



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, October 8, 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](#)

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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 **now through Saturday, October 14th**. For your convenience, 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.

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.

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/47NZYRGgYyZMJCrS5>

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.

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/tUPPqBjD3iazWIET8>. 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! will be a three part discussion series via Zoom this fall. 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 dates for this 3-part **Monday evening series are Oct. 16, 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.



Please RSVP for the first meeting by the morning of Oct. 16th to facingracismfirstpres@gmail.com. You will be sent the meeting’s agenda and Zoom link. Finally, we want to thank the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church’s Courageous Conversations curriculum for their list of resources which inspired much of this series!

ADA DREAM CHRISTMAS

Dear First Pres Members,

The children at African Dream Academy in Monrovia, Liberia live without electricity and running water. Their parents often can't provide them with enough food let alone holiday gifts. Some of you have taken or will take a red bag at the back of the church or from the Christian Ed desk and like to shop with your children to fill it with goodies meant for that particular child. Please include a composition book, pens and pencils. Other Suggestions: a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, Band aids, pair of socks, hard candy, paper, markers, crayons, glue, tape, other art supplies, sunglasses, a ball, an age-appropriate paperback book, a flashlight, toys for younger children (little cars, little dolls, etc.), toiletries for older girls, headbands, barrettes, jewelry, lip gloss. Enclose a note or card if you like!

Some of you don't have time to shop, so we have compiled an Amazon gift registry if you find it easier to just shop online. <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2LNL5EXNFHOY2> The bulk items will be used to fill the empty bags.

Either way, you will give the 1800 children at ADA a Dream Christmas! If you would like to contribute to shipping costs, we welcome gifts of \$20 (or more.) You can send a check to African Dream Academy Foundation and drop it off at church or you can donate online: <https://www.africandreamacademy.org/donate>

On behalf of the children at ADA, we thank you for brightening their lives.

Gratefully,

Lydia Spinelli

President

African Dream Academy Foundation



OCTOBER MUSIC AT FPC

October 15:

If Ye Love Me (Thomas Tallis)

October 22:

Teach Me, Your Way, O Lord (Richard Cheri and Jalonda Robertson)

October 29: Chancel Handbell Choir

Blessed Assurance (Cynthia Dobrinski)

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/3OUg1IR>. 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!

SANDWICH NIGHT

October's Sandwich will be held, **Tuesday, October 17th at 6:00pm** hosted by our Pickle Ball Group from Church. If you are new to our church and would like to get involved, this is a great way to meet members. If you're just looking to reconnect with old friends and meet some new members, this is great for you as well!

We will attempt to break the record made by Caldwell's La Crosse Team, of 45 minutes to prepare 400 to 430 bagged luncheons to benefit St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. Everyone welcome, we especially love to see are youth join us. COME, ENJOY THIS FAST AND FUN FILLED NIGHT..... SEE YOU ON THE 17TH.

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.

Luke 10:25-29

(Love God and love neighbor, the greatest Commandment)

Jesus answers the question, "And who is my neighbor" with the story of the Good Samaritan. Some version of the "Greatest Commandment" or the "Double Love Command" is found in all the synoptic gospels and this version in Luke concludes with the story of the Good Samaritan and is particularly fitting for reflecting on stewardship. This is the basis for Christian life, to love God and love our neighbors. And we show our love to our neighbors by giving generously of our time, energy and resources, just as the Samaritan did.



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

CALDWELL BROADWAY ARTS PRESENTS:
BROADWAY'S SARAH SOLIE IN CONCERT

From Caldwell to Africa...A Wish for Our Children



An Evening in Support of First
Presbyterian Church at
Caldwell's Mission Trip to
Liberia

Featuring:

Garrett Taylor-piano

Paul Reyes-drums

Pete Parrella-guitar

Bruce Hartley - bass

Will Downey - violin

SPECIAL APPEARANCE by Evie Reyes

Friday, October 20, 2023

7:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church
at Caldwell

326 Bloomfield Avenue,
Caldwell, NJ

\$50 ticket in advance

\$60 at the door

\$25 students under 18

Ticket price includes Prosecco reception

FOR TICKETS:

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tickets

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

October 20 Broadway's Sarah Solie in Concert, fundraiser to support FPC's mission trip to African Dream Academy

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**

*Sunday, December 17 9:30 AM
First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell*

SCHEDULE FOR AGES 7-17

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19: 12-2:30PM Script reading and part assignments

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2: 10am-2pm Rehearsal

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9: 10am-2pm Rehearsal

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16: 10am-2pm Rehearsal

SUNDAY DECEMBER 17: Call time 8:30am. Service & Musical begins 9:30am.

PERFORMERS AGES 4-6 are welcome to participate and will have a modified rehearsal schedule TBD.

SIGN UP TODAY!!!! By contacting Valerie Shondel at
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 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.

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*

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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*

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<http://www.firstpresnurseryschool.com>

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8th

9:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service, Chapel
12:15 PM Church Life Committee, Parlor

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9th

Church Office Closed

6:30 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Yoga, Room 120
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Parlor

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor
6:00 PM Finance Committee, Zoom Meeting
6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Deacon's Meeting, Room 120 & Zoom

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11th

4:00 PM Thursday Soup Kitchen Drop Off, staff lot
7:00 PM PNC Meeting, Parlor

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12th

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room
7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th

9:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service, Chapel