

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH AT CALDWELL

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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

Sunday, June 16, 2024
9:30 AM
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day

GATHERING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

REFLECTION

"The gardener can put the seed in the ground but cannot really do anything about its growing."

Rev. Dr. Wendy Farley, Feasting on the Word

PRELUDE

Prelude on "St Anne"

Wilbur Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds on earth;
It grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs, and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.

Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming.

Thanks be to God!

*HYMN NO. 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed teaches us that a little faith can produce great work in your kingdom. Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness, for we walk by sight and not by faith. Forgive us, Lord. Renew us with the love of Christ so that we live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who became the seed of your righteousness in us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! Praise be to God for the mercy and grace that forgives our sins.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE AFTER ASSURANCE

“God is So Good”

Loonis McGlohan

*WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

CHILDREN’S PRAYER RESPONSE

“Amen”

Loonis McGlohan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Page 170, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Down by the Riverside”

Traditional arr. John Rutter

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

Page 36, NT

SERMON

“A Frustrated Gardener”

Rev. Chris Houtz

*HYMN NO. 817

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

DUNLAP’S CREEK

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A moment of silent reflection follows each petition.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Rejoicing”

RESPONSE TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bless, O God, the gifts that we bring this day, that they may be a sign of our commitment to your kingdom and a pledge of our love for you and your world. Multiply the work done by our time, treasures and talents, that your presence and compassion may be known in all the earth. Amen.

SENDING US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 774

“There Is Now a New Creation”

STUTT GART

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen”

Taize

POSTLUDE

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Michael Burkhardt

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

FPC Chancel Choir

Laurie Brunner, Bonnie Chiappetta, Abigail Clyne, Mackenzie Conaway, Joan Corbin, Trevor Heun
Rich Heun, Barbara Heuston, Justin McBurney, Julia Pennello, Barbara Romaine, Alan Smulen

FPC Handbell Choir

Barbara Bruchac, Bonnie Chiappetta, Alex Chiappetta, Christien Endres, Trevor Heun
Rosemary Holland, Edith LeChac, Justin McBurney, Donna McGinley, Jennifer Payne
Barbara Romaine, Tyler Romaine, Tyler Romaine, Barbara Spinweber

Joyful Noise Choir

Julia Pennello, Director

Davis DeRuyter, Joss DeRuyter, Connor Dombrowski, Adelaide Middleton, Addison Shondel



The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God...
...in memory of Henry Wefferling by,
Lewis Wefferling

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Chris Houtz, Pastor, Head of Staff
Valerie Shondel, Director of Music
FPC Chancel Choir

FPC Bell Choir

Joyful Noise, Jules Pennello Director

Taylor Goodson, Percussion

Ray Liptak, AV Engineer

Dennis Velez, Assistant AV Engineer

Matthew Califf & Michael Sperrazza, AV Team

✝ We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

✝ For more information about our church, please visit our website:

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