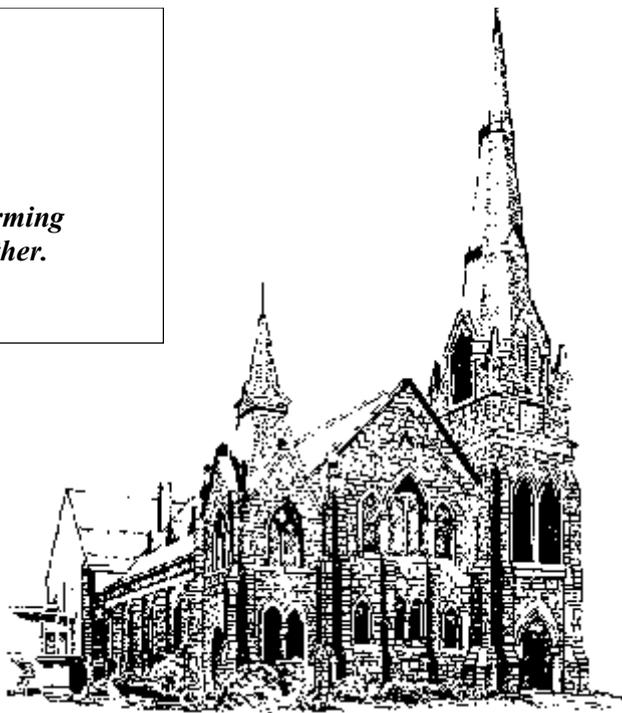


THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
AT CALDWELL

***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.***

**January 17, 2016
Ten o'clock
2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

GATHERING

REFLECTION

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

PRELUDE

"We Shall Overcome"

Arr. Chuck Marohnic

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world. Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform, that we may believe with our minds and trust in our hearts that you alone are Lord of all creation. Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray.

*HYMN NO. 12

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
Lighting the candles today is Acolyte Henry Jones.*

St. Denio

CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

God of justice, we confess that in the pursuit of our own dreams and desires, we have not always been civil, not always humane, not always right. Guided by your Spirit, what we would like to do is change the world – make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as you intended them to do. Help us to be your witnesses, by fighting for better conditions, by crying out unceasingly for an end to prejudice, bias, and greed which devalues the laborer, the foreigner, the poor, the destitute. Enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, even to love our enemy, as Jesus commands.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

In the name of our risen Savior we make this our prayer.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 834

“Precious Lord”

(“Precious Lord” was one of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s favorite spirituals)

PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

ANTHEM

“Canticle of Peace”
Chancel Choir

Joseph M. Martin

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. **Worshippers 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.*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain. But God raised this Jesus from the dead, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve God 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!”

*HYMN NO. 156

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

Salzburg

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

“Come Sunday”
Paul Salierno, Solo

Duke Ellington

*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING NO. 607 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessing 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

GOING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 354

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

Battle Hymn

*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.

† 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 Marcantonio, 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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