



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, September 17, 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 Traditional 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.*

*Worship online any time via Facebook or livestream.com by following the links below.*

[Livestream on Facebook](#)

[Livestream on Livestream Website](#)

## **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE HAS BEGUN**

Please note that our summer worship schedule has ended and we are back to our regular worship schedule! Traditional worship will take place on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Sanctuary and Contemporary worship will take place on Sunday mornings at 11:00am in the Chapel.

## **DEACONS FALL/WINTER COAT & SWEATER DRIVE**

With the days getting cooler, to benefit our friends at St. John's Soup Kitchen, the Deacons are sponsoring a fall/winter coat and sweater drive. We will be collecting clean, gently used coats, sweaters and sweatshirts, men's pants, adult shoes and backpacks and overnight bags beginning **Saturday, September 30th through Saturday, October 14th**. For your convenience, during this two week period a drop off bin for donations will be accessible 24/7 outside by the church circle.

As always, the Deacons and St. John's appreciate your continued support. Should you have any questions, please contact us at [fpc@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:fpc@firstprescaldwell.org).

## **COME JOIN THE FIRST PRES MUSIC MINISTRY!**

ALL are welcome!

**SINGERS:** Teenagers to adults.  
NO experience needed. Come SING with us!!

**BELL RINGERS:** Teenagers to adults. NO experience needed!! Come RING with us!!



For more information contact:  
Valerie Shondel, Director of Music  
[valerie@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:valerie@firstprescaldwell.org)



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# MISSION & MINISTRY FAIR



Are you looking for ways to get involved and give back to your local community? Perhaps you're searching for an opportunity to meet new people, and experience something meaningful. Join us for a Mission & Ministry Fair, where you'll be able to learn about the many different outreach and community programs associated with The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell. Please visit our website for a full list of groups participating. Who knows? You might just find exactly what you've been searching for!

**SUNDAY**

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023  
10:30AM-12:30PM



**FPC FELLOWSHIP HALL**

326 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE  
CALDWELL, NJ 07006



**JOIN US**



For More Information  
[www.firstprescaldwell.org](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org)





# **MUMS ON A MISSION**

*The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell  
3rd Annual Deacon Mum Sale*

**Fresh from De Groot & Sons in Pompton Plains**

Help Support Vital Deacon Missions!



**Decorate** your home for fall

**Honor a Loved One** Donate to Sanctuary

**Bring Cheer** to a friend or neighbor

**Order by Monday, October 2, 2023**

**Pick up on the church lawn**

**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

**12:00pm-2:00pm**

*Order using the form and a check, mail  
or dropoff to First Pres office. Check  
our website for online ordering.*

**Questions? Call or text**

**973-903-1998**

## **SANDWICH NIGHT**

Our first Sandwich Night after our summer hiatus is on **September 20th at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall**. We will prepare 400-450 bagged lunches to send to St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. Our first host is the Mission Committee. Come and help our committee to kick off the season the right way!

## **SOUP KITCHEN NEWS**

We hope you all had a healthy and fantastic summer break. Yes, you've guessed it, it's time to get back to work! Go online to see the menu to select what you wish to prepare. Thursday soup kitchen sign ups can be found at [www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news) or directly at <https://bit.ly/3QUg1IR>. We count on your support for Our Lady of the Valley soup kitchen to continue to feed those in need. We also have two Saturdays during the month of September - September 23rd and September 30th. Saturday soup kitchen sign ups can be found at [www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news) or directly at <https://bit.ly/47NPxyL>. Please feel free to call us to set up a time to come and volunteer in person.

## **ADULT EDUCATION FALL BIBLE STUDY**

### **Our NEW study 40 Days Through the Book: Romans: In the Grip of Grace**

Please join us on our journey through the book of Romans! This 6 session study helps us pursue our mission to KNOW Jesus, GROW in his love and GO where he leads - all covered in Paul's letter to the church in Rome. Romans is different from all of Paul's other letters because it covers the overarching story of the gospel. It unveils its transformational power for all people. The first half tells the Romans, and reminds us, of the core beliefs of the Christian faith. He then shifts the focus for the second half with one word, "Therefore." Building on all that Romans 1 through 11 tell us about God and ourselves, we are then called to change our hearts and live differently. Paul transitions to the work of the Holy Spirit leading us into our new life in Christ. This is one powerful message for understanding the need for Christ's message to live in us, AND for us to unite as Christ's body of believers who carry this message into the world..."Shining God's Light."

This new study begins on Wednesday, September 20th and ends on November 29th. Sessions will meet every other Wednesday, offering you adequate time to enjoy and prepare for each upcoming session. In person and Zoom attendance offered for every session. Register now by emailing us at [adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org). The deadline to register is September 17th so that you have time to get a study guide and receive a video link. Purchase study guides through Amazon for under \$10. DO NOT purchase the guide that costs more. That price includes video access which you can already receive as an FPC member. Have questions? EMAIL [adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org) or call the church office. Visit [www.firstprescaldwell.org](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org) for more information!

**INFORMATION SESSION FOR THOSE  
CONSIDERING PARTICIPATING IN  
THE MISSION TRIP TO LIBERIA  
MARCH 28, 2024-APRIL 9, 2024  
(SHORTER FOR THOSE WHO WANT)**

Join us for an information session to learn more about our upcoming mission trip to Liberia on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 7:00pm in Room 120. Come hear all the details about the Easter (Caldwell spring break) mission trip to Liberia, West Africa. It is open to high school students (unaccompanied by parents) as well as families with children of any age. This will be a life-changing experience for those who participate. Flights out of Newark are limited so the sooner we buy tickets the better. There are also flights out of JFK, New York.

Join the meeting virtually here: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2014247290?pwd=UTITdWlRaVA4ejBiT0ZTRmhTeVRldz09>

Meeting ID: 201 424 7290  
Passcode: SS2020

**THE CALDWELL STREET FAIR —  
JOIN US!**

FPC is excited to be participating once again in the Caldwell Street Fair, scheduled for Sunday, October 1st from 12PM to 5PM. In past years there have been as many as 30,000 visitors at the fair and it is a great opportunity to open our doors for the community to see our beautiful sanctuary, hear about our church history and partake of the planned activities and music. We invite your help to support the event, as well as have fun and join in fellowship in the process!

We are looking for people to sign up to help with various aspects of FPC's contributions to the Caldwell Street Fair. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3PfvqBf>

\*All volunteers are asked to wear an FPC tshirt. If you have one from last year you are welcome to wear it, or if you need to purchase a tshirt please email Kaitlyn with your shirt size(s). (Kaitlynheun@gmail.com)

Shining Our Light In... First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell

AFRICAN DREAM ACADEMY  
Many dreams. One hope.

*Join us for a Mission Trip!*

**WE ARE VISITING AFRICAN DREAM ACADEMY!**  
March 28th - April 9th

FPC is sponsoring a trip to The African Dream Academy in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa.

All High Schoolers and Adults in the West Essex area are invited to participate in this Life Changing trip to Liberia!

What is ADA?

African Dream Academy is a tuition- free independent school, in a country that does not offer free public education.

ADA provides lunches, uniforms, transportation, and well rounded full day education. The school is one of the only schools in the country to have computer and science labs.

What will we be doing?

On this trip we will be staying in a hotel that is 1 block from the school. We will be working with teachers in computer rooms, Phys. Ed classes, art classes, etc...

We will also be visiting some homes to see how the local people live.

Lydia Spinelli of FPC is the President of the African Dream Academy Foundation and has been to ADA Seven times by herself and with youth. If you have any questions please feel free to email her at [ispinelli@brickchurch.org](mailto:ispinelli@brickchurch.org)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR UPCOMING CBA EVENTS.....**

**October 1** Music at the CALDWELL STREET FAIR

**October 20** Fundraiser for African Dream Academy

**December 17** FPC and CBA Christmas Pageant

**August 5-9, 2024** CBA Musical Theater Camp



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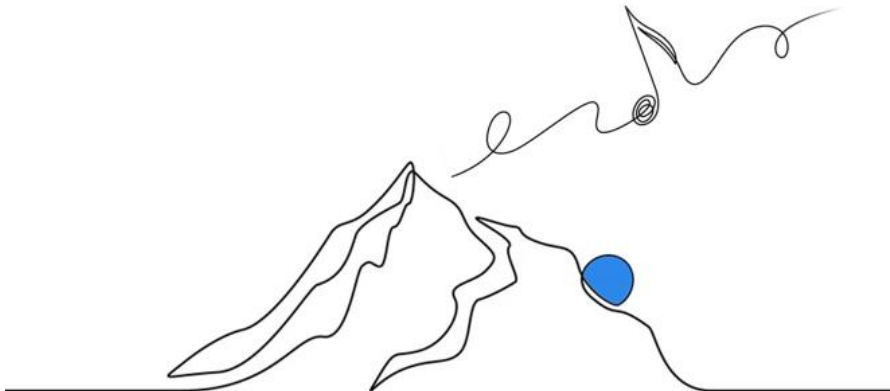
*A Night of Worship & Music*

Join us for an outdoor service of  
contemporary worship music and fellowship!

Where: FPC Westville Courtyard Lawn at 326 Bloomfield Ave

When: October 7th at 5:00pm

(Bring a chair or use one of ours!)



## **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.

## **SIGN UP TO ACOLYTE THIS YEAR**

It's a very special responsibility to bring the light of Christ into the sanctuary for our services of worship. Children in grades 3-5 are encouraged to participate in this wonderful ministry of light. To sign up to be an acolyte, use the following link: <https://bit.ly/3EdAQYq>

## **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.

## **SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR**

Coffee Hour is an opportunity for church members and friends to gather in fellowship while enjoying coffee and refreshments. Coffee Hour begins again in Room 120 on September 17th in between the two worship services. 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>

## **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.

## **PNC UPDATE**

Hey First Pres friends! Your PNC wants you to know that if you know of a pastor who is looking for a new call, you can point them to us with these easy steps:

1. Have them send their PIF/PDP or resume via email to CaldwellPNC@firstprescaldwell.org and let Tom Ashe or Deb Califf know to be on the lookout;
- OR
2. Share their resume directly with a member of the PNC who will then present the candidate's credentials at our next meeting;

Please note that the PNC operates confidentially. Therefore, we are not able to share status updates on any referred applicants.

## **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.



## **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](mailto:lauren@firstprescaldwell.org).

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## **OUR STAFF**

**Rev. Bill Schram**, *Interim Pastor/Head of Staff*  
**Valerie Shondel**, *Director of Music*

**Kaitlyn Heun**, *Interim Director of Youth Ministries*

**Amanda Lecuona**, *Youth Education Coordinator*

**Scott Westenberger**, *Worship Leader*

**Lauren Restaino**, *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, SEPTEMBER 17th***

*9:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary*

*10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120*

*11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service, Chapel*

### ***MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th***

*3:00 PM Yoga, Room 120*

*6:30 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall*

*7:00 PM Additional Choir & Handbell, Rehearsal*

### ***TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th***

*9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor*

*6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall*

*7:00 PM Session Meeting, Room 120*

### ***WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th***

*6:00 PM Sandwich Night, Fellowship Hall*

*7:00 PM PNC Meeting, Parlor*

### ***THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st***

*6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall*

*6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room*

*7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room*

### ***SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th***

*9:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary*

*10:30 AM Mission & Ministry Fair, Fellowship Hall*

*11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service, Chapel*