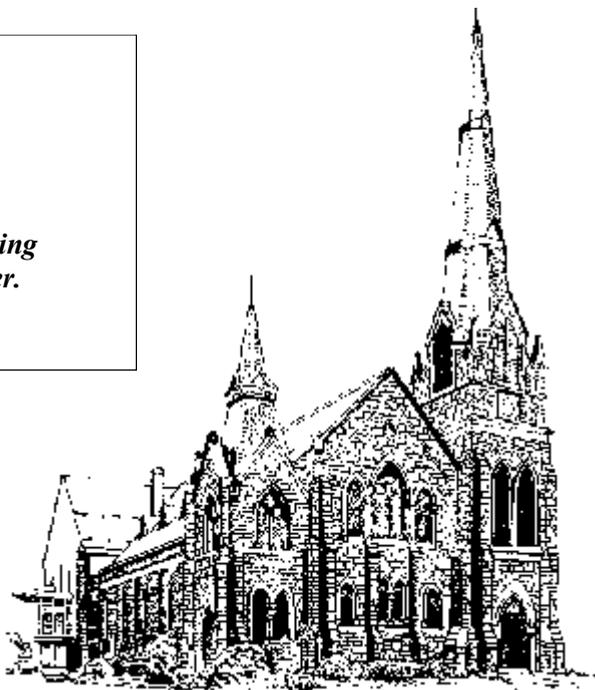


THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
AT CALDWELL

***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.***

**March 13, 2016
Ten o'clock
5th Sunday in Lent**

GATHERING

REFLECTION

*“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor
and glory and praise.”* *Revelation 5:12*

PRELUDE

Meditation on *“Wondrous Love”*

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come friends, and sit with him who cares for family and strangers alike.

We gather with the one whose lavish love has been poured out for all.

Let us bring to him our best, and pour out our lives as a gift to him.

**May our hearts be open to the beauty of Christ’s presence as we worship him in spirit and in
truth.**

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 32

*“I Sing The Mighty Power of God”
Lighting the candles today is Acolyte Matthew Califf.*

Ellacombe

CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

God, whose name is Grace: we confess that all too often we assume we have it made and there is no need to advance in our faith. Because the poor are always with us, we believe we can ignore them. We want Jesus to be with us, but not if it means a lot of struggle and pain.

Forgive us, God of Mercy, and repair our broken lives. You have rearranged the price tags on everything we value, so we might set down all that holds us back, to push ahead in following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept

PERSONAL CONFESSION

In the name of our tempted yet faithful Savior,
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 71 *“Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me”*

First Song

**Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.**

PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

ANTHEM

“Servants Of Peace”
Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott

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.*

SCRIPTURE

John 12:1-8

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SERMON

“To Praise The Master”

Rev. Don Brown

SOLO

“Crosses To Bear”

Dave Grieco

Words and Music by Dave Grieco

How many steps on water must he take?
How many jugs of wine did he need to make?
How many stories of heaven must he tell?
How many women must he meet at the well?
And I fell down in need of prayer
Lord, how many crosses can you bear?
How many prophecies did he need to fulfill?
How much blood did he have to spill?
How many storms did he need to calm?
How many holes would it take in his palms?
And there ain't a thing he can't repair
Lord, how many crosses can you bear?
How many men must he raise from the dead?
How many thorns must pierce his head?
You take a chance he'll meet you there
Lord, how many crosses can you bear?
And there ain't a thing he can't repair

*HYMN NO. 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Nettleton

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

“O Holy Jesus”

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING NO. 2036 Sing the Faith *“Give Thanks”*

**Refrain: Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy one,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say,
“I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”**

(Repeat refrain) Give thanks!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING FORTH

* HYMN NO. 679

“Let The Whole Creation Cry”

Salzburg

*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 red rose this morning celebrates the birth of...

...Anna Catherine Froehlich on Saturday, March 5, 2016 to Andrew and Christina Froehlich.

† 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, Barbara Piggery, Louise Ritscher, Barbara Robison, 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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