



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, February 4, 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](#)

VALENTINE'S DAY PROJECT ITEMS DUE TODAY

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 signed up to donate for this project, 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 5th at 6:00PM**.

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

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!

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.

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 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!

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.

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. 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.

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.**

For more information contact Valerie Shondel at 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.

UPCOMING MUSIC AT FPC

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

February 18, 2024: 1 st Sunday of Lent

"Blessed Lamb, On Calvary's Mountain" by K. Lee Scott





Presents

CENTER STAGE

A promotional graphic for a 'Wicked Workshop'. The background is dark with several spotlights in shades of purple, blue, and green shining down. The word 'WICKED' is written in large, bold, green capital letters. Below it, 'Workshop' is written in a cursive, pink font. Underneath that, 'OPEN TO GRADES 6-12' is written in small, pink, sans-serif capital letters. The date and time 'SATURDAY, APRIL 20 10AM-NOON' are written in bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. To the left, a diagonal banner reads 'LEARN A NUMBER FROM THE SHOW FROM MEMBERS OF THE BROADWAY CAST!'. To the right, another diagonal banner reads 'SESSION CONCLUDES WITH A Q & A WITH CAST MEMBERS!'. At the bottom, the text 'REGISTRATION LIMITED TO FIRST 20 APPLICANTS' is written in bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below that, the location 'LOCATION: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL 326 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, CALDWELL' is written in white, sans-serif capital letters. At the very bottom, contact information is provided: 'FOR MORE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION CALDWELLBROADWAYARTS.ORG VALERIE@FIRSTPRESCALDWELL.ORG' in white, sans-serif capital letters.



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

VOLLEYBALL & PICKLEBALL

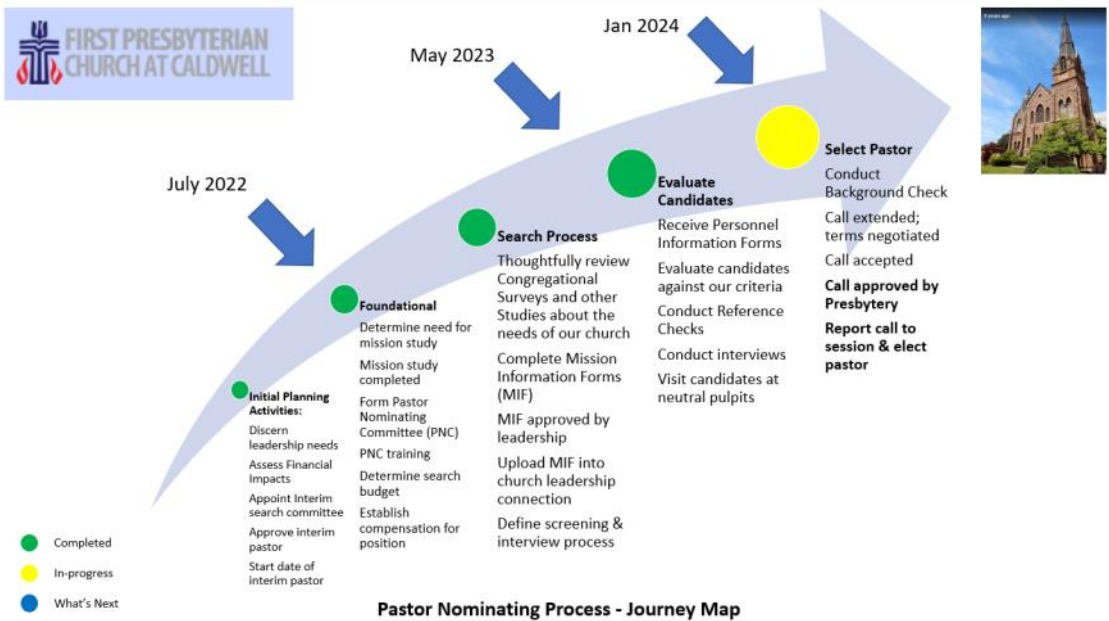
Join us for volleyball in Fellowship Hall on Mondays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm and Wednesdays from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Our Tuesday night session of Pickleball is currently full; however, new participants are welcome to join us on Thursday evenings. Beginners will play from 6:00pm to 6:30pm. From 6:30pm to 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

The Pastor Nominating Committee would like this congregation to understand what has been completed, where we are currently, and what still needs to be done. This graph shows the green circles of what has been accomplished. The yellow circle shows the current status. The bold lettering is what has to be completed before a new Pastor/ Head of Staff can be installed. Thank you for your continuing prayers and support.



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>

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.

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.

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.**

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.

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 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

6:00 PM Valentine's Day Project Packing, Room 120
6:30 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Choir & Handbell Rehearsal, Choir Room
7:00 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Parlor

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor
5:00 PM Basketball Practice, Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee, Parlor
6:00 PM Zumba, Room 120
6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th

4:00 PM Thursday Soup Kitchen Drop Off, Staff Lot
7:00 PM PNC Meeting, Parlor
7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8th

5:00 PM Basketball Practice, Fellowship Hall
3:00 PM Blood Drive, Room 120
6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room
7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

7:00 AM Adult Basketball, Fellowship Hall
8:30 AM Soccer Shots, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11th

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 Church Life Committee, Parlor