



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, June 25th, 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>

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.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS JUNE 20, 2023

The Session met June 20, 2023. The first 90 minutes was spent on passing motions and receiving reports. The last 60 minutes was spent in a team building discussion led by three of the elders.

Action items and report information included:

* Further discussion on the table group reports from April 29. Session members had been asked in May to take the 6 topics and pick the 2 with the highest priority. The top 2 were strategic planning for growth and congregational morale. Elders were to think about what information needed to be gathered yet and will be writing that out and sharing with all.

* Approval was given to purchasing a new, adjustable organ bench.

* Children and Youth Ministry reported that Sunday school started its summer break June 18 and will resume September 10.

* There was an information update on preparing an active shooter safety policy for the church as now required by New Jersey laws. The team working on this will meet June 2 to continue working on it.

* Personnel Committee reported the successful hiring of Valerie Shondel as Music Director and Celesta Silveira as office assistant.

* Communications Committee reported on the ongoing progress on updating the church Facebook page. It is progressing albeit more slowly than was hoped for.

* Stewardship Committee will be meeting in July to begin planning the stewardship campaign for 2024 pledges.

* Mission Committee reported on plans for a Mission Fair and Volunteer sign-up on September 24. It also reported that money from the Pleasantdale funds designated for mission work in the West Orange area will be used in part to support Christine's Kitchen feeding programs. Additional ways to serve that community are being explored.

* Reports were received from our Nursery School board and from the Prospect Hill Cemetery committee. The Nursery School will be able to increase its contribution back to the church \$15,000.

* The newest Adult Education newsletter was shared with Session and will be available through links in upcoming First Press newsletters.

* There will be no stated business meeting in July unless there is pressing business and a need for a vote by the Session. The third Tuesday in July may be used to continue the team-building sharing.

ADULT EDUCATION SPRING NEWSLETER

The Adult Education Summer Newsletter—Issue #4 is now available: Download the newsletter here — <https://bit.ly/3CM71gN>

Adult Education is happy to announce this summer study opportunity. Registration is required by June 29th!! Aligning with our current Focus on Prayer, there is a summer offering through Lifeway entitled, “When You Pray.” You’ll join 6 beloved Bible teachers who will help you study prayers in the Bible that can inspire your own. Over 7 sessions, you’ll learn that God welcomes your praise and lament, your thanksgiving and intercession. You’ll see examples of how to pray when you’re alone and when you’re gathered with others. Above all, you’ll notice there’s no right way to pray. As you draw near to God through prayer, you’ll find your faith strengthened and your heart united to Christ. Register here: <https://www.lifeway.com/whentheyoupray> Several other studies are available through StudyGateway. Download the summer newsletter to learn more



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

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.



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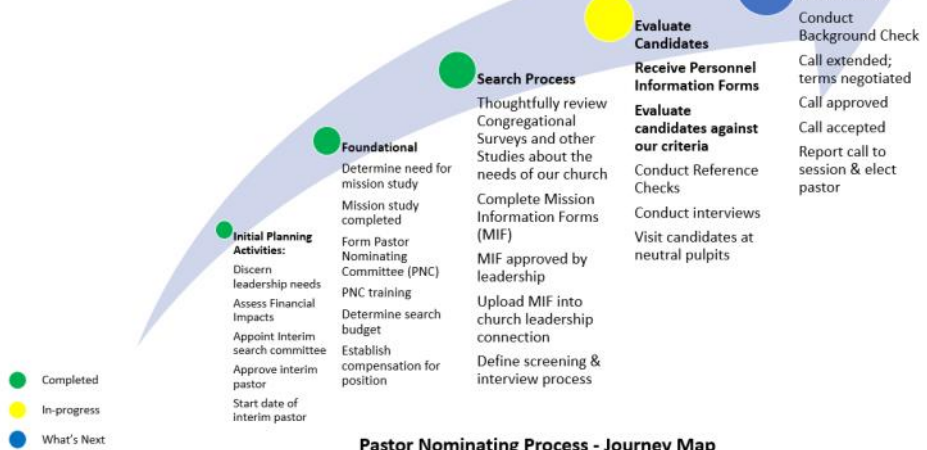
Your First Pres Deacons are hard at work supporting a variety of important ministries throughout the church. Check in here to see what events are up and coming and how you can support Deacons, the church and the larger community!

Future Dates to Look Out For:

Blood Drive - Summer 2023, Mum Sale - Fall 2023

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.



Pastor Nominating Process - Journey Map

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 LEMONADE ON THE LAWN THIS SUMMER

Lemonade on the Lawn is an opportunity for church members and friends to gather in fellowship while enjoying lemonade and refreshments. Lemonade on the Lawn takes place on the church lawn on Sunday mornings at 10:30am (in between our two service times). We are asking to have more congregants sign up to host or provide a baked good during this time of fellowship. Hosts will set up for Lemonade on the Lawn, offer assistance and be a friendly face during this time. If you host, 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, but you would like to bake or drop off a treat, 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



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>

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. 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 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, JUNE 25th

9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn, Church Lawn

11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Chapel

MONDAY, JUNE 26th

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JUNE 27th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

*6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall *Currently FULL*

7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28th

7:00 PM PNC Meeting, Parlor

7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, JUNE 29th

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JULY 2nd

10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00 AM Lemonade on the Lawn, Church Lawn

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday, 8:00AM-3:00PM,

Fridays, 8:00AM-2:00PM