



FIRST PRESS

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Happy 4th of July!



Dear Friends in Faith,

We won't be able to celebrate the 4th of July as we normally would this year, BBQ's, firework displays and family vacations have been cancelled, but we are very excited to "celebrate" the arrival of **Pastor Bill Schram** to First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell.

In case you have not read all about him, please check your email or call the church office at 973-228-0310 and Christine or Jen will be happy to mail you a copy of his letters.



As we have said before, "we feel very blessed that God led us to each other"! There is a lot of work to be done as we go forward, and we feel that Pastor Schram's extensive interim experience will only help to strengthen and guide us through this time of transition.

We realize that nothing matches the opportunity to be with people in person. We ask for your patience as Pastor Schram and the Communications Committee come up with ways for the congregation to meet him during this time of Covid-19.

Blessings & Peace,

The Personnel Committee

Nancy Hauser- chair, Teresa Akersten, Debbie Donker, Chris Flanagan, Steve Urban

GIVE ONLINE

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 at <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate/>. Knowing that our income could be impacted, we invite those with extra resources to consider making a special gift.

COVID-19 CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

By now, you should have received a COVID-19 Congregational survey in the mail or via email. If you have not yet received the survey, please contact the church office. The last day for completing the survey will be Monday, July 13th.

**HOW CAN WE
PRAY FOR YOU?**

Submit a prayer request at
www.firstprescaldwell.org/prayer-request

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY



“For to be free is not merely to cast off one’s chains, but to live In a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.”

Nelson Mandela

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.

HYMN SINGS TO BEGIN ON SUNDAY, JULY 12TH

Summer hymn sings have always been very popular at First Presbyterian. Each week members of the congregation eagerly call out the number of their favorite hymn. Well - this summer we shall once again seek your hymn favorites for Sunday morning worship beginning on Sunday, July 12. Submit your hymn request through the church website. Click on this link to see a full-listing of hymns in GLORY TO GOD: <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/GG2013?page=1>

Do you like to hold a hymnal when you sing during worship? Do you enjoy reading hymn texts for prayer and inspiration? Do you enjoy playing hymns on your piano or keyboard? Call the church office (973-228-0310) and we will make arrangements to bring a hymnal to you as a loan during this time of livestream worship.

DONATE TO THE CALDWELL FOOD PANTRY

The Caldwell Food Pantry (14 Park Avenue) is in need of food donations. The pantry is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30am - 4:30pm and food may be dropped off in the foyer. Additionally, we are collecting monetary donations to be sent to The Caldwell Food Pantry. You may submit your donation online at <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate/>. You may also mail your donation with Caldwell Food Pantry in the memo.

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*
Jennifer Garcia, *Administrative Assistant*
Brittany Heun, *Sunday Receptionist*
Kathleen Carlson, *Director*
Weekday Nursery School - 973-226-6674
<http://www.firstpresnurseryschool.com>
David Hicoek, *Superintendent*
Prospect Hill Cemetery - 973-228-4410
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Dr. Robert R. McGruther, *Pastor Emeritus*
Rev. Robert Pryor, *Parish Associate*

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, July 5th

Rev. Bill Schram's First Sunday

9:30 AM Worship Service, Facebook Livestream
10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting
11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream

TUESDAY, July 7th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Zoom Meeting

SUNDAY, July 12th

9:30 AM Worship Service, Facebook Livestream
10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting
11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream