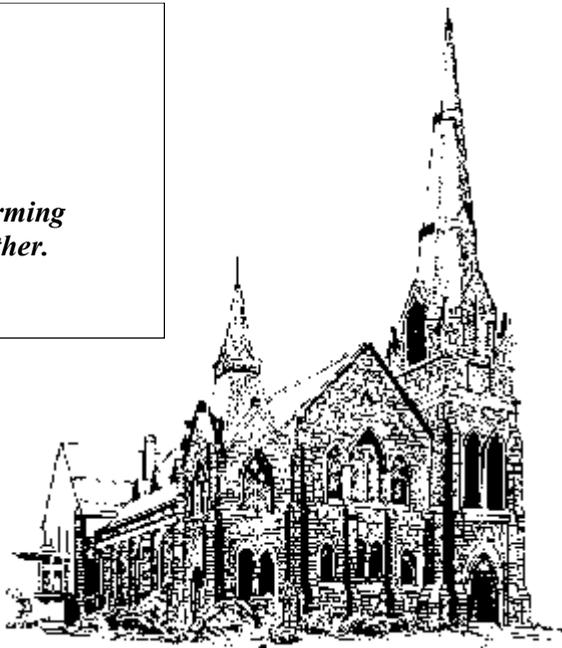


THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
AT CALDWELL

***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!***

**January 10, 2016
Ten o'clock
Baptism of the Lord**

GATHERING

REFLECTION

“A Christian is one who points at Christ and says, ‘I can’t prove a thing, but there’s something about his eyes and his voice. There’s something about the way he carries his head, his hands, the way he carries his cross -- the way he carries me.’”
Frederick Buechner

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision”

Arr. Janet Linket & Jane McFadden

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from baptismal font)*

The God who created us says,
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.”
“I have called you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you.”

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders.

A voice from heaven speaks,
**you are my child, my beloved;
with you I am well pleased.**

Baptized into Christ Jesus,
we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,
**and the promise of God
to call us by name.**

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 484

“Out of Deep, Unordered Water”
Lighting the candles today is Acolyte Illiana Acosta.

Rustington

CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Lord, you have blessed us with life, and we praise you for this blessing. What we have done with our lives has both delighted and perplexed you. We are far too often inclined to be stubborn and arrogant, believing that we are all powerful, that we have no need for you. But there is an emptiness in us - a place where we are raw and hurting, bleeding, and bruised. We have tried our own healing methods, and they have not worked. We feel as though we are an oar-less, sail-less boat drifting in water, unable to gain direction, unable to see the shore. We long for home and hope. From across these waters, you have called us, so we come to you in contrition, seeking your healing and forgiving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

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. 654 *“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”*

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

ANTHEM

“I Saw Three Ships”
Westminster Choir

Arr. Jerry Estes

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.*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:15-17, 21-23a

Page 56, NT

SERMON

“Beloved of God”

Dr. Sommers

*HYMN NO. 286

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Trentham

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

“God Bless Us Everyone”

Arr. Joseph M. Martin

*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

*HYMN NO. 767

“*Together We Serve*”

San Anselmo

*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...
...my mother, Violet Karsten, by Barbara Heuston.

† 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:*

...Alice Brackmann, Harry Coppens, Bill Hayden, Edith Jipp, Lorenzo Mercantonio, 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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