



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, February 26th, 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](#)

## **PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT**

Per Capita Apportionment is the amount of money paid to the presbytery, synod and General Assembly by every Presbyterian Church to share in the cost of coordinating and evaluating mission. Per Capita is calculated on church membership, based on the assigned amount for 2023 of \$40.00 per active member. Our congregation's per capita obligation for 2023 is approximately \$19,000.00. In order that this payment does not have to be drawn from operating funds, we ask that all current members submit their per capita contribution (including payments on behalf of confirmed youth). *Please note that per capita does not apply to children who are not yet confirmed.*

Payment may be made by using the "per capita" offering envelope provided, if you requested envelopes, or by whatever method you currently make your financial gifts to our church. If paying by check, please put "per capita" in the memo line of your check. If paying with VANCO use the link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z8WB> and click on the "per capita" box.

## **LENT & EASTER SERVICES**

### **Seder Dinner**

Wednesday, April 5th at 6:00pm in Room 120

### **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 6th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

### **Good Friday (Contemporary)**

Friday, April 7th at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 9th

8:00am **Early Easter Worship.** Acoustic instruments. Old Burial Ground weather permitting. Fellowship Hall otherwise.

10:00am **Easter Celebration Service** with Brass and Timpani Sanctuary

## **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](mailto:facingracismfirstpres@gmail.com) to RSVP or with any questions.

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



## **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](mailto:btannler@gmail.com) or 862-684-3673. **No yoga on April 5th.**

## **ADULT EDUCATION WINTER NEWSLETTER**

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

## **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.

## **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](mailto:lauren@firstprescaldwell.org).

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

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

## **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 <http://bit.ly/3YWqcxR>. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at [scholarships@womensclubofcaldwell.org](mailto:scholarships@womensclubofcaldwell.org)

## 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>

## 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](http://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

## GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

On Good Friday, April 7th, we will be partnering with Verona Presbyterian Church for a fun-filled children's program. This year's program is open to all children Kindergarten through 6th grade, and will run from 10am-12:30pm. The program will include Baking, Crafts, Music, Lunch, God time, and an Easter Egg Hunt Extravaganza! The cost to participate is \$10 per child, with a family max of \$25. Checks can be made out to the First Presbyterian Church of Verona. Registration is required to participate. Registration Form must be submitted with a check by March 31st in order to participate. Please register here: <https://forms.gle/CSDqymmRZqYgCfSZ6>. The event will be happening at Verona Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions please let Kaitlyn know at [Kaitlynheun@gmail.com](mailto:Kaitlynheun@gmail.com). We are looking forward to this partnership, and we hope your child(ren) will join us!



SUNDAY SCHOOL IS HAVING A  
*Pancake Breakfast*  
AND WE ENCOURAGE ALL  
STUDENTS TO INVITE A FRIEND  
TO CHURCH THAT DAY!

Bring a friend to Sunday School on Sunday,  
March 19th at 9:30am for a pancake breakfast.  
We hope to see you there!

Please email [lauren@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:lauren@firstprescaldwell.org) prior to the breakfast  
if there are any allergies that we should know about.



## SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

AUGUST 14TH-18TH, 2023

Stay tuned for more information!

## **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. 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](mailto: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>

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

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

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

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## **CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

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

### ***SUNDAY, February 26th***

*9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary*

*10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120*

*11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall*

### ***MONDAY, February 27th***

*7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall*

*7:30 PM FRTF's Film Discussion Series, Chapel/Zoom*

### ***TUESDAY, February 28th***

*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 Worship Committee, Zoom*

### ***WEDNESDAY, March 1st***

*7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall*

*7:00 PM PNC Meeting,*

*7:00 PM Adult Ed Study*

### ***THURSDAY, March 2nd***

*6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall*

*6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room*

*7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room*

### ***SUNDAY, March 5th***

*9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary*

*10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120*

*11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall*