

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 30, 2024
9:30 AM
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

REFLECTION

"More troubling of these stories is not the question of whether or not such miracles did or still may occur, but the question of how we hold onto faith when they do not occur."

Beverly Zink-Sawyer, "Feasting on the Word"

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Land of Rest"

Wilbur Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We wait for the Lord,

Our soul waits, and In God's word we hope.

Our souls wait for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

More than those who watch for the morning.

In faith, let us turn to our God,

God's love is sure.

*HYMN NO. 610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Trusting you does not always when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world. We do not believe that love conquers fear. We are not convinced that power comes through weakness. We cannot conceive how you could heal us. Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and renew our trust in you, for we would be disciples of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If the Lord kept count of all our sins, who could stand? But with God there is forgiveness; Christ gives us peace.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE AFTER ASSURANCE

HYMN NO. 582

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

GLORY TO GOD

1. Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
2. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end, Amen.
World without end, without end, Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*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 8:2-15

Page 172, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Alleluia"

Randall Thompson

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 5:21-43

Page 37, NT

SERMON

"It's Not Always a Happy Ending"

Rev. Chris Houtz

*HYMN NO. 796

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

LAND OF REST

SENIOR RECOGNITION & STAFFORD SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end by saying, “Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**”

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

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

Most holy God, who hears our prayers and answers them and gives us more than we can ask or imagine, accept these offerings and use them to your glory, that even now we might imitate your coming reign of justice, peace, and love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Cwm Rhondda”

Wilbur Held

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Chris Houtz, Pastor, Head of Staff

Valerie Shondel, Director of Music

FPC Chancel Choir Section Leaders:

Abigail Clyne, Soprano ~ Julia Pennello, Alto ~ Mackenzie Conaway, Alto

Justin McBurney, Tenor ~ Alan Smulen, Bass

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!

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