



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, September 3, 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).*

**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](http://livestream.com). The livestream link is available at <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/summer-worship-schedule>*

### **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Please note our summer Worship Schedule continues one more week. **Next Sunday, September 10th, we will have one combined service at 10 am in the Sanctuary celebrating Sunday School Kickoff**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF/CHURCH PICNIC**

All children in kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join us as we kick off the Sunday School year on September 10th during the 10:00am service in the Sanctuary. Children will sit with their families in worship and will be dismissed to their classroom after the Children's Message. We have a lot of fun activities planned for that day and look forward to families and church members joining us on the church lawn following worship for games, hot dogs and ice cream!

### **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!

### **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)

## **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! Our first Thursday soup kitchen is just 3 short weeks away. 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.

## **SANDWICH NIGHT**

We hope that you all had a safe, healthy and terrific summer break! It's now time to get back to work which means it's time for another fast and fun Sandwich Night! Our first Sandwich Night 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 hosts will be Essex County Vo Tech. We will be welcoming several of their youth and advisors to help us get started for our 2023/2024 season. Come and help our committee to kick off the season the right way!

## **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>

## **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

## **WHAT ARE YOU IN SEARCH OF?**

Are you looking to know exactly how God wants us to serve? God's will doesn't have to be a mystery. Stay tuned for more information that may give you the answers that you're looking for.



## **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](mailto: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.

## **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!

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The women's bible study will begin again on **Monday, September 11th at 7:00pm** in the church parlor. It will also be available to those who want to join on zoom. We will pick our study that night and then begin to meet on a regular basis every other Monday. It is open to anyone who wishes to deepen their faith through study. If you are interested in joining, please contact Barb Bruchac at [bebru8190@gmail.com](mailto:bebru8190@gmail.com).

## **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](mailto: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.

## **SIGN UP FOR LEMONADE ON THE LAWN/COFFEE HOUR**

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 during the summer. Coffee Hour begins again in Room 120 on September 17th. 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>

## 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*  
**Scott Westenberger**, *Worship Leader*  
**Lauren Restaino**, *Communications Coordinator*  
**Christine Brunner**, *Office Manager*  
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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, SEPTEMBER 3rd**

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Lemonade on the Lawn, Church Lawn  
11:30 AM Church Life, Parlor

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th**

**MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED**  
6:30 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th**

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor  
5:00 PM Building & Grounds, Parlor  
6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th**

7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th**

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th**

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary  
10:00 AM Sunday School Kickoff, Youth Room  
11:00 AM Church Picnic/Kickoff Celebration, Lawn

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