



The First Presbyterian
Church at Caldwell

FIRST PRESS

Sunday, May 12th, 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)

SANDWICH NIGHT

We have two Sandwich Nights until we end our 2023/2024 season. **On May 15th at 5:45pm in Fellowship Hall (Gym)**, Essex County Vo Tech will be hosting May's Sandwich Night. This is their 4th 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. 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.

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. 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!

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.

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 to RSVP!

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.

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.

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>

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>



Dear Members and Friends of First Pres,

Our Tiki Night Tricky Tray is just one month away and we need your help to make this event a success. Please consider the options below:

Contribute any amount towards buying a grand prize:

<https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate/>

Help to fill a basket by donating 1 or 2 items:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4EA9AA283-49552298-items>

Help us at the event:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4EA9AA283-47903186-volunteers#/>

Most importantly:

BUY A TICKET!

Tickets can be purchased at: <https://bit.ly/3UIvyfp>

If you've not yet donated your basket but are still planning to – please reach out to one of the committee members below so we can enter it into our program and collect it from you. You can also drop your items in the bin at the Christian Ed desk for our basket wrappers. **We hope to have all donations received no later than May 24 so we have time to wrap and decorate.**

Please use this email to contact Susan Jones about donations or with any questions you might have: sjones127@yahoo.com.

Thanks to all who have already contributed! We're looking forward to a fun night where we raise funds for important charities to help others.

Gratefully,

Jack Dusinberre, Susan Jones, Liz Moore, Lydia Spinelli

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/3UII3XP>

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.

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.

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.



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*
Brittany Heun, *Sunday Receptionist*
Kaitlyn Heun, *Sunday Sexton*
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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY, May 12th

8:00 AM Inquirer's Class, Parlor
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

MONDAY, MAY 13th

6:30 PM Volleyball, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Vinyasa Yoga, Room 120
7:00 PM Choir & Handbell Rehearsal, Choir Room

TUESDAY, MAY 14th

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th

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

THURSDAY, MAY 16th

3:00 PM CBA Meet & Greet, Chapel/Room 120
6:00 PM Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room
7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, MAY 17th

7:00 PM Youth Late In

SATURDAY, MAY 18th

7:00 AM Adult Basketball, Fellowship Hall
8:00 AM Dads with a Mission, Rockin' Joe Café
10:00 AM CBA Meet & Greet, Chapel/Room 120

SUNDAY, May 19th

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