationed outside of First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell (326 Bloomfield Ave, Caldwell, NJ) on the circle/staff parking lot to receive drive-by donations: Date: Sunday 1-15-23 Time: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Members of both congregations will also be stationed in the parking lot of Jack's Foodtown (Caldwell) to collect donations. Date: Monday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) 1-16-23 Time: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Requested items**

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| • Vegetable soup, tomato soup, cream of chicken or cream of mushroom soups                                  | • Potato flakes, spaghetti, rotini, pasta shells, macaroni    |
| • Crackers  | • Boxes of mac & cheese                                       |
| • Canned tuna fish or pink salmon, canned chicken   | • Pasta sauce (any variety), diced tomatoes                   |
| • Peanut butter, grape or strawberry jelly/jam  | • Any prepared canned meals (chili or Chef Boyardee products) |
| • Assorted canned fruit (pears, pineapple, peaches)   | • Cold breakfast cereals                                      |
| • Apple sauce (or mixed fruit)  | • Variety packs of oatmeal                                    |
| • Canned vegetables: green beans, greens, peas and carrots, corn, spinach, mixed vegetables, sweet potatoes | • Hot chocolate packs   |
| • Any juices (especially apple)   | • Pancake mix   |
|   | • Pantry milk/non-fat dry milk                                |

\*\*If we need to cancel the Monday event (1-16-23) due to inclement weather, the Foodtown collection will take place the following Sunday (1-22-23) from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the Foodtown parking lot.

If you would prefer to participate 100% remotely, there will be a donate button for monetary donations towards this project on the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell's website. We will be happy to do the shopping for you!

We would love for you to partake in this Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Project in whatever way you feel comfortable; and in doing so, assist us to continue to help realize Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community."

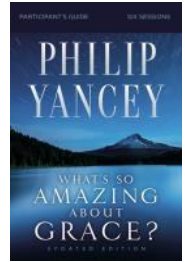
For questions or more information, please email [facingracismfirstpres@gmail.com](mailto:facingracismfirstpres@gmail.com).

## **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>



## **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](http://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.

## **SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR**

We are asking to have more congregants sign up to host coffee hour. 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. <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.

**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](mailto: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\*\*\*

**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](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).

## **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**

*Weekday Nursery School - 973-226-6674*

*<http://www.firstpresnurseryschool.com>*

**David Hicock, Superintendent**

*Prospect Hill Cemetery - 973-228-4410*

*[prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org)*

**Dr. Robert R. McGruther, Pastor Emeritus**

## **THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL**

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*website: [www.firstprescaldwell.org](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org)*

## **CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

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

### ***SUNDAY, January 8th***

9:30 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall

### ***MONDAY, January 9th***

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

### ***TUESDAY, January 10th***

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

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

6:00 PM Finance Committee, Zoom Meeting

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting, Chapel & Zoom

### ***WEDNESDAY, January 11th***

7:00 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall

### ***THURSDAY, January 12th***

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

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room

### ***SUNDAY, January 15th***

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