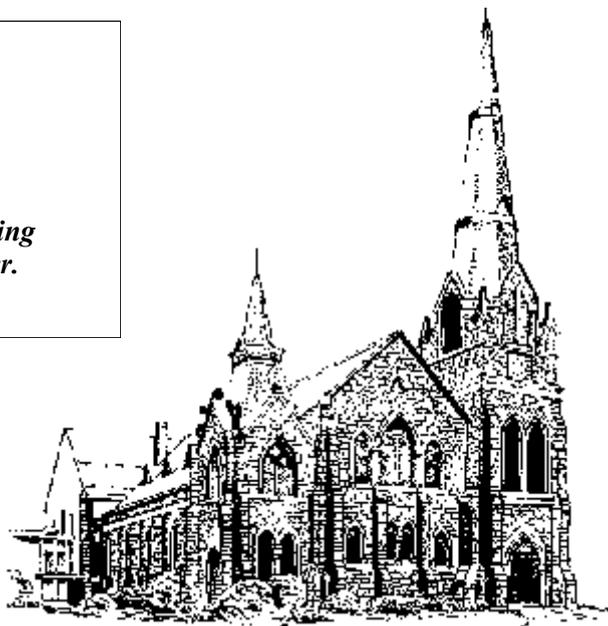


THE  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
AT CALDWELL

*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 25, 2016  
Ten o'clock  
19th Sunday after Pentecost  
The Pittsburgh Project Sunday

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**GATHERING**

NEW BEGINNINGS REFLECTION

*If there's a map to get where you're going, then you aren't heading to a brand new place.*

PRELUDE

*"Down to the River to Pray"*  
First Church Ringers  
Jessica Goodson, Flute

American Folk Hymn  
Arr. Laura Page

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let silent tongues find a new voice,  
**Let words arise from a deep place,**  
For our God is an awesome God,  
**Who sees the poor and forgotten,**  
Who notices the homeless and cares for the hungry,  
**Who aches at the harm done to one another and the earth.**  
Let us speak out for justice,  
**Keeping the flame of compassion burning.**

Let us sing out a hopeful song,

**Our deeds matching our chorus.**

Let our voices soar in praise,

**Singing in the midst of troubles, singing because we trust God's Spirit.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN NO. 760

*“Bring Many Names”*

Westchase

*Lighting the candles today is Acolyte Will Capizzi.*

#### CONFESSION

##### CORPORATE CONFESSION

**Giver of Peace, you spread out your radiance in every landscape. You unfold your love in all the twists and turns of our lives. Yet, we miss the signs of your Presence and see only the bends and wrinkles of living. How we yearn to dwell in your blanket of peace and how we long for justice and peace to flow in every corner of the world.**

**Forgive us for letting fear build walls of separation. Forgive us for hesitating to speak when our words could right a wrong. Forgive our halfhearted commitments and our full-blown excuses.**

**Set a reminder in our midst to call us to be peacemakers. Send your Spirit to wrap us in courage and dissolve our fears. Pour out your love so we may be filled with compassion and persistence. Let us live in the way Christ taught that all may enjoy the life of Shalom, your peace for all.**

##### PERSONAL CONFESSION

In Christ's name we pray.

**Amen.**

##### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...Friends, believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 750 *“Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil”*

### **PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING**

ANTHEM

*“You Are the Branches”*

Michael Jochen

Youth Choir and TPP Participants

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*We welcome into the family of God through baptism William Brian Hebrank, son of Brian and Jessica, born on June 13th, 2016. Assisting with the Baptism is Mike LaBrunda.*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*“The Apostles' Creed”*

Do you believe in God the Creator?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Redeemer?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 486 *“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”*

Kingdom

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.*

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

*“Dream Christmas”*

Lydia Spinelli

SCRIPTURE

Zechariah 8:4-5

Page 831, OT

SERMON

*“The Pittsburgh Project Report”*

Madison Borys, Gabriella Suda, Patrick Maguire, Rose Schuchard

\*HYMN NO. 767

*“Together We Serve”*

San Anselmo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

We pray to the God of Peace who in Jesus calls us to be makers of peace.

That we be open to recognize all people as made in the image and likeness of God, let us pray:

**God of Peace, hear us.**

That those who enjoy the riches of this world use their resources for the common good, let us pray:

**God of Peace, hear us.**

That the leaders of our nation – politicians, scientists, economists, teachers, artists and poets – use their gifts to shape us as a community steeped in respect for all people, let us pray:

**God of Peace, hear us.**

That those who suffer the constant violation of their human rights may be respected, recover their dignity and experience in their lives justice, peace and love, let us pray:

**God of Peace, hear us.**

That all nations and groups within nations will strive to ensure that nonviolence will become the basis of conflict resolution, let us pray:

**God of Peace, hear us.**

That all families, communities and social agencies will work together to make all children feel secure in the knowledge that they will grow up healthy, educated and free of abuse, let us pray:

**God of Peace, hear us.**

That the Church may be an instrument of reconciliation and peace within its own structures and communities and a sign of peace to all people, let us pray:

**God of Peace, hear us.**

(Prayers continue)

**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

*“Oceans”* (Where Feet May Fall)  
Youth Choirs and TPP Participants

Arr. Heather Sorenson

\*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING NO. 710 *“We Lift Our Voices”*

Offering

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**GOING FORTH**

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 175 *“Seek Ye First”*

Lafferty

\*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please exchange greetings of welcome and peace with your neighbor.*

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***\*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 Fellowship Hall 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 parents Kenneth E. and Louise M. Ritscher By Louise Ritscher.

† 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, The Dennison Family, Bill Hayden, Don Hults, Edith Jipp, Diana Linfante, The Marr Family, Barbara Piggery, Louise Ritscher, The Collin Williams Family, 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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