



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, May 21st, 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/or quiet bible-based activities are available at both services. 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](#)

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

This **Sunday, May 21st** is Confirmation Sunday at the 9:30am worship service. Join us in welcoming our newest members into the church. Additionally, there will be a baptism this Sunday morning. Music at the 9:30am worship service will include the Chancel Choir singing Behold, How Good by Michael John Trotta with featured soloist, Sarah Solie. Members of the Chancel Handbell Choir will be accompanying the hymns.

INQUIRER'S GATHERING TODAY

Do you want to find out more about the Presbyterian Church? Are you interested in moving from attender to member? Are there questions you have about what we believe, or how we operate? Join us on **Sunday, May 21st from 2:00-4:00pm** at the church. All are welcome – attender or member – who have questions. And don't worry, if this doesn't fit your schedule, there will be other opportunities as we seek to find times for all who are interested.

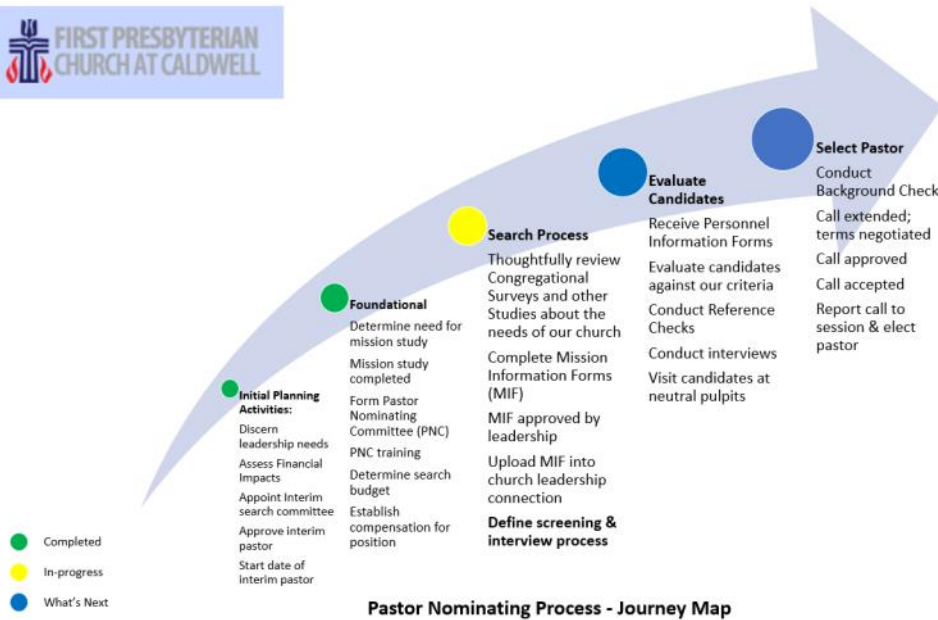
DO YOU SPEAK A SECOND LANGUAGE?

Help us celebrate Pentecost on **Sunday, May 28th** as we recall the Spirit's gift of being understood in different languages. We'd like to share an opening welcome sentence in different languages. If you speak a second language and want to contribute to our worship, let Pastor Bill or the church office know.

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR THE BOARD OF DEACONS GOLF OUTING

Join us for The Annual Board of Deacons Golf Outing on **Wednesday, May 24th** at Farmstead Golf and Country Club in Lafayette, NJ. 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. To sign up, register online at charitygolftoday.com/boardofdeacons.

PASTOR NOMINATING PROCESS UPDATE



Pastor Nominating Process - Journey Map



CBS SUMMER MUSICAL THEATER CAMP 2023

Caldwell Broadway Arts is pleased to announce the faculty for the CBA Summer Musical Theater Camp 2023. The CBA Camp is a one-week musical theater experience with intensive but fun instruction in dance, singing and acting. The program is customized to fit the abilities and strengths of those enrolled; a week which will inspire our young performers and build their skills in all aspects of musical theater.

The Summer Program is offered for performers between the ages of 10 and 17 and will be held from August 7-11, 2023 from 9:30-2PM daily and culminating with the CBA Showcase on Friday August 11, 2023 at 5PM. The program is an initiative of the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell 326 Bloomfield Avenue where the program will be held.

Sarah Solie is the Artistic Director and Vocal Instructor, Linda Talcott Lee Dance, Instructor and Jonathan Hadley, Acting Instructor. Applications are now being accepted. For more information and an application visit the CBA Website. Caldwellbroadwayarts.org

CONTACT: VALERIE SHONDEL CBA DIRECTOR valerie@firstprescaldwell.org

MUSIC AT FIRST PRES

Last regular Chancel Choir Sunday and Chancel Handbell Sunday is June 4th at the 9:30am service. Come help us thank our wonderful musicians who regularly lead us in worship!



SPECIAL MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

For the Beauty of the Earth by John Rutter

Chancel Choir and Organ

Thaxted: O God Beyond All Praising by Gustav Holst arr. By Lee J. Afdahl

Chancel Bell Choir

The Lord Bless You and Keep You by John Rutter

Chancel Choir and Organ



DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN FROM OUR HYMNAL?

For the summer months, it would be great to feature your favorite hymns from our hymnal! Please email me or leave me a note in my box with your name and favorite hymn that appears in our hymnal:
valerie@firstprescaldwell.org.





Join us this summer for Vacation Bible School!

August 14th-18th • 9:00am-3:00pm

Open to all children entering
Kindergarten through 6th grade

Come join 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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — MISSION: DEEP SEA

We are so excited to be hosting Vacation Bible School again this summer! The camp will take place at The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell on August 14th through the 18th from 9:00am until 3:00pm. The camp is 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! The cost is \$100 per child. There is a \$250 family max. For more information and to register, visit www.firstprescaldwell.org/vbs.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The First Presbyterian Church of Caldwell is searching for adult and student volunteers this summer for Vacation Bible School (VBS). Students who are 15 years or older may register to volunteer. A letter confirming service hours completed can be available at the end of the week. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3Omnyio>

John R. & Inge P. Stafford Memorial Scholarship

THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS OPEN
TO ANY STUDENT PLANNING TO ATTEND
A 2 OR 4 YEAR ACCREDITED COLLEGE

Due Date: Wednesday, May 31st at 12:00PM

STAFFORD SCHOLARSHIP

On March 18, 2014, the Session at the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell established the John R. and Inge P. Stafford Memorial Scholarship. We are excited once again to be able to offer Scholarships for the 2023 – 2024 academic school year.

This scholarship is open to anyone planning to attend a 2 or 4 year accredited college.

**Application Due Date: 12:00 PM on
Wednesday, May 31.** Please mail or drop

off your application in the main office by the deadline. Download the application at www.firstprescaldwell.org.

DINE & DONATE AT THE CLOVERLEAF TAVERN

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Proverbs 118:24
What better way to rejoice a day that the Lord has made by NOT COOKING! And better yet? Contributing to a worthwhile cause! This year, we will be collecting to help support our Sunday School program here at First Pres, and we will collect for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. "Dine and Donate" on Wednesday, June 7th at The Cloverleaf Tavern. Simply come in (or order take out) from The Cloverleaf Tavern between 11:00am and closing and mention this fundraiser. A portion of the proceeds of your meal receipt will be put aside to donate to this effort. Come for lunch, come back for Happy Hour and then have dinner! Calories don't count when it's for a good cause. Please contact the church office (973) 228-0310 if you have any questions. See you on the 7th at the Cloverleaf!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Women's Bible Study Group is working on a 6 week study. It is still open for those who are interested. The group meets every other week. Meeting dates are as follows: 5/15, 5/29, 6/12, 6/26. "Jesus Over Everything" by Lisa Whittle. "Helping you see the truth about what is complicating your life and how to uncomplicate it by putting Jesus first."

ROVING REPORTERS NEEDED

"If a picture is a worth a thousand words, then a video is worth a million." First pres is looking for roving reporters to help us with capturing our services, programs and events via photos and/or videos. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please email Lauren at lauren@firstprescaldwell.org.

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 June 7.**

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.





CAI's Tzedek Initiative,
the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell
Mission Committee's Facing Racism Task
Force, and the Friends of the Howe House

Invite You To CAI's Third Annual

JUNETEENTH Shabbat

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

CAI's Courtyard Canopy
20 Academy Road, Caldwell

We will gather at 5:30 pm,
and begin Shabbat services at
6:00 pm, followed by Shabbat
dinner. During services, our
guests from the Friends of the
Howe House will share with
us a brief history of African-
American enslavement and
emancipation in West Essex.

**\$15 Per Adult 13+ | \$10 Per Child
Through Age 12 | \$40 Max Per Family**

This event is partially funded via a Community
Leaders Against Hate and Antisemitism grant from
the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC).



SCAN TO REGISTER OR
VISIT AGUDATH.ORG/EVENTS

The event will be moved
indoors in inclement weather.



FIRST PRES DEACONS

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:

Wednesday, May 24th - 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 Saturdays and Thursdays. 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

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

To all who want to serve, the May Soup Kitchen menus are out and ready for sign up. Be a supporter of this ministry to benefit Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen. Whether it's hard boiled eggs, dessert or a main dish all donations are welcome. On another note, if you wish to participate in person, you can sign up online just below the food list to serve with Laura and Joyce. You may also contact one of us if that is more convenient—Joyce McGrath (201) 738-6531 or Laura Schalles (973) 476-8616. This ministry has been in existence for decades and we are blessed to be apart of this great event. Help us continue this great tradition by signing up to prepare or serve in person. Sign up online: www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news.

SIGN UP TO HOST OR BAKE FOR COFFEE HOUR/LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

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). As the weather allows, we will begin Lemonade on the Lawn on June 11th. We are asking to have more congregants sign up to host or provide a baked good during this time of fellowship. Kaitlyn Heun will continue to make coffee/set up the coffee each Sunday, but we need volunteers 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. If you are unable to host coffee hour, but you would like to bake or drop off a treat for coffee hour, you can sign up using the following link. <http://bit.ly/3XqBYQb>
We appreciate all of our volunteers for helping us to make this a special time for our church community.

ADULT EDUCATION SPRING NEWSLETTER

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

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.



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>

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.

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 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, MAY 21st

Confirmation Sunday

9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Chapel

2:00 PM New Member Information Session, Parlor

MONDAY, MAY 22nd

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 23rd

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

3:30 PM CBA Meet & Greet

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall *Currently FULL

7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th

15th Annual Golf Outing

7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM PNC Meeting, Parlor

THURSDAY, MAY 25th

3:30 PM CBA Meet & Greet

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

8:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room

8:00 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

SUNDAY, MAY 28th

Pentecost Sunday

9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Chapel