



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, July 23rd, 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.

SUMMER WORSHIP
10:00am in the Sanctuary
Nursery care is available every Sunday in the Cradle Room.

Updated indoor worship guidelines are available at the following link: <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/worship-guidelines/>

Worship online any time on livestream.com. The livestream link is available at <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/summer-worship-schedule>

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Please note our Worship Schedule changes for the summer. **From now through September 10th, 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. Please see the music schedule below:

July 23rd — Worship Service & Special Music

Barbara Romaine, Soloist
In the Garden arr. Douglas Wagner

July 30th — Worship Service

August 6th — Worship Service & Special Music

The Dapper Dans

August 13th—Worship Service

August 20th—Worship Service & Special Music

Sarah Solie & Students from the CBA Summer Musical Theater Camp

August 27th—Worship Service

September 3rd—Worship Service

September 10th—Worship Service -Sunday School Kickoff

ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE

I am glad for those among you who expressed interest in Addressing Gun Violence and picked up a copy of the Presbyterian Outlook issue presenting a variety of perspectives. I invite those who are available to meet on **Sunday, July 23** in the parlor. Come after the service and after getting some refreshment at Lemonade on the Lawn. We'll start by 11:30 to discuss whether people want to find time for deeper discussion and/or for thinking about how to spread awareness and pursue ways to alleviate gun violence. If you are interested but would be unable to come July 23, let Pastor Bill know. You'll be informed if additional opportunities are planned. Copies of the special Gun Violence Awareness issue of Presbyterian Outlook are available on the welcome tables on Sundays and on the desk in the office lobby.



TO BENEFIT OASIS, A HAVEN FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN

It's that time of year again and our back-to-school supply drive is organized to provide basic school supplies for the kids of Oasis, A Haven for Women and Children in Paterson. Similar to what we did for our Christmas collection, we have set up a gift registry at **Amazon** where you can see a list of over 2,000 items including general school supplies, backpacks, and sneakers for you to select from in a variety of prices. The easiest & most direct way is by entering the link directly at:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3R8Q4SMJS2LY7>

You can also access the gift registry by using the following steps:

*Go to Amazon.com

*Click on the Registry tab button.

*Under "Registrants Name" enter OASIS A Haven for Women and Children

*This will bring you to the Oasis gift registry with over 2000 items.

Once you select your item and put it in the cart, you will see that the registry is set up to **send all items directly to Oasis at 59 Mill St. Paterson** so be sure not to change that feature when checking out.

If you prefer to provide financial support rather than purchase a gift, you may do so by going to the church website and clicking on the drop-down tab labeled DONATE in the top right corner and from there you will see another drop down which will show you the OASIS Back to School Supply project. You can also send in a check to the church office and checks should be made payable to 1st Pres Caldwell and be sure to put in the memo section Oasis School Supplies. All monetary donations must be received no later than **August 2** to allow us to shop on your behalf. **Last day to order from the Registry will be Sunday August 6** to provide enough time to process & ship your gifts to Oasis.

This year we are offering a "**hybrid**" collection so you may either order items online at Amazon or purchase an item from the attached supply list and drop it off in the collection box at church located in front of the Christian Ed Desk

Thank you for your continued support & generosity of the Oasis Back 2 School Supply Drive! Please feel free to contact Ellen Johnson at johnsonellend@gmail or phone 973-229-2453 if you have questions or need assistance.



OASIS, A HAVEN FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN IN PATERSON, NJ SUPPLY LIST FOR 2023

- Backpacks for children and teens (no wheels)
- Boxes of 24 count Crayons
- 12 pack of Crayola Colored Pencils
- 12 pack of #2 yellow Pencils / Pink Block Erasers
- Kids School Scissors / Clear Scotch Tape Dispenser Roll
- Pencil Cases /Zippered Pencil Pouches
- Yellow Highlighters / 3 x 3 “Post it” Notes
- Glue Sticks / Elmer’s School Glue
- Marble Composition Notebooks
- 1, 3, & 5 Subject wide ruled spiral notebook
- 3 ring One Inch binders / Notebook Dividers with 5 tabs
- Folders with 2 pockets in Red, Blue, Green, Orange (not plastic)
- Basic White or Black Gym Sneakers for Boys & Girls age 6-16

We are collecting NEW items only. Your donations can be dropped off in person at the church in the bin by the Christian Ed Desk.

There will be a “Show and Sell” this Sunday, July 23rd during coffee hour. Backpacks from an online wholesaler will be available for purchase at a discounted price of \$10 each (two different sizes (15” & 17”). CASH ONLY. Whatever is purchased from the “Show & Sell will be brought down to Oasis with the rest of the supplies dropped off from any in-person shopping done and left in the bin at the church.

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StudyGateway.com – hundreds of studies

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Inspiration

Encouragement for “Becoming...”

ADULT EDUCATION SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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



CBA 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, Jonathan Hadley, Acting Instructor, and Ginny Stephens, Accompanist. 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

CBA SUMMER SHOWCASE AUGUST 11

Caldwell Broadway Arts Summer Musical Theater Camp will be presenting the 2023 Summer Showcase on Friday August 11, 2023 at 5:00PM. The showcase will feature performances by the CBA Students and Faculty highlighting many your favorite Broadway shows!

The showcase will be held in the Main Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell located at 326 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell. Admission free. The Audience will have a chance to support CBA through a Free Will Offering.

The CBA Summer Musical Theater Camp will be held from August 7-11, 2023 for performers between the age of 10 and 17. The students will receive instruction and coaching from Broadway Performers in song, dance and acting.

For more information visit our website at www.caldwellbroadwayarts.org or email Valerie Shondel, Director CBA at 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>

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE — BLOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY THE FPC BOARD OF DEACONS

The FPC Deacons are holding their first blood drive since the COVID shutdown on August 3rd, 3:00-8:00pm. The drive will be held in room 120. There is always a need for blood to meet surgical and emergency needs. Please plan on sharing the Gift of Life.

People in good health and who weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate. Blood donors must be at least 16 years old. Please bring an ID, eat a meal before donation and drink plenty of water before and after donation.

If you wish to participate, you can schedule your appointment with this link or QR code: https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/56595



Other ways you can help is to spread the word to friends and neighbors. Anyone can participate for the sake of everyone.

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.

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 after worship. Please review the calendar and consider signing up for any dates that work for you to either host or provide refreshments. Sign up using following link. <http://bit.ly/3XqBYQb>

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.

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 6:30pm 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, JULY 23rd

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00 AM Lemonade on the Lawn, Church Lawn

MONDAY, JULY 24th

6:30 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JULY 25th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26th

7:00 PM PNC Meeting, Parlor

7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 27th

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JULY 30th

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00 AM Lemonade on the Lawn, Church Lawn