



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, April 2nd, 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](#)



**Messiah in the Passover Dinner**  
April 5th @6:00pm in Room 120  
**Maundy Thursday Worship Service**  
April 6th @7:00pm in the Sanctuary  
**Good Friday Contemporary Worship Service**  
April 7th @7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

**Easter Sunday, April 9th**  
**Contemporary Easter Worship Service**  
@8:00am in the Old Burial Ground  
**Easter Celebration Worship Service**  
@10:00am in the Sanctuary  
followed by an Easter Egg Hunt  
in the Old Burial Ground

### **Messiah in the Passover Dinner**

The Messiah in the Passover Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 5th at 6:00pm in Room 120. Registration has closed, but if you have any further questions, please call 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

## 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](http://charitygolftoday.com/boardofdeacons).



**Our Presbyterian neighbors at Verona Presbyterian Church invite us to share in these Good Friday activities they are providing.**

Good Friday  
April 7th  
10:00 am-12:30pm  
Children's Workshop  
12:30 pm:  
Worship Service



## 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](mailto: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.

## OASIS NEWS

Raquel, a sophomore in the Oasis Teen Girls Program, has won a **scholarship** to study at **Oxford University** this summer. Raquel's school selected her and helped her apply. Raquel and her three siblings have been with Oasis since they were infants, and their mom learned English in our ESL classes. Oasis is celebrating her fantastic achievement. Oasis needs **volunteers in the clothing sorting room** at least one day per week from 10 am-12 pm. If you are interested, please email Andrea Johnston at [andreajohnston@oasisnj.org](mailto:andreajohnston@oasisnj.org) or 973-881-8307 ext. 121.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto:tasche7777@aol.com) or Nancy Hauser @ 201-953-5844 or [nehauser8@comcast.net](mailto:nehauser8@comcast.net)

## **HELP US LAY A FOUNDATION FOR OUR FUTURE**

Members are invited to join in laying a foundation for future planning, and starting to meet the concern about planning raised at our Annual Congregational meeting. We'll come together on April 29, 9 am – Noon. Using information from the CAT report, we will break into groups to look at 9 priority areas of church life

1. Developing a strategy and making changes to bring in new families
2. Hospitality and welcoming people
3. Church Morale
4. Conflict Management
5. Governance and decision-making processes
6. Spiritual Vitality
7. Readiness for Ministry - Assessing people's gifts and helping them use their gifts
8. Educational Engagement – Christian education a a life-long process
9. Worship and Music

Each group will take their assigned area.. The group will answer the questions below for their area : What additional information do we need? How might we get that information? What resources are needed/helpful? What are Strengths currently in place to apply to this concern? What are Weaknesses we currently face? What Opportunities are available to us? What Threats/Challenges are there? What do we need to proceed with addressing this? The end result will have developed 9 foundational plans for taking the next steps in strategic planning that can include the next called pastor.

## **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 questions, please contact [FPC326deacons@gmail.com](mailto:FPC326deacons@gmail.com).

**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 [lspinelli.summersteps@brickchurch.org](mailto:lspinelli.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/](http://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 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. 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](mailto: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](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org).  
For questions, contact Lauren Restaino at [lauren@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto: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

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN TO AGES 10-17!!!**

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DANCING INSTRUCTION THIS SUMMER?  
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### **WHY CBA?**

- *Instead of signing up for a pre-determined curriculum, we build the curriculum around YOU!*
- *CBA is staffed with Broadway professionals who have years of performing and teaching experience.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION:

[www.CaldwellBroadwayArts.org](http://www.CaldwellBroadwayArts.org)

Valerie Shondel, Director: [Valerie@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto: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*

## **SANDWICH NIGHT**

Oh yes, oh yes, oh yes... it's Sandwich Night on April 26th at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Come one, come all and enjoy a fast paced fun night of fellowship. Our Sunday School & Confirmation class will be hosting the event and we will be sponsored by our very own First Presbyterian Church Nursery School. Thank you so much! The event will benefit St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. This is our chance to help those in need. We will prepare and bag 400 plus lunches to be distributed with their hot meals, tis gives them a small meal for later in the day. We look forwaes to seeing all—families, friends and our youth!

## **SOUP KITCHEN NEWS**

Our menus are out and we are ready for April! Go to our website and sign up to prepare a dish for Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen. We are also hoping that if you all have some time, you can come down and serve in person. We operate every Thursday and the 4th & 5th Saturday of the month. Sign up online: [www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news). If you wish to sign up by phone to prepare a dish or to service, call Joyce McGrath (201) 738-6531 or Laura Schalles (973) 476-8616. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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.

## 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).

## 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>

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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*

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

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

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## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

*ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM*

### *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

### *MONDAY, April 3rd*

- 7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Parlor

### *TUESDAY, April 4th*

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 5:00 PM B&G Meeting, Parlor
- 6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall \*Currently FULL

### *WEDNESDAY, April 5th*

- 6:00 PM Seder Dinner, Room 120
- 7:00PM Adult Education, Parlor
- 7:00 PM PNC Meeting, Room 120

### *THURSDAY, April 6th*

- 5:00 PM Play Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 8:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room
- 8:00 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

### *FRIDAY, April 7th*

- 7:00 PM Contemporary Good Friday, Fellowship Hall

### *SUNDAY, April 9th*

- 8:00 AM Early Morning Worship, Old Burial Ground
- 10:00 AM Easter Sunday Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt, Old Burial Ground