



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, February 25, 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 ON FEB 25

Session has called a congregational meeting for February 25 after worship. There will be one service at 10 am. At the service the candidate, Rev. Christopher Houtz, 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 is available in print during the congregational meeting, and digitally via email.

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 Friends & Family. 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-kitchen-news.

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.

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). This collection will benefit the Caldwell Food Pantry.



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

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>

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>

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.

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 29, 2024: Lent II

"What Wondrous Love is This" arr. John Schaffner

March 3, 2024: LENT III/Communion

FPC Chancel Choir: Can you Drink This Cup? by Craig Courtney

FPC Handbell Choir and Will Downey, Violin: Lost in the Night by Cathy Mokelbust



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.

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 Hicoek, *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 25th

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Joyful Noise Rehearsal, Choir Room

10:45 AM Brief Coffee Hour Church Lobby

11:00 AM Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

6:30 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Yoga, Room 120

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor

6:00 PM Zumba, Room 120

6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th

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

6:00 PM Sandwich Night, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM PNC Meeting, Parlor

7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29th

6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room

7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

SATURDAY, March 2nd

7:00 AM Adult Basketball, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, March 3rd

9:30 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary

10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120

10:30 AM Joyful Noise Rehearsal, Choir Room

11:00 AM Contemporary Service, Chapel

12:15 PM CYM Committee, Youth Room