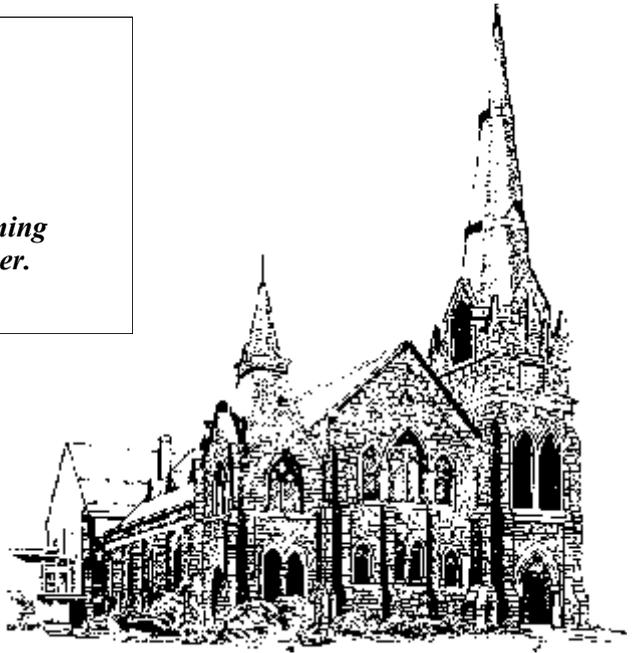


THE  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
AT CALDWELL

***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!***

**March 26, 2017  
Ten o'clock  
4th Sunday in Lent**

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**GATHERING**

**REFLECTION**

*Lenten Journey of Love — Fourth Week: The Heart of Love*

*Make a list of at least ten people for whom you will pray daily. Include your friends, your enemies, those you don't like; forgive them if they have wronged you, and ask forgiveness if you have wronged them.*

**PRELUDE**

*“The Old Rugged Cross”  
Vee Popat, Soprano Sax*

arr. John Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 78:1-4)

Brianna Cardella, Lay Reader

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable...proclaiming the things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

***We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and God's might, and the wonders that God has done.***

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN NO. 32

*"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*  
*Lighting the candles today is Acolyte Gary Suda*

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CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess to you our pain: the pain we have inflicted on others, the pain that keeps us awake at night, the pain of the stranger across the world whose lives we cannot touch, and the pain of systems unyielding and untouchable. We invite you into our pain. We invite you to heal us, and forgive us, to undo what is crushing and wrong, to bring peace and even joy. Hear now our silent confession, offered to you in hope.**

PERSONAL CONFESSION

Lord, strengthen our faithfulness.  
**Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 626

"As the Deer"

**PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING**

ANTHEM

*"Jesus Calls Us"*  
Chancel Choir  
Cynthia Welborn, Soloist  
Vee Popat, Soprano Sax

Joy F. Patterson

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. **Worshipers 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

*Golf Outing*

Emily Archibald  
and Laurie Fergusson

## SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-15, 18-21, 24-25

page 96, NT

## SERMON

*"Where Is the Sense in This?"*

Dr. Sommers

## \*HYMN NO. 326

*"For All the Saints" (stanzas 1, 4, 5, 6)*

Sine Nomine

## 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

*"In the Garden"*  
*Lauren Dwyer, Soloist*

arr. Mark Hayes

## COMMISSIONING OF JAIME STAEHLE AS CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presentation of the Educator  
Questions to the Educator  
Prayer of Dedication  
Recognition of Certification  
Charge to the Educator  
Charge to the Congregation

## GOING FORTH

## \*HYMN NO. 691

*"Lord, When I Came into This Life"*

Land of Rest

## \*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 543 *"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"* Green Tylor

**\*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 Room 120.

†The white rose on the communion table celebrates the life of First Presbyterian Church Member, Dr. Jan Huston-Pryor, and remembers the promise of the resurrection in her death on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 Our sympathy is extended to Jan's family and friends.

†The red rose this morning welcomes the arrival of Arlo Mitchell Mindell on March 18, 2017 to Kelly and Jeff Mindell. Maternal grandparents are John and Diana Lanza.

†The flowers this morning, are given to the glory of God...  
....in memory of her mother, Dorothy McConnell, by Dotti Leonard  
....in memory of Carl E. Thyren by his wife, Jean  
....in memory of Wilma V. Archibald, by Brian and Jeannine Archibald  
....in appreciation of the beauty of nature, by Neil and Mary Aharrah

†This morning we recognize and commission Jaime Staehle as a Certified Christian Educator for our denomination. We welcome to worship the Clerk of Newark Presbytery, Warren McNeill; and the members of Jaime's Reference Group: Rita Boyer (Prospect Presbyterian Church), Don Brown, Catherine Fleming, and Kris George.

† 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, Bill Hayden, Ann Hicock, Edith Jipp, Marge Lucas, Barbara Piggery, Louise Ritscher, Nancy Scarrillo, Emil Schnell, Marge Vanderberg, Laura Winter 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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