



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, October 22, 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](#)

INQUIRER'S GATHERING

Do you want to find out more about the Presbyterian Church? Are you interested in moving from attender to member? Are there questions you have about what we believe, or how we operate? Join us on **Sunday, Oct. 22 from 2:00-4:00pm** at the church. All are welcome – attender or member – who have questions. And don't worry, if this doesn't fit your schedule, there will be other opportunities as we seek to find times for all who are interested.

THE SAINTS OF OUR LIVES

In the New Testament, "saint" is used to identify all members of Christian churches. Paul often addressed his letters to "All the saints at _____"

In this sense we are all saints. However, we all have people of faith who have had special impact on our lives because of their example and way of living. We want to honor those who have been such saints to you. They can be living or deceased, family friends or even strangers whose example has inspired you.

Those at the 9:30am service can use note cards in the pew racks to record saints in your life. You can place these in the offering plates at the rear of the sanctuary or at the door on the piano side of the sanctuary. Those at the contemporary service can fill out a card at the welcome table and leave it in the offering plate there. You can also leave word at the office, 973-228-0310 or office@firstprescaldwell.org. Online submissions are available here: <https://forms.gle/tUPPqBjD3iazW1ET8>. The collected names will be listed and honored during communion on Nov. 5, which is the Sunday following All Saints Day.

This is in addition to our church's tradition of specifically honoring members and close friends of the church who were lost during the past year. Those names will be read separately and accompanied by the ringing of a bell as has been done before.

FACING RACISM TASK FORCE'S DISCUSSION SERIES:

"Listening, Learning, and Moving Forward!"

The Presbyterian Church USA's website states: "Racism is the opposite of what God intends for humanity. It is the rejection of the other, which is entirely contrary to the Word of God incarnate in Jesus Christ." With that in mind, please join First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell's Facing Racism Task Force this fall as we, guided by the ministry of Jesus Christ, continue to try to unpack the topic of racism. Listening, Learning, and Moving Forward! is a three part discussion series via Zoom. In each meeting, we will discuss three short videos that we ask you to watch before the meeting. The information and perspectives presented in the videos will give us many different possibilities for discussion. Several potential discussion questions will be provided for each session but do not hesitate to add your own. Feel free to attend even if you have never previously attended one of FRTF's discussion series, and, if you can only attend one or two of the events in this series, that is fine too. We love new voices and perspectives and just want you to join the discussion. The remaining dates for this 3-part **Monday evening series are Nov. 13, and Dec. 11.** Each meeting will meet via Zoom from 7:30-8:45 pm. We know you are busy and we will try to keep to schedule! The videos for our first meeting are listed below.

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And
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Forward!"**

FOOD PANTRY BINGO & POTLUCK

Join us on Saturday, November 4th, 2023 for our Food Pantry Bingo Night & Potluck in Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm, first call is at 7:00pm. Entry fee is food for the pantry, and you get 2 bingo boards. Bring an appetizer, salad or sweet treat to share. All donations go to the Caldwell Food Pantry.



SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

October's sign up form is ready! Pick your Thursday or Saturday to prepare a meal for Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen. Our congregation, friends and family have been so dedicated in their service of OLV SK and we on this committee are grateful for all the participation. Pans are on the Christian Ed Desk. Thursday soup kitchen sign ups can be found at www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news or directly at <https://bit.ly/3QUg11R>. Saturday soup kitchen sign ups can be found at www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news or directly at <https://bit.ly/47NPxyL>. If you wish to volunteer at OLV, please reach out to Joyce McGrath 201-738-6531 or Laura Schalles 973-476-8616. LETS KEEP THE MOMENTUM UP!

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

December 17 FPC and CBA Christmas Pageant

December 22 Live Nativity & Caroling

August 5-9, 2024 CBA Musical Theater Camp



CALLING SINGERS, ACTORS, DANCERS, AND STAGE HANDS TO JOIN US FOR... THE CHRISTMAS MUSICAL, DIRECTED BY SARAH SOLIE

All children & youth are invited to join us for our Christmas musical on Sunday, December 17 at 9:30am. The musical is open to performers ages 4 through 17. Please visit www.firstprescaldwell.org for a rehearsal schedule. Sign up today by contacting Valerie Shondel at valerie@firstprescaldwell.org.

COAT DRIVE THANK YOU

First Pres has completed another successful clothing drive to benefit our friends at St. John's Soup Kitchen. We were able to send a wonderful assortment of winter coats, sweaters, pants, shoes and backpacks and small pieces of luggage. A huge thank you from St. John's and the Deacons to all who donated items this fall.

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.

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>

PNC: NEW PROCESS for referring applicants for our next installed Pastor

After navigating PC(USA)s launch of the new CLC call posting system, potential candidates should be directed to apply online via the following link: [Church Leadership Connection](#)

To navigate directly, go to <https://clc.pcusa.org/login>. On the left under Discerning Your Call, enter NJ to Select State and press Search. On the Opportunity Search Results screen, type "Caldwell" in the City field and press Update Search. Our listing will appear. Feel free to follow the link and View MDP for an understanding of qualifications.

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

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.

Matthew 6:26-33 (Jesus talks about the birds and the lilies and God's provision) Oftentimes a lack of generosity is based on fear or worry, that there will not be "enough". This verse reminds us that God provides generously to us, that we don't need to worry and instead we are called to "strive first for the kingdom of God." God provides, as Jesus promises in this verse, and then we are invited to share generously out of that provision.

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*

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Brittany Heun, *Sunday Receptionist*

Kathleen Carlson, *Director*

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22nd

9:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service, Chapel

2:00 PM Inquirers Class

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

6:30 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Yoga, Room 120

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Parlor

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25th

4:00 PM Thursday Soup Kitchen Drop Off, Staff Lot

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26th

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room

7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28th

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29th

9:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service, Chapel

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.