

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 2, 2024  
9:30 AM  
Second Sunday after Pentecost

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**GATHERING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD**

REFLECTION

*"The Sabbath is a day to celebrate the goodness of God by serving one another in joyful holy community."*

PRELUDE

*Variations on "Puer Nobis"*

Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

God searches us and knows us.

**God searches our paths and knows all our ways.**

We praise you, O Lord,

**For your works are wonderful.**

\*HYMN NO. 666

*"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God who knows our hearts, forgive us. Instead of acknowledging you as our God, we make our own idols. Instead of proclaiming Jesus Christ as our Lord, we proclaim ourselves. Instead of turning to the Holy Spirit, we attempt to attain your way in our own understanding. Redirect our wrong ways and lead us to the ways that make Jesus visible in our lives. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Christ we died to our old selves and became new creations. Therefore we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord, and the life of Jesus is in us.

**Thanks be to God!**

## \*RESPONSE AFTER ASSURANCE

HYMN NO. 583

*"Glory to God"*

TAIZE

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

## \*WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

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

**And also with you.**

Please pass the peace by welcoming one another today.

## HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHILDREN'S PRAYER RESPONSE

*"Amen"*

Loonis McGlohan

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*African Dream Academy*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Page 170, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Here I Am Lord"*

Mark Hayes

GOSPEL READING

Mark 2:23-3:6

Page 34, NT

SERMON

*"A Terrifying New Sabbath"*

Rev. Chris Houtz

\*HYMN NO. 157

*"I Danced in the Morning"*

LORD OF THE DANCE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end by saying, "Pour out your blessing, O Lord; **send us your Spirit of peace.**"

# THANKSGIVING

## INVITATION TO OFFERING AND OFFERING

## 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

**God of every harvest, we offer our lives and the fruit of our labors to you that we may  
proclaim the life of Jesus Christ, the true gift to all. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

**Happy are all who find refuge in God!**

## PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## SANCTUS

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

Haugen

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*“Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen”*

Haugen

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

## AMEN

*“Amen”*

Haugen

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Holy God, giver of wine and bread, send us from your table in confidence that we are your own children, born of your Spirit, fed at your table, filled with your grace, sent to speak your truth and offer your love to the world in Christ's name. Amen.**

**SENDING US INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN NO. 377

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

HOUSTON

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*"Amen"*

The Iona Community

POSTLUDE

*"Rondeau"*

Henry Purcell

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*\* Please rise in body or in spirit*

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

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