



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, March 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.

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](#)



THE BOARD OF DEACONS GOLF OUTING

What could be better than a day of terrific golf, friendly competition, great food and beverages, and wonderful prizes? Join us for The Annual Board of Deacons Golf Outing on **Wednesday, May 24th** at Farmstead Golf and Country Club in Lafayette, NJ. All are welcome! The friendly 4 player/best ball team format guarantees everyone an enjoyable day regardless of skill level. Check-in begins at 10:30am followed by a shotgun start at 11:30pm. The afternoon on the course is followed by a buffet dinner and cash bar. Come for the entire afternoon, or just for dinner. The day promises fellowship as well as the opportunity to network while directly supporting Youth & Outreach Mission projects at First Pres. To sign up, register online at charitygolftoday.com/boardofdeacons.

WELCOMING INQUIRERS

Are you a new or regular attender who is not a member of the church? Would you like to know more about Presbyterians in general and about First Presbyterian Church in particular? Are you interested in becoming a full member? In May, Pastor Bill will be holding Inquirer's sessions to help answer these and other questions. No firm date is set yet because he needs your input. If you would like to be part of these sessions, contact the church office at 973-228-0310 or at fpc@firstprescaldwell.org. Share your name and contact information, and what days and times of day would be easiest for you to attend. Thank you for your interest.



Messiah in the Passover Dinner

All are invited for the Messiah in the Passover Dinner on Wednesday, April 5th at 6:00pm in Room 120. Come join us as the disciples joined Christ sharing in the last supper. There is no cost for this program. Please register by March 31, 2023. You can register online by clicking the following link: <https://forms.gle/HPA48xgdpwa9P6d16>. Or, you may register by calling the church office at (973) 228-0310.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

The Maundy Thursday Worship Service will take place on Thursday, April 6th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. As the Living Word of God, Jesus reflects the written word of scripture in his life and ministry on Maundy Thursday. We allow the written word of Psalm 23 to add expression to the life, passion, death, and promised resurrection as seen in the events of the Last Supper. Participating in this service is the Chancel Choir singing "In Gethsemane" by Anton Bruckner. Included in the service is a liturgical drama: "Jesus in Psalm and Sacrament" adapted and directed by Sarah Solie. The cast includes: Justine McBurney, Evan Leone, Jonathan Pryor, Bonnie Chiappetta, and Richard Heun. Also included is Genesis: a professional vocal quintet reflecting the initiative of Caldwell Broadway Arts – "Were You There" by Jay Rouse. Visit www.firstprescaldwell.org for livestream information.

Good Friday Contemporary Worship Service

The Good Friday Contemporary Worship Service will take place on Friday, April 7th at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Join us for an evening of worship and story as we reflect on the last hours of Christ. Visit www.firstprescaldwell.org for livestream information.

Easter Sunday Worship Services

On Easter Sunday, we will have two worship services. At 8:00am on Easter Sunday, we will have a Contemporary Easter Worship Service with acoustic instruments in the Old Burial Ground. In the event that it rains, the 8:00am service will be held in Fellowship Hall. At 10:00am on Easter Sunday, we will have an Easter Celebration Worship Service with brass and timpani in the Sanctuary. Visit www.firstprescaldwell.org for livestream information.

There is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Nursery care will be provided in the cradle room for infants through 4 years old. An Easter egg hunt for children will be held in the Old Burial Ground immediately following the 10:00am worship service.

EASTER CONGREGATIONAL OUTREACH PROJECT

Join Darcy and Nancy in an Easter Congregational Outreach Project! This is a wonderful way to help us stay connected to some of our members who are unable or have limited opportunity to see us in church.

Ways to help:

- Donate individually wrapped Easter candy between 3/19-4/2 (drop off in church lobby).
- Join us on Palm Sunday, April 2nd, during coffee hour, to create the gift bags.
- Assist in the delivery of gift bags between Palm Sunday and Easter.

Any questions, please contact Darcy Asche @ 973-768-4217 or tasche7777@aol.com or Nancy Hauser @ 201-953-5844 or nehauser8@comcast.net

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.

HAM/TURKEY DRIVE: SPONSORED BY NEIGHBOR BRIGADE/DEACONS

Neighbor Brigade and the Deacons are sponsoring a ham/turkey drive for people in need for Passover and Easter on Saturday, April 1st. We will also be collecting non-perishable items which would include pasta, pasta sauce, rice, tuna, soup, peanut butter, and canned beans (no glass). Since the Caldwell Food Pantry is temporarily unable to accept donations, all items will be donated to Toni's Kitchen in Montclair.



We will begin collecting non-perishables on **Sunday, March 12th** and continue to collect these up to and including the date of the drive. There will be carts to deposit any donations at the church entrances each Sunday. Turkeys, hams, and other donations can be dropped off in the church driveway on **Saturday, April 1st** from 9 am-12 pm. Any questions contact Barb Bruchac at 973-454-5583. Thanks so much!

Neighbor Brigade Chapter Leaders: Barb Bruchac, Sarah Solie, and Jennifer Payne
Our Deacons

SEMI ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

The Deacons are sponsoring their semi-annual clothing drive to benefit our friends at St. John's Soup Kitchen beginning **Saturday, April 15th through Saturday, April 29th**. With Spring upon us, we are collecting clean, gently used shorts and short sleeve shirts, light jackets, sweatshirts and sweaters. During the drive (April 15 through April 29), a drop off bin for donations will be accessible 24/7 outside by the church circle. The Deacons and St. John's thank you for your continued support. Should you have any

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL IS SPONSORING A MISSION TRIP TO AFRICAN DREAM ACADEMY (ADA), MONROVIA, LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA

For high school students and adults from the churches and synagogues who belong to the West Essex Ministerial Association (Children of any age are welcome if accompanied by a parent.) This one-week trip will take place over spring break 2024 (Monday, April 1 to Monday April 8 or leave Easter Sunday evening) When we leave and return also depends on flight availability, which cannot be predicted now. Organized by Lydia Spinelli, Elder at First Presbyterian and President of the African Dream Academy Foundation. She has been to visit ADA seven times. For questions, email her at Ispinelli.summersteps@brickchurch.org. Photos of High School students visiting ADA <https://photos.app.goo.gl/hXnqpF441rZWLNEY7> More information is available at www.firstprescaldwell.org/join-us-for-a-mission-trip/

FACING RACISM TASK FORCE DISCUSSION SERIES

First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell's Facing Racism Task Force invites you to the two remaining events in a "Film Festival Discussion Series." These films are recommended viewing from the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s *Engaging Matthew 25 Through Film* series. We are requesting that you watch the movie prior to the discussion event, and 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.

Weather allowing, these will be hybrid events. The discussions will be at The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, but there will also be a virtual option in which you can join in the discussions via Zoom. Please feel free to attend one or both of the remaining events whether or not you attended the first event in the series. The following dates and films have been selected for the discussions.

- 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. We hope you will join the discussion!



SPRING CONCERTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR UPCOMING CONCERTS!!!
Concerts are held at First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell. There will be a Free Will Offering. For more information contact Valerie Shondel at valerie@firstprescaldwell.org.

**The Cali School
Chamber Music Concert at Caldwell
Sunday April 16 at 7PM**

Join the students of the Cali School of Music for a lively and varied Chamber Music Concert in our magnificent acoustic space of First Presbyterian at Caldwell. The repertoire will range from classic to modern, with ensembles from trios to quartets and up to the full MSU Brass Choir.

**Hindemith and Friends:
Cali School Brass Recital
Saturday April 22 at 5PM**

A recital by the brass students from the Cali School of Music presenting the iconic sonatas by Hindemith, plus a lively selection of brass chamber music.



MISSION: DEEP SEA

Join us this summer for Vacation Bible School!

August 14th-18th • 9:00am-3:00pm

Open to all children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade

Join us for an awesome week of recreation, crafts, exploring the Bible and meeting new friends! Vacation Bible School (VBS) will take place at The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, both indoors and outdoors.

Become part of a crew of deep sea explorers from the Sea Exploration Agency as we go on a mission to explore the deepest depths of the ocean, in search of knowledge about its Creator! As our crew travels deeper and deeper below the surface, they will experience the wonders of creation, face a few challenges, and discover that knowing our Creator doesn't require a special badge or a submarine. Our faith grows deeper when we spend time with God, spend time with others, use our gifts to serve, and share our stories of faith.

What does your child need each day? A water bottle with their name on it, a bagged lunch, a beach towel, sunscreen and a sense of adventure!

On Friday, August 18th, campers should bring a bathing suit for a day filled with "deep sea" water fun! Additionally, families are invited to join their campers at 2:00pm on Friday for an end of VBS celebration!

The cost is \$100 per child. Sign up by May 14, 2023 for an early registration cost of \$85 per child. There is a \$250 family max!

For more information and to register, visit www.firstprescaldwell.org.
For questions, contact Lauren Restaino at lauren@firstprescaldwell.org



PRESENTS

A MUSICAL THEATER INTENSIVE

ONE WEEK ONLY:
AUGUST 7-11, 2023
9:30AM-2PM

SHOWCASE FRIDAY AUGUST 11 5PM

LOCATION:

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL
326 BLOOMFIELD AVE. CALDWELL

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION:

www.CaldwellBroadwayArts.org

Valerie Shondel, Director: Valerie@firstprescaldwell.org 973 228-0310 ext 216
Sarah Solie, Artistic Director/Vocal Instructor

*Caldwell Broadway Arts is supported by
The Music Ministry of First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell*

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/CSDqymRZqYgCfSZ6>. The event will be happening at Verona Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions please let Kaitlyn know at Kaitlynheun@gmail.com. We are looking forward to this partnership, and we hope your child(ren) will join us!

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

The menu line up for the month of March is now available for sign up! We also have a new recipe to share for our March Saturday soup kitchen. Try out the recipe for yourself and then make another for soup kitchen to help and support our clients at Our Lady of the Valley Church in Orange, NJ. We will also be preparing our usual dishes this month. Be a part of this wonderful ministry and sign up to prepare an item on the menu: www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news. We are also asking for anyone who has time to come and serve in person on Thursdays to sign up or call Joyce McGrath (201) 738-6531. We look forward to hearing from you and serving with you.

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>

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>

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 April 5th.**

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.

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.

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>

ADULT EDUCATION WINTER NEWSLETTER

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

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*

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, March 26th

9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM Youth Group Dodgeball, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, March 27th

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall
7:30 PM Facing Racism Film Discussion, Chapel, Zoom

TUESDAY, March 28th

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall *Currently FULL
7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, March 29th

11:00 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor
7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM PNC Meeting, Room 120

THURSDAY, March 30th

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room
7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

SATURDAY, April 1st

9:00 AM Ham/Turkey Drive, Circular Driveway
1:00 PM Play Rehearsal, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, April 2nd

9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
10:30 AM Genesis Practice, Sanctuary
11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall
12:00 PM Play Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:30 PM Confirmation Class, Youth Room