



The First Presbyterian  
Church at Caldwell

# FIRST PRESS

Sunday, May 5th, 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)

### **SANDWICH NIGHT**

We have two Sandwich Nights until we end our 2023/2024 season. **On May 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm in Fellowship Hall (Gym)**, Essex County Vo Tech will be hosting May's Sandwich Night. This is their 4<sup>th</sup> year coming and supporting this ministry which benefits St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. If you want a fun and fast-filled night, join us. **On June 5th, at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Gym)**, our Women's Bible Study Group will be hosting. 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.

### **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Pentecost Sunday is on Sunday, May 16th. All are encouraged to wear red to church on that Sunday.

### **THE 16TH ANNUAL BOARD OF DEACONS GOLF TOURNAMENT**

What could be better than a day of terrific golf, friendly competition, great food and beverages, and wonderful prizes? Join us for The 16th Annual Board of Deacons Youth & Outreach Mission Golf Tournament on **Wednesday, May 22nd at Farmstead Golf and Country Club in Lafayette, NJ**. All are welcome! The friendly 4 player/best ball team format guarantees everyone an enjoyable day regardless of skill level. Check-in begins at 11:30am. There is a grill lunch at noon and a shotgun start at 1:30pm. The afternoon on the course is followed by a buffet dinner and cash bar at 5:30pm. Come for the entire afternoon, or just for dinner. The day promises fellowship as well as the opportunity to network while directly supporting Youth & Outreach Mission projects at First Pres. Register online at [charitygolftoday.com/boardofdeacons](http://charitygolftoday.com/boardofdeacons). Opportunities for various level sponsorships are also available.

## **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing support efforts throughout the year to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We will receive the offering on **Sunday, May 12th**. Online offerings can be made at [www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate).

## **SOUP KITCHEN NEWS**

Our menus for the month of May are available, 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.

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. Now is the time to sign up for your favorite dish and we will end the 2023/2024 season with a bang. Sign ups to prepare a meal or to serve in person can be found at [www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/soup-kitchen-news). On another note, we have some sad news. Father Miguel, the pastor at Our last of the Valley will be leaving. He will be shepherding a parish in Chicago. We will miss him and with Father God speed. We know he will miss us, but he is up for a great new challenge in the Chicago area. Have a great summer. Wishing all to be safe, good health and God Bless!

## **PURCHASE TICKETS FOR TIKI NIGHT TRICKY TRAY**

FPC is hosting a Tiki Night Tricky Tray on **Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall**. Enjoy delicious food, wine and beer. Prizes include small, medium, grand and super baskets. There will also be silent auction items, including vacations. This tricky tray fundraiser supports local, state and international charities. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. Tickets include 1 grand prize ticket, 5 medium basket tickets, and 10 small basket tickets. Buy tickets online or in the church office prior to the event. Online tickets can be purchased at <https://bit.ly/3Ulvypf>. Online and office sales will close on Friday, June 7 at 3:00pm.

## **DONATIONS NEEDED FOR TIKI NIGHT TRICKY TRAY**

Donations are needed for our Tricky Tray, Tiki Night, to be held on June 8. We have put a box by the Christian Ed desk to collect items that can go into baskets and we really need lots of empty baskets. To make this event a success and fund our mission budget, we hope that each family will participate in some way either compiling a basket or going in with another family to compile one. Other gifts are welcome besides baskets such as Vacation homes, plane, theater, concert, or sports event tickets, new electronics (blender, mixer, ice cream maker, Oni pizza maker etc.), clothes with labels, handbags, jewelry. In addition, a bicycle, barbeque or large ice chest could also work as a stand-alone gift. Families are welcome to join together in a donation and will be recognized in the program. Ideas for baskets are available at [www.firstprescaldwell.org/tricky-tray](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/tricky-tray). A donation form to sign up for a basket is available online or at the back of the Sanctuary.

## **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).

## **MUSIC AT FIRST PRES CONCERTS**

SUNDAY MAY 5 at 2pm

JUSTIN MCBURNEY (our tenor section leader!)

Vocal Concert — Master's Recital

“A Poet's Love” featuring Dichterliebe Op. 48 by Robert Schumann

This concert is free of charge. There will be a free will offering

FRIDAY MAY 10 at 7pm

CAITLIN CAUFIELD

Vocal Concert — Master's Recital

For information: [valerie@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto: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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:amanda@firstprescaldwell.org). To sign up, visit [www.firstprescaldwell.org/vbs](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/vbs).

## **TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Are you a high school student looking for volunteer hours? Come volunteer your time with our youth! Please contact Amanda at [amanda@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:amanda@firstprescaldwell.org) or for more information regarding different volunteering opportunities. Letters of recommendation can also be provided for volunteer hours!

## **JOIN US FOR A JR. HIGH SCHOOL LATE IN**

All kids grades 5-8 are invited to join us **Friday May 17th from 7-10:30** for a Late Night In at First Pres! Come for some pizza, dessert, games, and movie! Please email Amanda at [amanda@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:amanda@firstprescaldwell.org) to RSVP!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you can spare a Sunday morning, or a few, the Children and Youth Ministry Committee 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>

## **SIGN UP FOR LEMONADE ON THE LAWN**

Coffee Hour (Lemonade on the Lawn during summer months) is an opportunity for church members and friends to gather in fellowship while enjoying refreshments. Lemonade on the Lawn begins on May 26, 2024. 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>

## **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.

## **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.



## **TWO EVENTS TO HEAR MORE ABOUT AFRICAN DREAM ACADEMY**

**On Sunday, May 19 at both the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services,** Rev. Samuel Enders will preach. As you know, Sam is the founder and CEO of African Dream Academy, Monrovia, Liberia, mission partner of FPC. There will be a luncheon afterwards at Noon. Sophia Pedrazi, James Caldwell High School Senior who participated in the recent mission trip, will attend the luncheon. (Jonathan and Brenda Pryor who also attended the trip are away for a wedding). Come hear Sam fill you in on the latest happenings at ADA and hear the reaction of an 18-year-old after visiting.

Please RSVP if you will attend the luncheon: <https://bit.ly/3UI13XP>

**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.

## 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. 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*

**Brittany Heun**, *Sunday Receptionist*

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**Kathleen Carlson**, *Director*

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**Dr. Robert R. McGruther**, *Pastor Emeritus*

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## **CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

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

### ***SUNDAY, MAY 5th***

- 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 AM Children & Youth Committee, Youth Room
- 1:00 PM Inquirer's Class, Parlor
- 2:00 PM Vocal Concert, Sanctuary

### ***MONDAY, MAY 6th***

- 6:30 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Vinyasa Yoga, Room 120
- 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Parlor

### ***TUESDAY, MAY 7th***

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 6:00 PM Zumba, Room 120
- 6:30 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

### ***WEDNESDAY, MAY 8th***

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

### ***THURSDAY, MAY 9th***

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

### ***FRIDAY, MAY 10th***

- 7:00 PM Vocal Recital, Sanctuary

### ***SATURDAY, MAY 11th***

- 7:00 AM Adult Basketball, Fellowship Hall

### ***SUNDAY, May 12th***

- 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 AM Church Life Committee, Parlor