



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Easter Sunday, April 9th, 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](#)

Your First Pres Deacons are hard at work supporting a variety of important ministries throughout the church. Check in here to see what events are up and coming and how you can support Deacons, the church and the larger community!

Upcoming events:

Sat April 15- Sat April 29 - Coat and Sweater Drive

Wed May 24 - Golf Outing

Future Dates to Look Out For:

Blood Drive - Summer 2023

Mum Sale - Fall 2023

Please also check out the First Pres monthly Soup Kitchen opportunities on Saturday, April 22 and Saturday, April 29, 2023 as well as every Thursday. Check the First Pres website for details, future dates and information about meals to be prepared and dropped off at the church to serve on those days.



SEMI-ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

SPONSORED BY THE DEACONS

April 15th - April 29th

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.



THE ANNUAL
BOARD OF DEACONS
GOLF OUTING

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH
REGISTER NOW**

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.

ADULT EDUCATION SPRING NEWSLETTER

The Adult Education Spring Newsletter—Issue #3 is now available: Download the newsletter here: <https://bit.ly/40Xh0Ko>

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.

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.

MUSIC AT FIRST PRES 

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

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.

THE BBQ BRASS QUINTET TO PLAY SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2023 9:30 AM SERVICE

Students from the Montclair State Cali School of Music will participate in our Sunday service of worship.

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. 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 one remaining event 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 join us for the remaining event whether or not you attended the first two events in the series. The following date and film has been selected for the final discussion.

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!

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 or 973-881-8307 ext. 121.



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

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

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR QUALITY VOCAL, ACTING AND
DANCING INSTRUCTION THIS SUMMER?
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- *CBA is staffed with Broadway professionals who have years of performing and teaching experience.*

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*

****NEW FPC STAFF MEMBER**** Celesta Silvera has joined the FPC staff as our part-time administrative assistant. She will be working in the main office between the hours of 9am-1pm, Monday-Friday. We are grateful to have found someone with a solid administrative background and who has a bright positive attitude! Next time you are in the building please stop in to welcome her!

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 forward 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. 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.

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

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.

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.

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>

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*

Celesta Silvera, *Administrative Assistant*

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, April 9th

EASTER SUNDAY

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

MONDAY, April 10th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, April 11th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

6:00 PM Finance Committee, Zoom Meeting

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall *Currently FULL

7:00 PM Deacon's Meeting, Chapel/Zoom

WEDNESDAY, April 12th

7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, April 13th

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

8:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room

8:00 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

SATURDAY, April 15th

Spring Clothing Drive Begins

SUNDAY, April 16th

9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall

