



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, September 24, 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 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](#)

TODAY!!! VISIT THE MISSION FAIR

Join us in Fellowship Hall following the service to participate in our Mission & Ministry Fair.

Many ways to get involved, meet new people and give back to our community.

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.



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

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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: Teenagers to adult performers looking to join the Contemporary Service Musicians! Come **JOIN** us!

For more information contact:
Valerie Shondel, Director of Music
valerie@firstprescaldwell.org



**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!

The Caldwell Food Pantry is in need of donations.

Please consider donating the following items to help your neighbors in need. Items include canned tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, rice, beans, canned veggies, kids snacks, coffee. Place your donation in the red shopping carts in either entrance of the sanctuary.

Shining God's 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 lspinelli@brickchurch.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**

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS
URGENT NEED FOR MEAL PREPARERS THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS
THIS MONTH THERE IS A SECOND SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN FOR
SEPTEMBER ON 9/30/23

The Soup Kitchen Committee is looking for help supplying food for Our Lady of the Valley's Soup Kitchen on Thursdays and Saturdays this month! 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 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. Saturday soup kitchen sign ups can be found at 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.

OUR CHRISTIAN CALL TO GRATITUDE, GENEROSITY AND STEWARDSHIP

We invite you to read this passage from scripture and to reflect upon God's call to each of us to be grateful and generous stewards.

Genesis 1:1-5 (The Creation Story) Start at the very beginning!

This verse reminds us that God created everything, so all that we have is ultimately from God. It is also a reminder that God brings light into our world, and as children of the light, we are called to live lives of gratitude and generosity, giving back to the work of God out of the abundance that God has shared with us from the very beginning.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE FROM THE CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE

The Church Life Committee is looking forward to hosting church-wide fellowship events and we need your input! Please fill out the following form to help us understand the interests of our church community: <https://forms.gle/47NZYRGgYyZMJCr5>



OCTOBER MUSIC AT FPC

October 1: World Communion Sunday
Can You Drink This Cup (Craig Courtney)
Ave Verum (W.A. Mozart)



presents.....

Broadway's Sarah Solie in Concert

From Caldwell to Africa.....

A Wish for Our Children

*An Evening in Support of First Presbyterian at
Caldwell's Mission Trip to Liberia, March 28-April 9,
2024*



Friday October 20, 2023

7:30PM at First Presbyterian at Caldwell

326 Bloomfield Avenue. Caldwell, New Jersey

Your ticket for admission includes a Prosecco Reception.

\$25 student admission

\$50 adult admission (\$60. At the door)

\$100 Hope Ticket

\$250 Inspire Ticket

\$500 Dream Ticket

Please note: Your ticket price less \$25. Is Tax Deductible.

Tickets may be purchased **online at caldwellbroadwayarts.org** or sending a check to:

First Presbyterian at Caldwell

326 Bloomfield Avenue

Caldwell, New Jersey 07006

Please make your checks payable to First Presbyterian at Caldwell and include you phone number on your check.

Those purchasing a Hope, Inspire or Dream Ticket will be acknowledged in the Program.

Additional Donations are gladly accepted and Tax-Deductible.

For more information contact: Valerie Shondel, Director of Music valerie@firstprescaldwell.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



The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell

presents

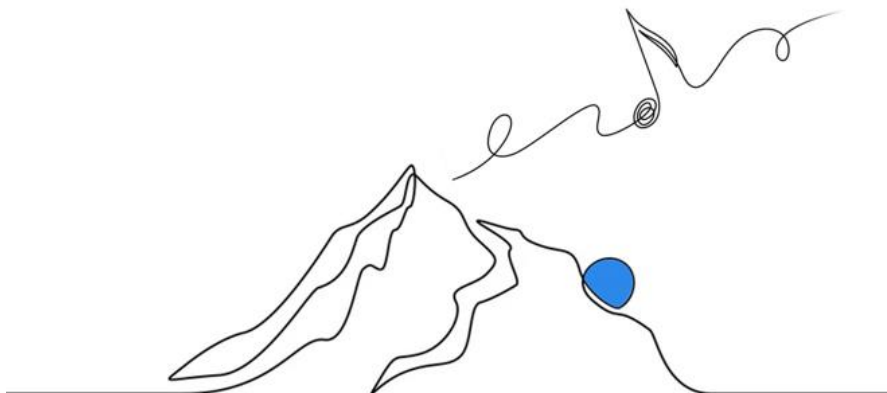
A Night of Worship & Music

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 Mondays at 7:00pm in Room 120. 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. **NO YOGA 9/25**

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. 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*

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 Hicoek, *Superintendent*

Prospect Hill Cemetery - 973-228-4410

prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org

Dr. Robert R. McGruther, *Pastor Emeritus*

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL

326 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006

Office Hours: M-Th 8AM - 4PM, F 8AM - 3PM

Office Phone: 973-228-0310

e-mail address: fpc@firstprescaldwell.org

website: www.firstprescaldwell.org

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

6:30 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM ADA Mission Trip Info Meeting, Room 120

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Parlor

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

4:00 PM Thursday Soup Kitchen Drop Off, staff lot

7:00 PM PNC Meeting, Parlor

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room

7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

Coat & Sweater Drive Collection Begins

8:30 AM Saturday Soup Kitchen Drop Off, Church Lot

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

9:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service, Chapel

12:00 PM Street Fair, Bloomfield Avenue