



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, February 18, 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.

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 which is available on our website or by following the link below.

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

CANDIDATING SUNDAY AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FEB 25

Session has called a congregational meeting for Feb. 25 after worship. There will be one service at 10 am. At the service the candidate selected by the PNC will preach and take part in the service. After worship we will go into a congregational meeting to vote on the candidate and on the terms of call being offered. There will be time for questions before the vote. The candidate will be excused for the vote and ideally come back in to heavy applause following a positive vote. Information about the candidate will be sent out the week before Feb. 25.

SANDWICH NIGHT

Come one, come all to our next Sandwich Night on Wednesday, February 28th at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. This Sandwich Night will be hosted by The PNC Committee Family & Friends.

We welcome family, friends, and congregants to join in this fast pace ministry, as we prepare 400 to 450 bagged lunches to be sent to St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

Our February and March menus are available for the soup kitchen that takes place every Thursday and the last Thursday of the month. We ask that you look over the choices and sign up to help us out. 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. Sign ups can be found at www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-

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.



It's a Boy

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
BABY SPRINKLE SHOWER HONORING OUR
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS GROWING FAMILY

The Westenberger Family

We will gather during coffee hour on
Sunday, February 18th, to celebrate the
baby's March arrival

See their amazon gift registry if you wish to
bring them a gift

Go to Amazon.com and search baby registry

Name: Michele Westenberger

Location: Franklin, NJ

Due: March 2024

HAM/TURKEY DRIVE: SPONSORED BY NEIGHBOR BRIGADE

Neighbor Brigade is sponsoring a ham/turkey drive for people in need for Easter on Saturday, March 23rd from 9am-12pm. We will also be collecting non-perishable items which would include pasta, pasta sauce, rice, tuna, soup, peanut butter, and canned beans (NO GLASS, PLEASE).



We will begin collecting non-perishables on **Sunday, March 10th** and continue to collect these until the date of the drive. There will be carts to deposit any donations at the church entrances each Sunday. Fresh or frozen turkeys, hams, and other donations can be dropped off in the church driveway on **Saturday, March 23rd 9 am-12 pm**. Any questions contact Barb Bruchac at 973-454-5583. Thanks so much!

Neighbor Brigade Chapter Leaders: Barb Bruchac, Sarah Solie, and Jennifer Payne

Join Us for Vacation Bible School!

August 12th-18th 9:00am-3:00pm

Come aboard! Feel the warm sunshine and cool breeze as we set sail on a new adventure. An ocean cruise is a perfect place for relaxing, having fun, and making new memories with people we love!

Open to children 4 years old - 6th grade

Visit www.firstprescaldwell.org/VBS for more information!

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EXCITING NEW PROGRAMS NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATION!!!

The WICKED Workshop

Saturday April 20, 2024 10AM-12 noon
Open to performers in grades 6-12
Registration is limited and filling fast!

CBA Musical Theater Intensive Summer Camp

August 5-9, 2024 9:30AM-4:30PM Daily
Showcase Friday August 9 7PM

Open to performers 10-17 years Old
Track I: 10-12 year old Track II: 13-16 year olds
Learn from Broadway's Best....Singing, dancing and acting



All programs are held at First Presbyterian at Caldwell, 326 Bloomfield Ave, Caldwell, NJ.

To register and for more information: www.caldwellbroadwayarts.org

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.

UPCOMING MUSIC AT FPC

February 18, 2024: 1st Sunday of Lent
"Blessed Lamb, On Calvary's Mountain" by K. Lee Scott

February 29, 2024: 2nd Sunday of Lent
"What Wondrous Love is This" arr. John Schaffner



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.

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. Finally, you may contact the church office directly at 973-228-0310.

The background of the entire poster is a vibrant tropical scene. It features various types of green leaves, including palm fronds and monstera leaves. Interspersed among the foliage are several tropical flowers: a large yellow and orange hibiscus at the top, a pink and orange hibiscus on the right, a yellow ginger lily on the left, and a red hibiscus at the bottom left. A large, detailed pineapple is positioned at the bottom center, with a slice of orange resting on its top. The text is centered within a white rectangular area that has a subtle tropical pattern.

Tiki Night TrickyTray

**First Presbyterian Church
at Caldwell**

326 Bloomfield Avenue

**Supporting local, national and
international charities**

Saturday Night

June 8 6:00 p.m.

Food, Wine, Beer

3 levels of baskets

50/50 Raffle

Trickytray1stPres@gmail.com

**Save the
Date**

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.

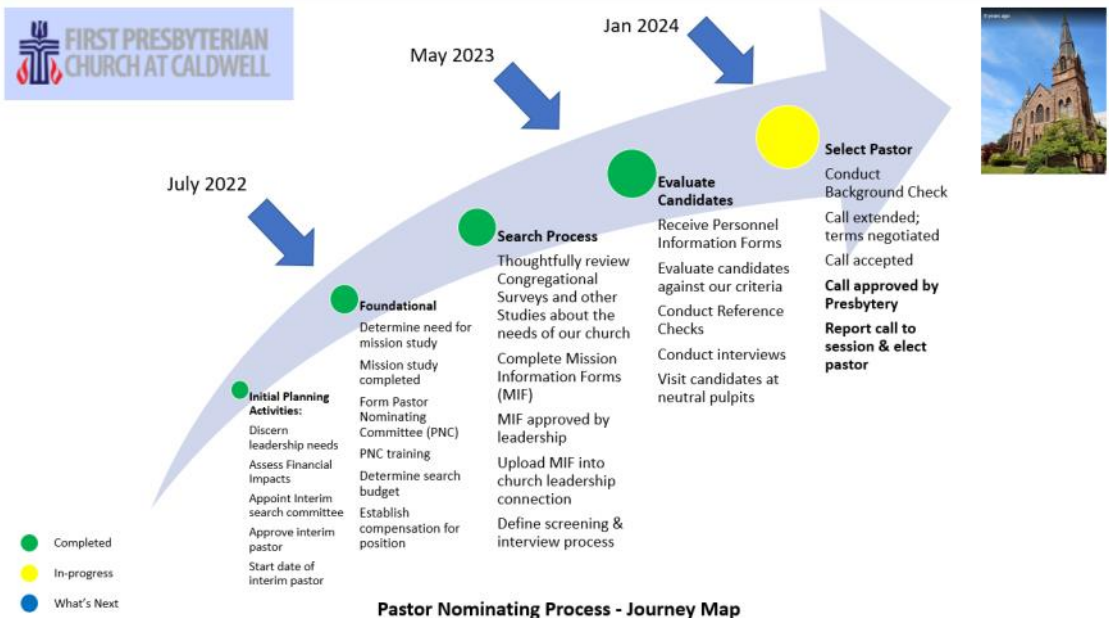
SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR

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>

PASTOR NOMINATING PROCESS — JOURNEY MAP

On Friday, a letter from the PNC was mailed out to all members to introduce our Pastor Nominee. It contains a brief biography, his identity and a url to his website. We are proud to finally share more about him.

Separately, in advance of the Special Congregational Meeting next week, the full report of the PNC will be available on Friday (via email & hardcopy in the office).



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.

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>

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 or 862-684-3673. **There will be no yoga on February 19th.**



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 Hicock, *Superintendent*

Prospect Hill Cemetery - 973-228-4410

prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org

Dr. Robert R. McGruther, *Pastor Emeritus*

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

***ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA
LIVESTREAM***

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

President's Day—Church Office Closed

6:30 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Choir & Handbell Rehearsal, Choir Room

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Parlor

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

6:00 PM Zumba, Room 120

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Session Meeting, Room 120

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

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

7:00 PM PNC Meeting, Parlor

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room

7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th

7:00 AM Adult Basketball, Fellowship Hall

8:30 AM Soccer Shots, Fellowship Hall

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Joyful Noise Rehearsal, Choir Room

11:00 AM Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

11:00 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120