



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, February 19th, 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](#)

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

“Lent” comes from an old English word for springtime, perhaps connected with the lengthening of days in this time of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. The season of Lent is a time for growth in faith—through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination in preparation for the commemoration of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus Christ. In many churches, it is a time for the whole community of faith to reflect deeply on the theme of discipleship. Reconciliation is a key theme in the season of Lent—reconciliation with God and with one another through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Lent is a period of forty days—like the flood of Genesis, Moses’ sojourn at Sinai, Elijah’s journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah’s call of repentance to Nineveh, and Jesus’ time of testing in the wilderness. The Sundays in Lent are not counted among the forty days, as every Lord’s Day is a celebration of Christ’s resurrection. We begin Lent on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 this year. On that day, we will have a worship service at 7:00 pm. We will acknowledge the limits of our goodness and on our mortal lives. However we also acknowledge the fact that in Christ, God offers us a path past those limits. Ashes are symbols that we honestly admit those limits. The fact that they are applied in a cross shape is symbolic of our path through the limitations of mortality. Join us that evening.

VOLLEYBALL & PICKLEBALL

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.

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.

FACING RACISM TASK FORCE 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!



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Our Sunday School children have already counted many cans of soup and other food items; however, we are still accepting donations up until this Sunday, February 19th. Help us break our record! See below for ways you can donate.

1. Direct food donations can be made via <https://yougivegoods.com/>

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2. Monetary donations will be accepted through the church office. 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.

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!



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.**

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!

ADULT EDUCATION WINTER NEWSLETTER

Download Newsletter: <https://bit.ly/3BJSNge>

FEBRUARY FOUNDATIONS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Exciting things are happening in Sunday School for the month of February. During this month, we are learning 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/3HBolII>

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>

THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF CALDWELL SCHOLARSHIP

The Women's Club of Caldwell is sponsoring two \$2500 scholarships for women 25 and older who would like to continue/complete their undergraduate degree. Women must be a resident of West Essex and be enrolled in a program at a 4 year accredited college or university or a two-year Associate degree-granting school. Applications are available online at

<https://sites.google.com/view/womens-club-of-caldwell-schola/continuing-education-application?authuser=0>

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at scholarships@womensclubofcaldwell.org

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

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 Hicock, *Superintendent*

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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 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

MONDAY, February 20th

President's Day—Church Office Closed

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Parlor & Zoom

TUESDAY, February 21st

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

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

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall*Currently FULL

7:00 PM Session Meeting, Chapel & Zoom

WEDNESDAY, February 22nd

6:00 PM Sandwich Night, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship, Sanctuary

8:00 PM PNC Meeting, Chapel (proposed)

*Adult Education may meet after Ashes or on Thursday.

THURSDAY, February 23rd

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

FRIDAY, February 24th

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

SATURDAY, February 25th

9:00 AM Officer Training/Enrichment, Hybrid

SUNDAY, February 26th

9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall