



# FIRST PRESS

**Sunday, November 1, 2020**

## **You're Invited to Participate in the Prayer Ministry at FPC**

Dear Members and Friends,

Hi!

The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell is excited to share with you the revival of the Prayer Ministry to provide:

- (a) prayers of petition for the interests and needs of others
- (b) an opportunity for all members / friends to participate in the life of the church through the Prayer Ministry.

Please find an overview of the ministry on the next page.

Please read the overview and let us know by responding to Barbara Heil via: Email: [prayerministry@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:prayerministry@firstprescaldwell.org) or Phone: 973-227-1343 by Wednesday, November 18th if you are interested in participating in the Prayer Ministry.

Preference:

1. communicating by email (Please provide your name and email address)
2. communicating by phone (Please provide your name, phone number, and USPS mailing address.)

If you have any questions and/or concerns about the Prayer Ministry, please contact Barbara Heil.

We look forward to hearing from you!

With Joy ...

The Deacons, The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell

## **Prayer Ministry Overview / First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell**

### **A. Spiritual Journey:**

To request God to lead and direct a Prayer Ministry at The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell.

### **B. Purpose:**

To provide intercession, a prayer of petition for the interests and needs of others.

To provide an opportunity for all members / friends to participate in the life of the church.

### **C. Guidelines:**

#### **1. Designate Two (2) Deacons as Co-Chairpersons A and B (Optional C / Sub)**

##### (a) Qualifications:

- Good organization skills
- Attentive to details
- Computer skills

##### (b) Responsibilities:

###### Co-Chairperson A

##### (1) Receive prayer requests from:

- Sunday Church Prayer Requests
- Sunday Church Bulletin Prayer Requests
- Prayer Ministry Emails ([prayerministry@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:prayerministry@firstprescaldwell.org))
- Phone Calls to the church office (973-228-0310)
- Notify Minister for intervention for suicidal, severely depressed, child abuse, or other abuse communications.

##### (2) Compile prayer requests for distribution Sunday / Monday

##### (3) Email prayer requests to Co-Chairperson B

##### (4) Email prayer requests to the “Email” Prayer Ministry Members

###### Co-Chairperson B

##### (1) Receive email requests from Co-Chairperson A

##### (2) Phone prayer requests to the “Phone” Prayer Ministry Members

(Phone each individual member in the “Phone” Prayer Ministry)

##### (3) Back-up: Mail (USPS) the prayer requests to the “Phone” Prayer Ministry Members

#### **2. Recruitment of Prayer Ministry Members:**

Send out a Prayer Ministry Invitation (mail / email / First Press) to all members / friends of The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell encouraging the participation of homebound members / friends.

Options: Email Prayer Ministry / Phone Prayer Ministry

**3. Chairpersons should provide training** (with the assistance of the Minister), recognition, and group bonding opportunities.

**Training:**

**Confidentiality:**

Co-Chairpersons / Members should be sensitive to private / confidential requests.

It is advantageous to limit details / avoid gossip.

State first name or initials.

State personal or health concern.

**Optional:** Include a prayer for family members of the person.

**Note:**

God knows what they need.

Lift up each person in need and pray for them.

Do not put limitations on God ... trust Him.

**Suggested prayers:**

“Jesus, please fulfill all the needs of this person (first name or initials) according to Your will. Thank you ... Amen.”

Reference: The Lord’s Prayer

“May (first name or initials) feel Your love and healing power (comfort / support / guidance / wisdom). Thank you ... Amen.”

**PLEASE NOTE:** Members and Friends of The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell who wish to submit the name of a person(s) to the Prayer Ministry **should request permission from the person(s) to do so prior to submitting his/her/their name to the Prayer Ministry.**

## TEMPORARY OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED

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Our part time office assistant Jennifer Garcia has resigned effective September 30, 2020. While the needs of this position are being evaluated, the Personnel Committee is looking for a temporary/part time office assistant. Hours are 9-1, Monday-Friday. Computer and Power Point skills a must! If you are interested or know someone who is, please submit a resume to: christine@firstprescaldwell.org, be sure to include "office assistant" in the subject line.

## SOUP KITCHEN/SANDWICH NIGHT NEWS

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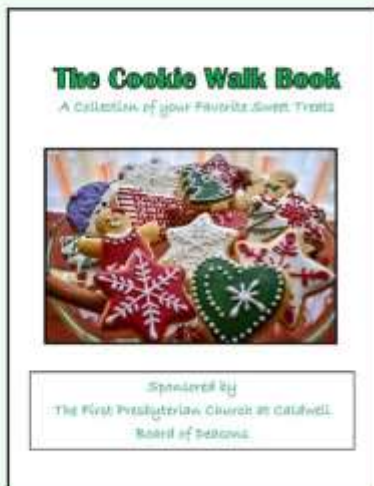
Our SK/SN Committee want to thank our friends and church family for making this month of Soup Kitchen very successful. Pans were gone and we are able to continue this wonderful ministry. THANK YOU ALL. As we are still in the middle of this horrific pandemic, following guidelines to be able to go forth with this mission, one thing we all need to remember, there are always families and people in need. GOOD WORK 1st PRES, lets keep moving safely forward. God Bless.

## ADA DREAM CHRISTMAS

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Thank you to FPC for the wonderful response to our red Christmas bag drive for the students of The African Dream Academy in Liberia. The congregation, together with our special Nursery School partners, filled 180 bags! We recognize that this year, you had to make that extra effort to participate, and for that we are grateful. We even had some special "angels" who stepped in at the end and made sure every bag was picked up and filled. Thank you for making this time of stressing into one for blessings!

## Calling All Bakers!



In a time when we cannot share at church, we would like all our bakers to help create

### The Cookie Walk Book

A compilation of our baker's favorite recipes for cookies and any other sweet treat that we normally do not see at our Cookie Walk (cakes, pies, and other desserts). The Cookie Walk Book will be available for sale sometime in November or December

Whether it is your own recipe passed down from generation to generation or from your favorite cookbook please submit your recipe in a Microsoft Word document to:

[1stpres.cookiewalk@gmail.com](mailto:1stpres.cookiewalk@gmail.com)

**LAST CHANCE**

## GENERAL ELECTION DEADLINES

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS  
RETURNED BY MAIL  
MUST BE POSTMARKED  
BY NOV. 3

VOTER REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE: OCT. 13

SAVE THE DATES

DON'T WAIT TO THE  
LAST MINUTE TO  
DECIDE ON YOUR  
VOTING PLAN!

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS  
RETURNED IN-PERSON OR  
IN DROP BOXES MUST BE  
RETURNED BY 8 PM ON  
NOV. 3

GENERAL ELECTION:  
NOV. 3



## NJ GENERAL ELECTION COVID-19 RESPONSE

Understanding Governor Murphy's Executive Order #177 regarding the November 3rd General Election. Visit [LWVNJ.org](http://LWVNJ.org) for updates!



### AUTOMATIC VOTE-BY-MAIL

All active registered voters will be automatically sent a vote-by-mail ballot without needing to apply. All ballots will have prepaid postage.



### ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

Online voter registration is now available at [voter.svs.nj.gov/register](http://voter.svs.nj.gov/register). The deadline to register to vote is October 13th. Make sure to check your voter registration status by visiting [nj.gov/state/elections](http://nj.gov/state/elections).

### POLLING LOCATIONS

Each municipality will be required to open at least one in-person polling site. All counties must ensure that at least 50% of their total polling places are open. **Any voter who chooses to cast their vote in-person will do so using a provisional ballot.** All individuals with disabilities will have access to an ADA-comforming voting machine.

### RETURNING VOTE- BY-MAIL BALLOTS

All ballots will be mailed by Monday, October 5th. Voters can return ballots by mail, using a secure drop box, in-person to their county Board of Elections office, or by handing it directly to a poll worker at their designated polling place on Election Day. Be sure to postmark or return your ballot in-person by November 3rd, but don't wait, vote early!



### DROP BOX LOCATIONS

Each county will have at least 10 secure ballot drop boxes in locations that are readily accessible to the registered voters within the county.



### NO SAMPLE BALLOTS

Voters will receive notification about their polling place location, secure ballot drop box locations, and information about how to obtain or view a sample ballot. This notification will be mailed by October 23rd.

## WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

*“Autumn leaves don’t fall, they fly. They take their time and wander on this, their only time to soar.”*

from Where the Crawdads Sing

To find out more about this caring, listening, confidential ministry call the confidential line at 973-228-0310 ext. 235, or speak to one of our pastors.

*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.*



## OUR STAFF

**Rev. Bil Schram**, Interim Pastor/Head of Staff

**Rev. Barbara Jo Piercy**, Minister of Music

**Noel Piercy**, Associate Director of Music

**Kaitlyn Heun**, Interim Director Youth Ministries

**Susan Jones**, Interim Director Children’s Ministry

**Scott Westenberger**, Worship Leader

**Lauren Restaino**, Youth Ministry &

Communications Coordinator

**Christine Brunner**, Office Manager

**Chris White**, Building Manager/Head Sexton

**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

One of the implications of suspending public worship is that our regular offering isn’t being collected. As it is essential to pay our staff and meet our current obligations, we ask if you are able, please mail your offering to the church or submit [your offering online by clicking here](#). Knowing that our income could be impacted, we invite those with extra resources to consider making a special gift.



## THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL

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

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### **SUNDAY, November 1st**

9:30 AM Worship Service, Facebook Livestream

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream

6:00 PM Youth Choir, Church Lawn

### **TUESDAY, November 3rd**

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Zoom Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, November 4th**

8:30 AM RRC Meeting, Zoom Meeting

### **THURSDAY, November 5th**

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Zoom Rehearsal

### **SUNDAY, November 8th**

9:30 AM Worship Service, Facebook Livestream

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream

6:00 PM Youth Choir, Church Lawn