



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

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Sunday, June 11th, 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](#)

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Churches find summer brings changes. The choir program year is ended and so is the Sunday School program year. We anticipate people being gone for varying amounts of time. That explains our Worship Schedule changes for the summer.

From July 2-Labor Day Sunday, we will have one service at 10 am in the Sanctuary. The services will alternate between traditional and contemporary format. Primary music leadership will thus vary between Valerie Shondel, Director of Music, and Scott Westenberger, Contemporary Worship Leader. No matter when you attend when we have both formats on a Sunday, we expect you to show your support for worshipping together during the summer. There will be special musical performances at a number of the Sundays. Look for a calendar of services and special music in the First Press newsletter and on the Music bulletin board in the office lobby.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Are you interested in a summer Book Club opportunity? I'm looking for people who would like to read the book *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans, and then chat about it. The book gives the readers an entry into the Bible and its literary forms. What are formative themes and accounts? What different ways do the prose, poetic and correspondence parts each speak to us? We'll read sections and then for those who wish, we'll join in discussions that will first be a safe place to raise questions. Then all can share in responding to the questions. If you're interested, contact me at bill@firstprescaldwell.org. To see more about the book, follow this link: <https://www.amazon.com/Inspired-Slaying-Giants-Walking-Loving/dp/0718022319>

THANK YOU Thank you to members of the Chancel and Handbell choirs for a wonderful program year. We look forward to your return in the fall. Thank you to the leadership, teachers and assistants who provided the Sunday school classes, the Children's Sermons and special activities for our children and youth during their program year.



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.





MUSIC AT FIRST PRES DURING JUNE AT THE 9:30AM SERVICE

JUNE 11, 2023 GENESIS SINGS!

Holy, Holy, Holy arranged by Jay Rouse

JUNE 18, 2023 MUSIC FROM OUR SECTION LEADERS!

Ubi Caritas by Gjiello

The Pearl Fishers Duet by Georges Bizet

JUNE 25, 2023 MORE MUSIC FROM OUR SECTION LEADERS!

Alleluia by Randall Thompson

The Flower Duet from Lakme by Leo Delibes



SUMMER WORSHIP MUSIC AT FPC IN JULY

ALL SERVICES AT 10AM IN THE SANCTUARY

JULY 2, 2023 Abbey Clyne, Soprano & Allan Smulen, Bass

Hymn of Promise Words and Music by Natalie Sleet arr. Lloyd Larson

Let Us Break Bread Together Traditional Spiritual arr. Moses Hogan

JULY 9, 2023 Mackenzie Conaway, Mezzo-Soprano

My Lord, What a Morning arr. Mark Hayes

JULY 16, 2023 Contemporary Service

JULY 23, 2023 Bell Choir Reunion and Soloist Barbara Romaine

Selection by Members of the FPC Handbell Choir

In the Garden arr. Douglas Wagner

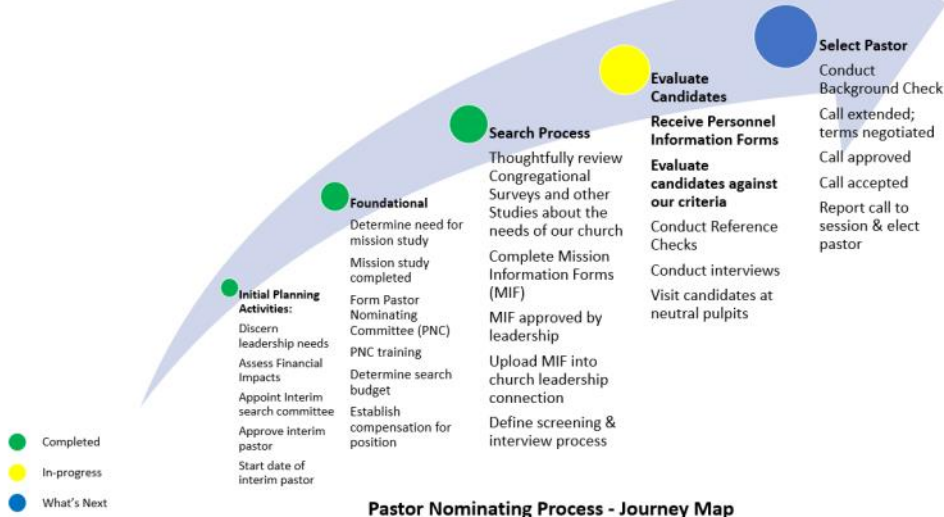
JULY 30, 2023 Contemporary Service

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.





AN UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

After announcing a few weeks ago that our Head of Staff position has been posted, the PNC is now starting to receive inquiries and reports of matches from the Presbytery CLC system. While we are still finalizing some of our processes, we will begin to evaluate candidates against our defined criteria. We ask for the congregation's continued prayers as we seek to discern the will and guidance of the Holy Spirit during the months ahead.

SIGN UP 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.



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



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>

SANDWICH NIGHT

For those who hosted, prepared or financially supported our Sandwich Night which benefits St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark, we are eternally grateful for your participation. We always look forward to bringing this mission to church for our congregants to get involved, as well as our youth. This mission will resume in September and the first Sandwich Night will be hosted by the Essex County Vo-Tech. These young people have enjoyed this ministry for 3 seasons and continue to come back. If you have an organization or committee that would like to host, you can call Laura Schalles (973) 476-8616 or Joyce McGrath (201) 738-6531.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

Our 2022/2023 Soup Kitchen has come to a close. The Soup Kitchen and Sandwich Night Committee would like to take the opportunity to extend our gratitude for helping, whether it is through preparing meals or volunteering to serve. Without your support, we would not be able to provide or serve the way we do. We also look forward again to the continues efforts on your part in the upcoming 2023/2023 season. Have a wonderful summer! We will reach out at the end of August to share the opening of Soup Kitchen. God Bless!

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 take any photos or videos at FPC, please email them to 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.

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.

GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Copies of the special Gun Violence Awareness issue of Presbyterian Outlook have arrived. The issue has articles from a variety of authors - theologians, gun owners, people working to reduce gun violence and more. Copies will be available on the Welcome Tables on Sundays and on the desk in the office lobby. Please let Pastor Bill know if you would like be find opportunity to discuss the issue with others.

BRIGHTEN UP FATHER'S DAY

The Worship & Music Committee asks fathers in the congregation to help brighten up Father's day worship on June 18. All dads are encouraged to wear an Hawaiian or otherwise brightly colored shirt to worship on June 18.

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!

Future Dates to Look Out For:

Blood Drive - Summer 2023

Mum Sale - Fall 2023

ADULT EDUCATION SPRING NEWSLETTER

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

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: 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."



A GIFT TO OASIS—A HAVEN FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Thanks to the generosity of Louise Ritscher's estate gift to the church and in tribute to what she valued in life, the church was pleased to make a \$25,000 gift to Oasis - A Haven for Women and Children.

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, *Director of Music*

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

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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, JUNE 11th

9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn, Church Lawn

11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Chapel

MONDAY, JUNE 12th

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JUNE 13th

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, JUNE 14th

7:00 PM PNC Meeting, Parlor

7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, JUNE 15th

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JUNE 18th

9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn, Church Lawn

11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Chapel

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Starting on Monday, June 5th, the office hours will be: Monday through Thursday, 8:00AM-3:00PM, Fridays, 8:00AM-2:00PM