



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, May 7th, 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/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](#)

## MUSIC AT FIRST PRES

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR NEXT CONCERT!**

Churan Qiu, Mezzo-Soprano,  
Peiwen Chen Piano  
Sunday May 7, 2023 4PM  
Mezzo-soprano Churan Qiu is a Artist Diploma student of Montclair State University Cali School of Music studying with Beth Roberts. The program will include works by Debussy, Santoliquido, Mahler and Heggie. Concerts are held at First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell. There will be a Free Will Offering. For information: [valerie@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:valerie@firstprescaldwell.org)

### **COME CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY AT THE 9:30 SERVICE**

The Chancel Bell Choir will be playing:  
**PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY**  
arranged by Jason Krug  
The Chancel Choir will be singing:  
**LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS**  
arranged by Geordie Roberts

**Mother's Day 9:30am Service & Coffee Hour Note:** If you were a baby, or if you had a baby in the last 30 years, come thank Ann and Kim Hicock on Mother's Day for their wonderful years of service in the cradle room.

**Churan Qiu**

**Mezzo-Soprano**

VOICE RECITAL

Peiwen Chen, Piano

Claude Debussy  
Francesco Santoliquido  
Gustav Mahler  
Johannes Heggie

5/7/23 AT 4pm

First Presbyterian Church

326 Bloomfield, Caldwell, NJ



## **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



## **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).

## **DO YOU SPEAK A SECOND LANGUAGE?**

Help us celebrate Pentecost Sunday, May 28. To help us 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.

## **FACING RACISM TASK FORCE DISCUSSION SERIES**

The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell's Facing Racism Task Force invites you to the last event in the "Film Festival Discussion Series." Please know that you do not need to have attended the previous events in the series to attend the May 8th event. All the films that we have been discussing are recommended viewing by the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Engaging Matthew 25 Through Film series. It is requested that you watch the movie prior to the discussion event, if possible. The film is currently available via Amazon Prime as well as other various streaming services. If you have trouble finding a way to view the film on your own, email us, and we will see if we can help. This will be a hybrid event. 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. The last film in this series that we will be discussing is "The Hate U Give". We hope you will join the discussion!

**Monday May 8 The Hate U Give (7:30-8:45 pm)**

**Please RSVP for this event by Sunday May 7.**

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

**Film Festival  
Discussion Series**

## **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 in Orange. 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](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news).

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

The Women's Bible Study Group started a new 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."

## **INQUIRER'S GATHERING**

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 May 21 from 2-4 pm 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.



**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)





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](http://Caldwellbroadwayarts.org)



**Sarah Solie – Artistic Director/Voice Instructor**

Sarah Solie is a nine-time Broadway veteran, appearing in such shows as *Beauty and the Beast*, *South Pacific*, *Annie* and *Mary Poppins*. Her studio experience includes Disney film soundtracks, original Broadway cast recordings and vocal jazz performances at various venues in New York City, including appearing twice at Carnegie Hall with the New York Pops. As a teacher, Sarah has maintained a private voice studio for the past 12 years and has taught classes in voice and musical theatre for performing arts schools in the Central New Jersey area. Sarah is thrilled to be a co-founding director of Caldwell Broadway Arts.



**Linda Talcott Lee – Dance Instructor**

Linda Talcott Lee is an Emmy Award-winning choreographer and four-time Broadway veteran whose vast experience includes working with dance greats such as Jerome Robbins, Graciella Danielle and Kenny Ortega. Since relocating to the Minneapolis/St. Paul area, Linda has been a member of the teaching faculty at the University of Minnesota, has choreographed multiple productions at Ordway Theater, Minneapolis Children’s Theater and The History Theater, and continues to perform locally. She can currently be seen in Chanhassen Dinner Theater’s production of *The Prom*.



**Jonathan Hadley – Acting Instructor**

Jonathan Hadley appeared both on Broadway and in the National and International tours of the hit musical *Jersey Boys*. His Off-Broadway and touring productions include *Into the Woods*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *The Great Divorce* and *The Bodyguard*. Mr. Hadley’s television appearances include “Another World” and HBO’s hit drama “Succession”. He is a teaching artist with Camp Broadway, TADA!, and Bravo’s “On With the Show”. Currently, Jonathan is a Visiting Professor at the University of Iowa, having recently directed their theatre department’s production of the Broadway musical, *Something Rotten*.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: VALERIE SHONDEL CBA DIRECTOR  
[valerie@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:valerie@firstprescaldwell.org)



# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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### HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Typically received before or after Easter, our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing support efforts throughout the year to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We will receive the offering on Sunday, May 14th.

### Examples of past efforts include:

**\$3.1 million**

granted by PDA in the United States and 15 countries

**80**

grants impacting 23 countries given by PHP

**over 3,000**

people trained in food production around the world

**191,182**

Gift of the Heart Kits and Blankets distributed

**276**

certified PC(USA) Earth Care congregations helped care for creation

**1,500**

trees planted in Nigeria, in addition to others around the world

**\$15,000**

Funded Metropolitan Tenants Organization

**\$9,000**

Funded the Civil Society Coalition for Poverty Eradication

**786**

Presbyterian congregations purchased eco-palms for sustainable forestry and livelihoods

## ADULT EDUCATION SPRING NEWSLETTER

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

## 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



### **DEACONS CLOTHING DRIVE**

The Deacons want to thank everyone who donated items for our successful spring clothing drive that benefits our friends at St. John's Soup Kitchen. A big shout out as well to the volunteers who helped make it happen.

### **SANDWICH NIGHT**

On May 10th at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall, the Essex County Vocational School, will be hosting Sandwich Night. Come and participate in this fast paced event to benefit St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. If you're new to our congregation, this is a wonderful way to get to know some of our church family. We welcome families, youth and neighbors. Come one, come all and enjoy serving to help people in need.

### **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>

### **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. 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>

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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*

**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](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, MAY 7th***

- 9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
- 10:30 AM Information about FPC, Parlor
- 11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Chapel
- 4:00 PM Voice Recital, Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM Confirmation Class, Youth Room

### ***MONDAY, MAY 8th***

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

### ***TUESDAY, MAY 9th***

- 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, MAY 10th***

- 7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall

### ***THURSDAY, MAY 11th***

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

### ***SUNDAY, MAY 14th***

- 9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
- 11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Chapel