



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, February 12th, 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](#)

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Today is the big day! For over thirty years the Souper Bowl of Caring has been inspiring people across the nation to tackle hunger in their own communities. This has been a rich tradition organized by the youth at First Pres for many years.



While we encouraged everyone to bring in their donations by today—the big game day—we will continue to accept soup cans and items of food, as well as online donations until Sunday, February 19th.

1. Direct food donations can be made via <https://yougivegoods.com/fpccaldwell2023>. Shop online using the link provided and all donations will be delivered to the Caldwell Food Pantry after the drive is over. Online food donations will be accepted until Sunday, February 19th.
2. Monetary donations will be accepted through the church office. You may mail checks to the church office made out to The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, or drop off a monetary donation during church office hours. If writing a check, please indicate “Souper Bowl of Caring” in the memo. First Pres Caldwell will send the final amount to the Caldwell Food Pantry. Credit card or bank draft donations can be made online via this link <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z8WB>
3. There is a bin at the Christian Ed Desk to drop off canned goods on Sundays and during church office hours. We invite you to be a part of the tradition of using the energy of the Big Game to tackle hunger. Every dollar and food item donated goes to the Caldwell Food Pantry. Thank you for helping make a collective impact on hunger!

FACING RACISM TASK FOR DISCUSSION SERIES

First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell's Facing Racism Task Force invites you to three hybrid events in a "Film Festival Discussion Series." All of the chosen films have been recommended by The Presbyterian Mission Agency for Christians to watch. We are requesting that you watch the movie prior to the discussion event. All of the films are currently available via Amazon Prime as well as other various streaming services. If you have trouble finding a way to view the films on your own, email us, and we will see if we can help. The discussions will be at The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, but there will also be a virtual option that you can join in the discussions (via Zoom) from home. Feel free to attend one or all of the evenings. The following dates and films have been selected for the discussions.

Monday Feb. 27: 12 Years a Slave (7:30-8:45 pm)

Please RSVP for this event by Sunday Feb. 26.

Monday March 27 Selma (7:30-8:45 pm)

Please RSVP for this event by Sunday March 26.

Monday May 8 The Hate you Give (7:30-8:45 pm)

Please RSVP for this event by Sunday May 7.

Please email facingracismfirstpres@gmail.com to RSVP or with any questions.

Hope to see you for one or more of the events!

-Facing Racism Task Force

**Film Festival
Discussion Series**

MLK JR. DAY OF SERVICE PROJECT

A big thank you to everyone who participated in and donated towards the 2023 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Days of Service Project done cooperatively again this year with Congregation Agudath Israel of Caldwell!

On Tuesday Jan. 17th, members of FPC and CAI were able to bring 5 car loads of donated food to Memorial West United Presbyterian Church in

Newark for the 7th Street Bistro. An additional \$671.00 was collected, which will enable additional amounts of requested items to be purchased for and delivered to the 7th Street Bistro in the coming months. The 7th Street Bistro volunteers expressed their gratitude for this influx of contributions that will help their efforts to alleviate food insecurity in Newark's West Ward. A few pictures from the three days of events are attached. Thanks again!



FEBRUARY FOUNDATIONS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Exciting things are happening in Sunday School for the month of February. First of all, we will have the opportunity to be together EVERY SUNDAY! Yup, that means the first Sunday of each month, which used to be our Family Service, we will do something FUN together as a group. It might be a lesson, a game, a craft... join us and find out what fun things we are doing!

Second, for the month of February we are going to learn about how the Bible is put together. We know there are lots of books in the Bible but do you know how they are arranged or what to expect in each book? Probably not. Join us for the month of February to learn more about the Bible! Let's explore how this important book is put together – and maybe have some fun while we do. We even have an 'expert' coming in to help us understand even more. We hope you can join us for each week in Sunday School!

CAN YOU SPARE A SUNDAY MORNING?

We've been so excited about this amazing Sunday school year and opening up our Cradle Room for families to bring their little ones this year. If you can spare a Sunday morning, or a few, we would greatly appreciate your assistance! Please take a look at the schedules below, and consider signing up to help us with these important FPC programs. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Restaino at lauren@firstprescaldwell.org.

Sign up for Sunday School: <http://bit.ly/3HBolll>

Sign up for Nursery Care: <http://bit.ly/3H5ybAW>

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>

VOLLEYBALL & PICKLEBALL IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for volleyball in Fellowship Hall on Mondays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Our Tuesday night session of Pickleball is currently full; however, new participants are welcome to join us on Thursday evenings. Beginners will play from 6:00pm to 6:30pm. From 6:30pm to 8:00pm, we will have a mixed level play. New participants must contact Barb Bruchac at (973) 454-5583.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session met January 17th, 2023. We welcomed the newly elected elders. Committee assignments were made for this year and are listed below:

Adult Education - Jeannine Archibald, Bonnie Chiappetta
Communications - Carol DeFrance
Building & Grounds - Anthony D'Annunzio, Steve Willenborg, Mike Bruchac
Church Life - Bonnie Chiappetta, Sharon Baker-Wetzel
Mission - Lydia Spinelli
Finance - Jack Dusinberre
Stewardship - Paul Califf, Jonathan Pryor
Personnel - Roger Johnson, Nancy Hauser
Worship & Music - Richard Heun, Barbara Heuston

Other Actions:

Betty Resch was elected clerk of session and as secretary of the FPC corporation. Lew Wefferling was elected as treasurer of the congregation and corporation. Jack Dusinberre was elected president of the FPC corporation.

A team was appointed to research an active shooter safety/response policy pursuant to a new state law requiring such of public gathering sites with a potential seating of 500 or more.

The Communications Committee reported on progress upgrading our website, and shared proposed website development costs which were approved.

Mission Committee shared recent activities and that planning is starting on a proposed mission trip to the African Dream Academy in Liberia. Target date is 2024.

If you have any questions or want more information, contact Clerk Betty Resch, moderator Bill Schram, or any of the committee contacts.

Online Giving

FPC will be utilizing a new credit card processing vendor effective immediately. You will still be able to access online giving via the updated links on the church website. The new platform is very user friendly with the only inconvenience being that you will need to establish a new account profile. Access directly via link below.

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z8WB>

Please call the office should you experience any difficulties.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have signed up to make a meal for our clients at Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen in Orange. Your assistance in this ministry has made a definite difference in the lives of our clients. We now need to ask for more help because our numbers have grown significantly. We have had to up our quantities on all of the items on our menus. If our supporters could continue to sign up and perhaps have a friend or neighbor also sign up for an item or two, we would be grateful for the help. This ministry could not survive without your help, you folks are the backbone of this mission. Sign up to prepare a meal for the Thursday and/or Saturday soup kitchen: www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news.

We also have room for two volunteers to sign up to serve in person on Thursdays. Come with us and see how a smile, kind word and hot meal can make difference in that day for those in need. Come with us and make a difference. Any questions, please contact Laura Schalles, 976-476-8616 or Joyce McGrath, 201-738-6531

SANDWICH NIGHT

Come one, come all to our next Sandwich Night on February 22nd at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. A wonderful group of Doctors & Nurses from an organization called Marion Rose will be our hosts. This ministry benefits St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark, where we bag 400 to 450 lunches for those in need. If you are looking for a fast paced activity and you want to make a difference in the lives of those in need, come and join us. Family, friends and kids welcomed. See you on the 22nd!

OASIS—A HAVEN FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Oasis began a 10-week Rise & Shine Saturday program on January 21. They are looking for volunteers to either assist or help teach a class. (Some of the Saturday classes include Tutoring in Math & Reading, Art, Photography, Sewing). If you are interested in sharing your talents please contact Andrea Johnston at andreajohnston@oasisnj.org or 973-881-8307 ext.121.

There is also a need for volunteers to help out in the nurturing center on the first floor while one of their part-time employees is out on medical leave for several months. The nurturing center has been expanded with the completion of the building addition and is a favorite place to volunteer since this is where the infants are cared for while the moms are taking classes.

Oasis is also in need of groups to make and deliver 200 meal bags with a sandwich, juice box, and snack for students participating in the Saturday Rise & Shine Program. Lunch bags could be delivered on Friday before 3pm or Saturday before 11am. This need for 200 lunch bags will continue through the last Saturday in March. Contact Andrea Johnston at andreajohnston@oasisnj.org or 973-881-8307 ext.121 if interested in participating. Very rough estimate for 200 bag lunches including a snack and juice box \$425-\$500.

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. Please enter through the gym doors in the parking lot. Any questions reach out to Sue Tannler btannler@gmail.com or 862-684-3673. **No yoga on February 22nd.**

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. Direct link to online giving can be found here: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z8WB>.

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.

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>

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*

Brittany Heun, *Sunday Receptionist*

Kathleen Carlson, *Director*

Weekday Nursery School - 973-226-6674

<http://www.firstpresnurseryschool.com>

David Hicoek, *Superintendent*

Prospect Hill Cemetery - 973-228-4410

prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org

Dr. Robert R. McGruther, *Pastor Emeritus*

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, February 12th

9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, February 13th

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, February 14th

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, February 15th

7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM PNC Meeting, Parlor

THURSDAY, February 16th

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, February 19th

9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall

12:30 PM Church Life Meeting, Parlor