

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, July 14, 2024  
9:30 AM  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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GATHERING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

REFLECTION

*"We believe, teach, and confess that Jesus came to make possible for us more than mere survival, more than mere persistence, more even than mere success. Jesus came to help us to imagine that there is more to this life than we can perceive. Jesus came to offer us not just more life, but abundant life. Jesus came so that there could be a better ending to our stories and the story of the world than we can imagine or construct on our own."*

Rev. Dr. David Lose, "Working Preacher"

PRELUDE

"TRIO FROM COSI FAN TUTTE"

BY W.A. MOZART

Gentle be the breeze,  
Calm be the waves,  
And every element  
Smile in favour  
On their wish.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has accomplished all things through Christ,  
**so that we might live as God's own children.**  
Let us give thanks to God  
**and live for the praise of God's glory.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, God forgives us and strengthens us for love; therefore, be at 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 peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:7-14

Page 180, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"A Joyful Alleluia"*

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:14-29

Page 38, NT

SERMON

*"Some Things Never Change. Until they Do."*

Rev. Chris Houtz

\*HYMN NO. 698

*"Take, O Take Me as I Am"*

TAKE ME AS I AM

JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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

**Thank you for filling us with every spiritual grace that we might be a blessing for others. Consecrate the gifts we offer for the increase of your love. May they bring blessings to others and praises to your glorious name. Amen.**

## SENDING US INTO THE WORLD

#### \*HYMN NO. 747

*"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"*

ENVIADO

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*"The God of Abraham Praise"*

Hal H. Hopson

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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

Cantors:

Abigail Clyne, Jules Pennello, Alan Smulen

Members of the FPC Bell 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!

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