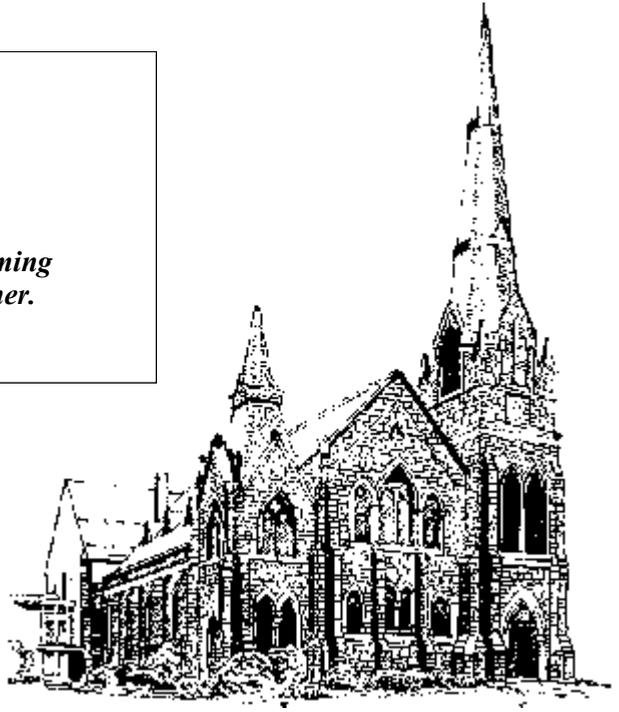


THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
AT CALDWELL

***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 27, 2015
Ten o'clock
18th Sunday after Pentecost**

GATHERING

REFLECTION

*Our hearts are restless, until they find their rest in Thee.
St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)*

PRELUDE

“Oceans” Where Feet May Fail

arr. Hillsong Music Publishing

CALL TO WORSHIP

As a refugee heading with hope to a new country,
As a runner leaning toward the finish line,
As a child climbing into a parent's lap,
As a painter savoring the sunset lines of the Creator,
As a gardener attending to new growth,
So we gather for worship,
Yearning to touch holiness,
Hoping to feel God's embrace.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 3

*“Womb of Life and Source of Being”
Lighting the candles today is Acolyte Matthew Califf.*

Raquel

CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Gracious God, you created us in your own image, set us in a garden filled with living creatures and instructed us to nurture and keep it. In the cool of the evening you came looking for us, but we hid ourselves from you. Throughout history, you have continued to come to us, and we have continued to turn ourselves from you. Help us to stop hiding from you. Let us stand before you now, acknowledging our temptations, seeking your sustaining presence and accepting your grace found in Jesus Christ.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

In whose name we pray.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 626

“As the Deer”

**As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.**

PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

ANTHEM

“If My People Will Pray”
Chancel Choir

arr. Keith Christopher

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Please note: Children through 7th grade may leave the sanctuary for Sunday School following the Time with the Children. Please exit through the doors on either side of the Choir loft.

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.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of God through baptism Benjamin Ryan McAbee, son of Ryan and Suzanne McAbee, born on May 28, 2015. Assisting in the baptism today is Sharon Baker Witzel.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 683 *"Lord of All Hopefulness"* Courtney

SCRIPTURE Luke 18:1-14 Page 76, NT

SERMON *"Going Home Justified"* Dr. Sommers

*HYMN NO. 726 *"Will You Come and Follow Me"* Kelvingrove

PRAYERS 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 *"A Family Prayer"* Michael McCabe
Amanda Lecuona, Solo

*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING NO. 710 *"We Lift Our Voices"* Offering

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,**

**we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering;
we are an offering.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING FORTH

*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 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 Coffee Hour in Room 120 located through the door to the left of the choir loft and left to the end of the hall.

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

...in memory of Clifford and Eleanor Felter by Barbara Liptak.

...in honor of our 20th Wedding Anniversary by Liz Moore & Mark Mulick.

†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, Jim Tucker, 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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