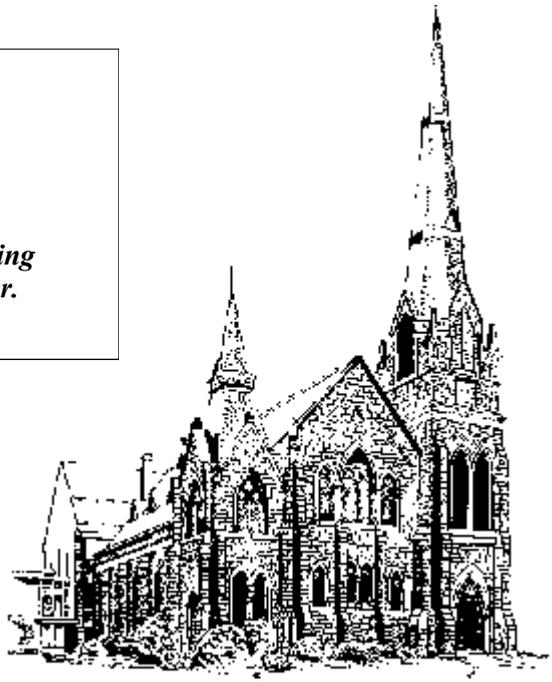


THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
AT CALDWELL

*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!*

June 26, 2016
Ten o'clock
6th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

REFLECTION

*God, whose law it is that he who learns must suffer. And even in our sleep pain that cannot forget,
falls drop by drop upon the heart, and in our own despite, against our will, comes wisdom to us by
the awful grace of God.*

- Aeschylus

PRELUDE

An original composition by John Franek

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here, our God speaks to us; God's voice sounding in our hearts:

calling us to generous acts, to share the gifts we have been given.

Now, our God speaks to us; God's voice sounds in our land:

calling us to generous acts, to open our hearts to all in need.

In every place, in every moment, our God speaks to us; God's voice sounds in all creation:

calling us to generous acts, to stand with God's people: the least, the lost, the little, the last.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN SING

Lighting the candles today is Acolyte Kaci Pace.

CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Holy One, we hear your words every day, but rarely live them out. Our anger roars like a flooded creek, but our forgiveness drips like a rusty faucet. Our impetuous tongues rush to judgment, while our words of hope sound like a sluggish soundtrack. We listen with impatient ears to the cries of the poor.

Father of Lights, may your mercy fall on us like a summer shower on parched grass; may your hope overflow our hearts; may your Beloved Child, Jesus Christ, speak to us and call us to life.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

In the name of the Triune God we pray

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”*

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 *“Ye People, Rend Your Hearts”* and *“If With All Of Your Hearts”* from ELIJAH

Michael Colavita, Solo

Felix Mendelssohn

THE PITTSBURGH PROJECT COMMISSIONING

Introduction: God calls us into the world to accept the cost and joy of discipleship. For the sake of God’s wholeness, that discipleship leads us to meet new people and enter new places where people have difficulty and where they make joy. We are part of a church that values action. It is not enough to talk about God’s good news or to act in ways that put ourselves at the center. A mission trip offers the opportunity to get personally involved, to reflect and put words to the experience, and to act again in order to make God’s love deep and wide in the world. A church that “talks the walk” and “walks the talk” will be dynamic as we address need and exclusion and shape a world where access and bounty are for all.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

Hear O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Commissioning of the Mission Team & Covenanting with the Congregation

One: You are going on a journey in which you will experience new people, new places, new justice issues.

Team: May we develop new habits of faithfulness.

Many: We promise to go with you in spirit and prayer.

One: You are embarking on a trip where you will be challenged into new thinking and, at times, reinforced that you already are on paths of right relationship with God and others.

Team: May we return energized for new forms of discipleship.

Many: We promise to listen to you and follow your lead in these commitments when you return.

One: You are going on a mission in which God sends you to be love in the midst of others.

Team: May we commit our whole lives to loving God with all our heart, soul and might.

Many: We pray to be part of this culture of engaged action that changes the world for God's good.

All: Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Please note: *Please note: Children ages 2-5 may leave the sanctuary for Kid's Page to be held in room 124. 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. **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

James 1

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SERMON

"Timely Words"

Rev. Don Brown

*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

“For My Soul Thirsteth for God” (Psalm 42)
Kelsey Witzel, Solo

Felix Mendelssohn

*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

*HYMN NO. 730

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

Grand Isle

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 Lemonade on the Lawn 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...

... Henry Wefferling by Lewis and Deborah Wefferling.

... Thomas Heuston 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, Don Hults, 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.