



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, May 26th, 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)

MEMORIAL DAY HOT DOGS ON THE LAWN

Join us on **Memorial Day** for free hot dogs on the lawn after the Caldwell/West Caldwell Memorial Day Parade.

AFRICAN DREAM ACADEMY TRIP RECAP

On June 2, at both the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services, Jonathan and Brenda Pryor, Sophia Pedrazzi and Lydia Spinelli will do a brief presentation on their recent mission trip to African Dream Academy.

SANDWICH NIGHT

On June 5, at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Gym), our Women's Bible Study Group will be hosting Sandwich Night. This will be the last Sandwich Night until September. We wish to thank all our hosts, friends and family for your support of this mission. We are preparing the schedule for the upcoming 2024/2025 season. If you would like to host a Sandwich Night, please reach out to Laura Schalles (973) 476-8616, or Joyce McGrath (201) 738-6531. We would be happy to reserve a date for your group, committee or organization.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

Our menus for this month plus the first Thursday in June. It's hard to believe that another season has passed. Where did the time go? We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge all the contributions that we've had from our congregation and our dear friends at Temple Agudath. Since partnering with Agudath, we have been able to serve our clients at Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen in Orange with a little more ease. This additional help from our new friends has been a game changer. Thank you, Agudath, for your kindness, help and friendship. Sign ups to prepare a meal or to serve in person can be found at www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news.

As of June 6th, Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen will close until September, after Labor Day, which then begins our 2024/2025 season. Look for our blurb for when we begin the new season.

EXTEND THE CARING

For more than a decade, each month kind volunteers have been mailing greeting cards with a personalized message to our homebound members. The purpose is to let those who are “stuck in place” know they are being remembered in the thoughts and prayers of their church family. Do you know a church member friend who cannot get out and about and should be added to our list? Please pass that name and mailing address on to the church office, or contact Jack and Lynne Stoddard at 973-896-8216.

New volunteers are always welcome. The responsibility is to send about 20 cards one time during the year. If you'd like to know more, call Jack and Lynne.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us for an awesome week of exploring the Bible through recreation and crafts, and meet some new friends along the way! Vacation Bible School (VBS) will take place at The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, both indoors and outdoors. It is open to all children 4 years old through 6th grade. 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! When we embark on a journey like this, we can trust our captain to lead us to our destination – and we can trust God the same way! On this 5 day voyage, kids will develop a deeper understanding of how to follow Jesus as they learn that God shows us how to love others, gives us gifts to serve others, prepares us to share good news, and loves spending time with us! The cost is \$50 per child. There is a \$100 max per family! For questions, contact Amanda Lecuona at amanda@firstprescaldwell.org. To sign up, visit www.firstprescaldwell.org/vbs.

SIGN UP FOR LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

Lemonade on the Lawn, during the summer months, is an opportunity for church members and friends to gather in fellowship while enjoying refreshments. 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>

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.

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.

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



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.

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.

Tiki Night Tricky Tray
at The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell
Supporting local, national and international charities



Saturday Night
June 8 6 p.m.
Food, Wine, Beer

**3 levels of baskets, 50/50 Raffle
and Silent Auction**

**Tickets
now on
Sale**

Visit www.firstprescaldwell.org for more information.

The poster features a tropical theme with palm leaves and hibiscus flowers. At the bottom, there is an image of a pineapple in a woven basket.

OFFERINGS

Place your offering in the plates 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. Christopher Houtz, *Pastor/Head of Staff*
Valerie Shondel, *Director of Music*
Scott Westenberger, *Worship Leader*
Christine Brunner, *Office Manager*
Chris White, *Building Manager/Head Sexton*
Amanda Lecuona, *Youth Education Coordinator*
Lauren Noack, *Communications Coordinator*
Celesta Silvera, *Administrative Assistant*
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Kaitlyn Heun, *Sunday Sexton*
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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, May 26th

9:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Joyful Noise, Choir Room
10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn, Church Lawn
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service, Chapel

MONDAY, MAY 27th

Memorial Day — Church Office Closed

9:30 AM CWC Memorial Day Parade & hot dogs on the church lawn to follow
6:30 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Yoga, Room 120

TUESDAY, MAY 28th

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, MAY 29th

4:00 PM Thursday Soup Kitchen Drop Off, Staff Lot
4:30 PM Stewardship & Finance Committee
7:00 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Inquirer's Class

THURSDAY, MAY 30th

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

SATURDAY, June 1st

7:00 AM Adult Basketball, Fellowship Hall
8:00 AM Dads with a Mission, Rockin' Joe Café

SUNDAY, June 2nd

9:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Joyful Noise, Choir Room
10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service, Chapel
12:15 PM Children & Youth Ministry, Youth Room