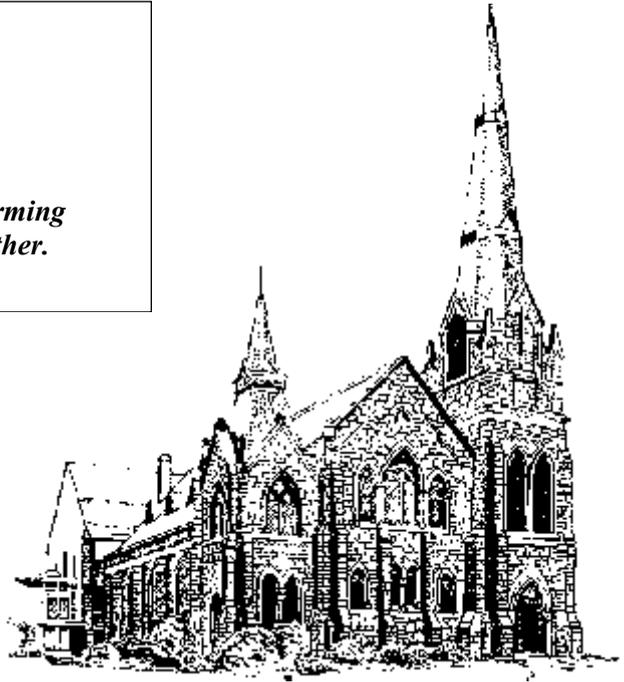


THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
AT CALDWELL

***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!***

**September 6, 2015
Ten o'clock
15th Sunday after Pentecost
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

GATHERING

REFLECTION (*Hebrews 13:20-21*)

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Medley "It Is Well with My Soul/He Leadeth Me"

Arr. Michael Hassell

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you sing us a love song every time we gather,

Every time the bread is broken,

Every time the cup is blessed.

O God, sing to us again.

Let our lives blossom in your love

Till the whole world knows your love song.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN SING [*during the summer months, the congregation chooses the opening hymn(s)*]
Serving as Acolyte today is Henry Jones.

PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN *“Blessing the Backpacks”*

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.

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.** *Please place the cards in the offering plate and the staff will include them with their prayers this week.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Arr. Mark Hayes

Kelsey Witzel, Solo

*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING NO. 607 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 13:1-8, 20-21

Page 213-214, NT

SERMON

“Building A Christian”

Dr. Sommers

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Most gracious God: we acknowledge that what we are about to receive at the Lord's table is a gift of your amazing grace. We can never be worthy to partake of this bread and this cup, symbols of our Lord's body and blood.

But we could be, indeed we should be, a caring, loving community around this table, and we are not. There are things that keep us apart: pride, mistrust, petty vested interests. By yielding to them, we allow our unity to be weakened, our witness to be impaired.

Have mercy on us, most merciful God, for we feel troubled and threatened in a troubling, threatening world. Help us to sort out the things we can change from the things we cannot change, and then grant us courage to change the former while living with the latter. Renew our commitment to the peace and unity of our church. After breaking bread today around this table, may we be more skillful in forbearing and loving one another.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

Through Christ our Lord we pray.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 306 *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

DENNIS

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 837

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

SHOWALTER

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 175 *"Seek Ye First"*

LAFFERTY

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

*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 our 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 10:00 service today, we hope you will join us for Lemonade on the lawn.

† Thank you to Wally Brixner for preparing the table for the Lord's Supper. Our Communion servers this week are: Paul Califf, Sally Cooperson, Donna Heun, Joyce McGrath, Laura and Mark Schalles, Bill Trafton and Sharon B. Witzel.

† The flowers this morning, are given to the glory of God in memory of...
...of my loving wife, Ruth R. Kaup on her Birthday, Sept. 10, by Ed Kaup.

† The red rose this morning celebrates the birth of...
... Henry James Shultz, son of Paul and Kelly Shultz, on Wednesday, August 19, 2015.
Paternal grandparents are Lisa and Roger Shultz.

† 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.

† It is easy to join our mailing list! Just text FPC to 42828 and follow the prompt to send your e-mail address by text message.



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