

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!***

**November 6, 2016  
Ten o'clock  
25th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday following All Saints' Day  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

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**GATHERING**

**NEW BEGINNINGS REFLECTION**

*The challenge of the saints of the twenty-first century is to begin again to comprehend the sacred in the ten thousand things of our world; to reverence what we have come to view as ordinary and devoid of spirit.*

Edward Hays

**PRELUDE**

*"For All the Saints"*  
Chancel Handbell Choir

Arr. Douglas Wagner

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

**And also with you!**

Let us pray together. Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

**We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--**

Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, disciples and evangelists, martyrs and saints.

**We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live, who followed, obeyed, adored you - our grateful hymn we sing.**

Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

**We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--**

Loved ones now resting in you, who guided us, nurtured and cared for us; ancestors who worked and traveled, lived and died that we might be who we are, where we are -- your precious children in this community of believers.

**We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted you their great reward - accept our thankful cry.**

Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

**We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--**

Family members and members of this congregation; fellow believers in every country, every denomination; friends who help, guide and uplift us-- children of your family, sheep of your fold, saints of your redeeming.

**We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For this, your name we bless, and humbly pray anew, that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

**and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,**

looking to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 326

*"For All the Saints"*

Sine Nomine

*Serving as Acolyte today is Daniel Barnes.*

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.** *Please place the cards in the offering plate and the staff will include them with their prayers this week.*

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Refugee Resettlement Brunch

**PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING**

ANTHEM

*"Hear Ye, Israel"* from ELIJAH

Felix Mendelssohn

Karin Fjellander, Soloist

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*We welcome into the family of God through baptism McKenzie Damilola Fawole, daughter of Moses Fawole and Nicole Orriola, born on June 20th, 2016. Assisting in the baptism is Nancy Hauser.*

### \*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 *“God Claims You”* (projected on screen)

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*Please note: Following Time With The Children, children preschool through 1st grade may leave the sanctuary for Young Children and Worship to be held in room A-5.*

### OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*“The Gift Of Life”*

Walter Pelz

Chancel Choir and Chancel Handbell Choir

### \*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

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 7:9-17

Page 235, NT

MEDITATION

Dr. Sommers

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

### REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

*The names of the members/friends of the congregation who have died within the past year will be read. A moment of silence will follow, during which a bell will ring for each person named.*

### \*HYMN NO. 529

*“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”*

Union Seminary

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.**

**GOING FORTH**

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “*The Kingdom of God*”

**The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Come Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.**

\*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***

† The Feast of All Saints falls each year on November 1st and serves to commemorate all Christian people of every time and place. The *saints* in the New Testament refers to Christians collectively, and it is this understanding of All Saints that has spread among Protestants. This morning we remember those sisters and brothers of our congregation who have died during the past twelve months. We affirm their ministry with us and rejoice in their triumph over death: Carolyn Ann Boney, Dolores Jones, Nge Hou Lew, Joanna Mead, Marilyn O’Connell, Nancy Saulter, Jim Tucker and Andy White.

† Thank you to Robert White and James Philips for preparing the table for the Lord’s Supper. Our Communion servers this week are: Paul Califf, Debbie Donker, Cordelza Haynes, Donna Heun, Bev Johnson, Nancy McCarthy, Liz Moore, Mark Mulick, Laura Schalles and Mark Schalles.

† The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God...  
... in honor of my children, Lianna and Erik, by Adele Roemer.  
... in memory of my father, Reinhold 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*:

... 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



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