



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, January 28, 2024

## ***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).*

### ***Regular Sunday Schedule***

**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 [livestream.com](http://livestream.com) which is available on our website or by following the link below.*

[Livestream Website](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org)

## **THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th**

There will be one service on Sunday, January 28th held at 10:00am in the sanctuary. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held directly following the worship service. There will be an opportunity to grab a coffee or tea in the main lobby prior to the start of the meeting.

## **Food Pantry Bingo & Potluck**

***Saturday, February 3rd, 2024***

***Fun for All Ages!***

***Fellowship Hall Doors  
Open at 6:30  
first call at 7pm***

***Entry fee is food for the pantry  
and you get 2 bingo boards  
&***

***Bring an appetizer, salad, or sweet treat share***

***All donations go to the Caldwell Food Pantry***

## **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.

## **BLOOD DRIVE HOSTED BY THE DEACONS**

The FPC Deacons are holding a blood drive on **Thursday, February 8th from 3:00-8:00pm**. The drive will be held in Room 120. There is always a need for blood to meet surgical and emergency needs. Please plan on sharing the Gift of Life.

People in good health and who weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate. Blood donors must be at least 16 years old. Please bring an ID, eat a meal before donation and drink plenty of water before and after donation. If you wish to participate, you can schedule your appointment with this link: [https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/57431](https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/57431)

## **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

For over thirty years the Souper Bowl of Caring has been inspiring people across the nation to tackle hunger in their own communities. This has been a rich tradition organized by the youth at First Pres for many years. We are excited to once again be collecting for the Souper Bowl of Caring this year.



The collection will run from now until Sunday, February 11th – Super Bowl Sunday! Food items, including cans of soup, and cash donations will gladly be accepted during Sunday School, and on Sunday mornings. There will also be a bin at the Christian Ed desk for non-perishable food items. Monetary gifts will also be collected through the Church Office and online. See below for all of the ways in which you can donate!

1. Direct food donations can be made via <https://yougivegoods.com/fpccaldwell2024>. Shop online using the link provided and all donations will be delivered to the Caldwell Food Pantry after the drive is over.
2. Monetary donations will be accepted through the church office. You may mail checks to the church office made out to The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, or drop off a monetary donation during church office hours. If writing a check, please indicate “Souper Bowl of Caring” in the memo. Credit card or bank draft donations can be made at [www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate) by clicking the Souperbowl of Caring button. First Pres Caldwell will send the final amount to the Caldwell Food Pantry
3. There will be a bin at the Christian Ed Desk to drop off canned goods on Sundays and during church office hours. We invite you to be a part of the tradition of using the energy of the Big Game to tackle hunger. Every dollar and food item donated goes to the Caldwell Food Pantry. Thank you for helping make a collective impact on hunger!

## **VALENTINE’S DAY PROJECT**

FPC would like to let our young adults who are serving in the military or in college know that we are thinking about them. If you have someone in mind that would enjoy a package, please complete the Google Form (<https://bit.ly/3O9NSvr>) to let us know the name and address of the recipient. If you would like to donate any items that will be included in the packages, please use the Sign-Up Genius (<https://bit.ly/48BYWJH>) to let us know what you will be donating. All donations need to be brought to church by **Sunday, February 4th**. Anyone interested in assembling packages, feel free to join us in room 120 on **Monday, February 6th at 6:00PM**.

## CBA MUSICAL THEATER INTENSIVE SUMMER CAMP AUGUST 5-9, 2024

The CBA Summer Musical Theater Intensive is a one-week musical theater experience for performers between the ages of 10 and 17. Sessions will be held each day from 9:30AM-4:30PM. The week will culminate with a Showcase on Friday, August 9 at 5PM. We are so pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for our summer camp.



The week focuses on intensive but fun instruction in dance, singing and acting. The program is customized to fit the abilities and strengths of those enrolled; a week which will inspire our young performers and build their skills in all aspects of musical theater.

The week includes:

- Instruction by top Broadway performers
- Students will attend a Meet and Greet to show their strongest skills for class placement
- The week will culminate in a showcase featuring songs, scenes, dance and musical numbers learned throughout the week.

Cost: \$650. Per week. EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT \$600. January 15-March 15!!!!

Space is limited and will be accepted on a first come basis. **Applications and more details are available on the CBA website: [caldwellbroadwayarts.org](http://caldwellbroadwayarts.org).**

For more information contact Valerie Shondel at [valerie@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:valerie@firstprescaldwell.org)

**P.S. Save the Date April 20, 2024 WICKED the Musical Workshop for students in grades 6-12.**



### JOYFUL NOISE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

COME SING WITH US!!!! Joyful Noise Children's Choir is for singers between the ages of 6 and 11. Directed by Julia Pennello. The choir rehearses on Sundays from 10:30-11:00am in the FPC Choir Room. All are welcome! To register, please contact Valerie at [Valerie@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:Valerie@firstprescaldwell.org).

### UPCOMING MUSIC AT FPC

January 28, 2024

Combined Service at 10AM

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" arr. Jack Schrader

February 4, 2024: Communion

"Bread in Mercy Broken" by Garry Cornell

FPC Chancel Choir and Will Downey, Violin

February 11, 2024

"Lead Me Lord" Samuel Wesley





*Presents*

# CENTER STAGE

The background of the poster is a dark stage with several spotlights in shades of purple, blue, and green, creating a dramatic atmosphere. The text is overlaid on this background.

**WICKED**  
*Workshop*  
OPEN TO GRADES 6-12

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**  
**10AM-NOON**

**REGISTRATION LIMITED**  
**TO FIRST 20 APPLICANTS**

LOCATION: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL  
326 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, CALDWELL

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION  
CALDWELLBROADWAYARTS.ORG  
VALERIE@FIRSTPRESCALDWELL.ORG

LEARN A NUMBER FROM THE SHOW FROM MEMBERS OF THE BROADWAY CAST!

SESSION CONCLUDES WITH A Q & A WITH CAST MEMBERS!

## **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE PROJECT**

A big thank you to everyone who participated in and donated towards the 2024 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Days of Service Project done cooperatively again this year with Congregation Agudath Israel of Caldwell! On Wednesday Jan. 17th, members of FPC and CAI were able to bring 6 car loads of donated food to the 7th Street Bistro, a soup kitchen run out of Memorial West United Presbyterian Church and serving Newark's West Ward. A bit of additional money was collected, which will enable one more smaller delivery of requested items to be purchased for and delivered to the 7th Street Bistro later in the year. We received the following message Wednesday evening from the 7th Street Bistro: "You guys are phenomenal in sharing God's love of his people. We are truly blessed to have your congregation as well as the synagogue as our teammates in the Bistro's outreach ministry. God Bless."

2024 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Days of Service Project



## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

The Sanctuary will be open for ashes on **Ash Wednesday, February 14th from 7:00-9:00am and 5:00-7:00PM**. All are welcome!

## **SOUP KITCHEN NEWS**

Our February menus are available for the soup kitchen that takes place every Thursday during the month and on Saturday, February 24. We ask that you look over the choices and sign up to help us out. Our numbers have increased dramatically. We went from the 70s to 100 clients. If you can help, we can continue to provide a great and healthy meal for our clients at Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen. Thank you all in advance for your ongoing support. As always, we cannot operate without you. February's menu will be out shortly. Keep a look out for them as well. Sign ups can be found at [www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news).

## **VOLLEYBALL & PICKLEBALL**

Join us for volleyball in Fellowship Hall on Mondays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm and Wednesdays from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. 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 takes place in Room 120 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>

## **NEIGHBOR BRIGADE**

If you are in need of some assistance during a temporary time of crisis in your life, Neighbor Brigade is here to help you. We provide meals, rides to doctor appointments, dog walking, food shopping, etc. If you need this type of assistance or would like to be a volunteer, please call (973) 321-7353 or contact one of our chapter leaders: Barbara Bruchac, Jennifer Payne or Sarah Solie.

## **WE ARE LOOKING FOR OFFICER CANDIDATES**

Your congregational Nominating Committee is looking for candidates for election as elders and deacons at our annual meeting in January. If you know someone you consider a good candidate for either role, pass their name along to the Nominating Committee chairperson, Nancy Hauser at [nehauser8@comcast.net](mailto:nehauser8@comcast.net). If you would like to be considered, then let Nancy know that. Each board, elders and deacons, meets monthly. Elders on session are also connected to a church committee, expected to attend those meetings and in some cases chair the committee. Deacons are assigned tasks to help organize or carry out tasks related to the Deacons service ministries.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Children and Youth Ministry Committee is excited for this Sunday School year! If you can spare a Sunday morning, or a few, we would greatly appreciate your assistance! Please take a look at the schedule below, and consider signing up to help us with Sunday School! <https://bit.ly/3FHQbBa>

We're in need of a Sunday School Teacher for our Pre-k Level Sunday School class. This commitment is once a month, and the curriculum is provided with lessons and activities. If interested, contact Amanda at [Amanda@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:Amanda@firstprescaldwell.org).

## **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>

## **THERE IS STILL TIME TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2024**

### **STEWARDSHIP 2024 - BOLDLY...RESPONSIBLY...FAITHFULLY**

Pledge cards were mailed to members and friends, and are also in the pews now. You may complete and submit a pledge card by presenting it during worship today or delivering it to the church office. You may also submit your pledge online on our church website, [www.firstprescaldwell.org](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org). Finally, you may contact the church office directly at 973-228-0310.

## **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).

## **ZUMBA ON TUESDAY NIGHTS**

Come to a Zumba class on Tuesday nights at 6:00pm in Room 120. Those who are interested in participating in the class can sign up for \$10 per class, or \$80 for 10 classes.

## **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](mailto:btannler@gmail.com) or 862-684-3673. **There will be no yoga on January 29th and February 19th.**

## **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, JANUARY 28th***

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Children's Joyful Noise Rehearsal

11:00 AM Annual Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

11:00 AM Coffee Hour, Main Lobby

### ***MONDAY, JANUARY 29th***

6:30 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

### ***TUESDAY, JANUARY 30th***

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

5:00 PM Basketball Practice, Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM Zumba, Room 120

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

### ***WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31st***

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

7:00 PM PNC Meeting, Parlor

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

### ***THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1st***

5:00 PM Basketball Practice, Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room

7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### ***SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd***

7:00 AM Adult Basketball, Fellowship Hall

8:30 AM Soccer Shots, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Bingo, Fellowship Hall

### ***SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th***

9:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

10:30 AM Joyful Noise Rehearsal, Choir Room

11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service, Chapel

12:00 PM Contemporary Support Team, Chapel

12:00 PM CYM Committee, Youth Room