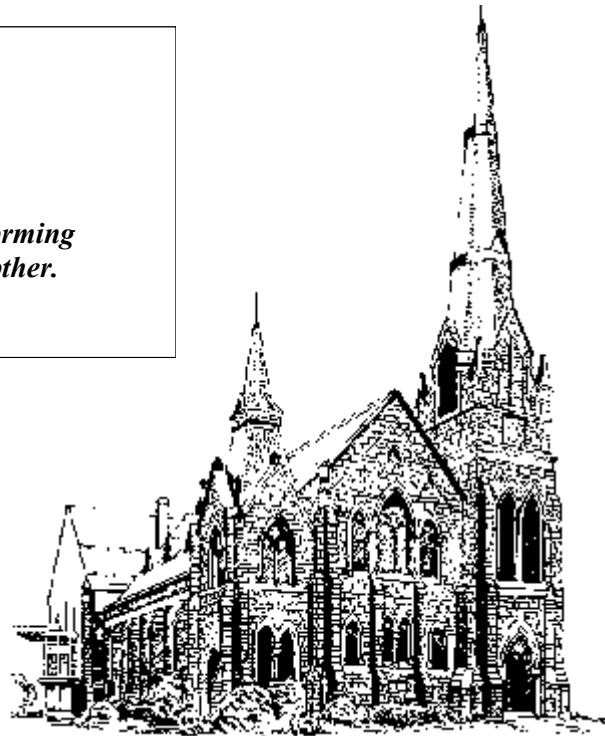


THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
AT CALDWELL

Our Purpose:

*To help all people build life-transforming
relationships with God and each other.*



*The members and friends of FPC welcome people from all backgrounds - -
people of faith from throughout the world, people who profess no faith,
Christians of all denominations and those who are searching
for religious and spiritual meaning.
Welcome!*

**August 30, 2015
Ten o'clock
14th Sunday after Pentecost**

GATHERING

REFLECTION (Isaiah 61:1-2)

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor..."

PRELUDE

"Children of the Heavenly Father"
Handbell Ensemble

Arr. Noel A. Piercy

CALL TO WORSHIP (*written by Brian Wren*)

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember, and move on,
Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.
For by the life and death of Jesus, love's mighty Spirit, now as then,
Can make for us a world of difference as faith and hope are born again.
Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past, and leave behind
Our disappointment, guilt and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.
Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN SING [*during the summer months, the congregation chooses the opening hymn(s)*]
Serving as Acolyte this morning is Matthew Califff.

CONFESSON

COPORATE CONFESSON

Holy God, we confess that we have not acknowledged you as the source of our successes, our substance, our selves. We have been far more ready to complain when things go wrong than to praise when all is well. We often feed our bodies a rich diet while neglecting to feed our souls. We have allowed religious words and forms to substitute for living encounters with the persons you have called us to love. Forgive us, compassionate Creator, and grant us the opportunity to start over again on this new day. Keep us from repeating the mistakes of the past or from beginning new evils that could mislead or destroy.

PERSONAL CONFESSON

In the name of Christ we pray.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

... Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 543 “*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*”

GREEN TYLER

God, be the love to search and keep me;

God, be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me:

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Please note: Children ages 2-5 may leave the sanctuary for Kid's Page to be held in room A-5. Children entering 1st through 4th grade will meet for Kid's Page Plus in the Youth Room.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of God through baptism Clara Jo Piercy-Boyle, daughter of Dennis Boyle and Joelle Piercy, granddaughter of Noel and Barbara Piercy and niece of Adriana Piercy, born on February 5th, 2015. Assisting in the baptism today is Elder Jack Stoddard.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*HYMN NO. 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

PARISH LIFE

Members, friends and visitors, please sign the Friendship Pad in each pew and pass it to the person next to you. The last person will pass the pad back to the first person, who will then please place the sheet in the offering plate. **Worshipers are invited to use the cards in the pew racks for prayer requests so we may share one another's joys and concerns. The ushers will collect the cards during the hymn following the sermon and they will be offered during the Prayers of the People.**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:16-21

Page 57, NT

SERMON

"Mirroring the Values of Jesus"

Dr. Sommers

*HYMN NO. 852

"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

I'LL FLY AWAY

PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"There Is A Savior"

Sandi Patti Helvering

Maura Cuddihy, Solo

*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING NO. 543 *"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"*

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet:

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 753

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 543 "*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*"

**Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please exchange greetings of welcome and peace with your neighbor.

****Please rise in body or in spirit***

†If you are new to the church...**Welcome!** We're glad to have you here. Please ask an usher to direct you to **Visitor packets** at the rear of the church. They can be found on the table near the usher's closet under the balcony stairs. After the 10:00am service today, we hope you will join us for Lemonade on the Lawn.

†The flowers this morning, are given to the glory of God in memory of...

...Charles M. Weigand by Hanna Weigand and family.

† The red rose this morning celebrates the birth of...

... Sophia Grace Russo, daughter of Steven and Jennifer (McNamara) Russo, on Saturday, August 22, 2015. Maternal grandparents are Sharon and Joe McNamara and paternal grandparents are Paul and Kathleen Russo.

†Your prayers of intercession are requested for those members and friends known to be *currently or recently* hospitalized or who continue to need our prayers and support:

...Harry Coppens, Bill Hayden, Edith Jipp, Nancy Lopus, Marilyn O'Connell, Barbara Piggery, Louise Ritscher, Laura Winter and Clarence and Helena Wispelwey. The church office will be happy to verify their home addresses for you should you wish to send them words of encouragement or get well wishes.



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