



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, March 10, 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)

### **HAM/TURKEY DRIVE:** **SPONSORED BY** **NEIGHBOR BRIGADE**

Neighbor Brigade is sponsoring a ham/turkey drive for people in need for Easter on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **Holy Week & Easter Services**

#### **Maundy Thursday Worship Service**

March 28 @7:00pm in the Sanctuary

#### **Good Friday Contemporary Worship Service**

March 29 @7:00pm in the Chapel

#### **Easter Sunday, March 31**

##### **Early Morning Worship Service**

@8:00am in the Old Burial Ground

##### **Easter Celebration Worship Service**

@10:00am in the Sanctuary

Easter egg hunt to follow! All families are welcome!

## **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 years old Track II: 13-17 years old

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](http://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](mailto:Valerie@firstprescaldwell.org).

## **UPCOMING MUSIC AT FPC**

March 10, 2024: LENT IV

God So Loved the World by John Stainer

MARCH 17, 2024 LENT V

FPC Chancel Choir: What Wondrous Love is This by John Shaffner

Genesis: Were you There? By Jay Rouse



## **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](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org). Finally, you may contact the church office directly at 973-228-0310.

## **SANDWICH NIGHT**

Come one, come all to our next Sandwich Night on Wednesday, March 13th at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. This Sandwich Night will be hosted by The Session. 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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:btannler@gmail.com) or 862-684-3673.

## **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).

## **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>

## **SOUP KITCHEN NEWS**

Our menus for the month of March 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](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news).



# **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](mailto:Trickytray1stPres@gmail.com)**

**Save the  
Date**

# Join Us for Vacation Bible School!

**August 12th-16th 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](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/VBS) for more information!



THE ANNUAL  
BOARD OF DEACONS

# GOLF OUTING



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22ND  
SAVE THE DATE**

## OFFERINGS

Place your offering in the plates 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**, *Sunday Sexton*

**Amanda Lecuona**, *Youth Education Coordinator*

**Scott Westenberger**, *Worship Leader*

**Lauren Noack**, *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**

*326 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006*

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*Office Phone: 973-228-0310*

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*website: [www.firstprescaldwell.org](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org)*

## **CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

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

### ***SUNDAY, MARCH 10th***

- 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
- 12:00 PM Children & Youth Committee, Youth Room
- 12:15 PM Church Life Meeting, Parlor

### ***MONDAY, MARCH 11th***

- 6:30 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Yoga, Room 120

### ***TUESDAY, MARCH 12th***

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 5:00 PM Finance Committee, Zoom Meeting
- 6:00 PM Zumba, Room 120
- 6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Deacons, Room 120

### ***WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th***

- 4:00 PM Thursday Soup Kitchen Drop Off, Staff Lot
- 5:30 PM Sandwich Night, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

### ***THURSDAY, MARCH 14th***

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

### ***SUNDAY, MARCH 17th***

- 10:00 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Retirement Luncheon Reception,, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM Joyful Noise Rehearsal, Choir Room