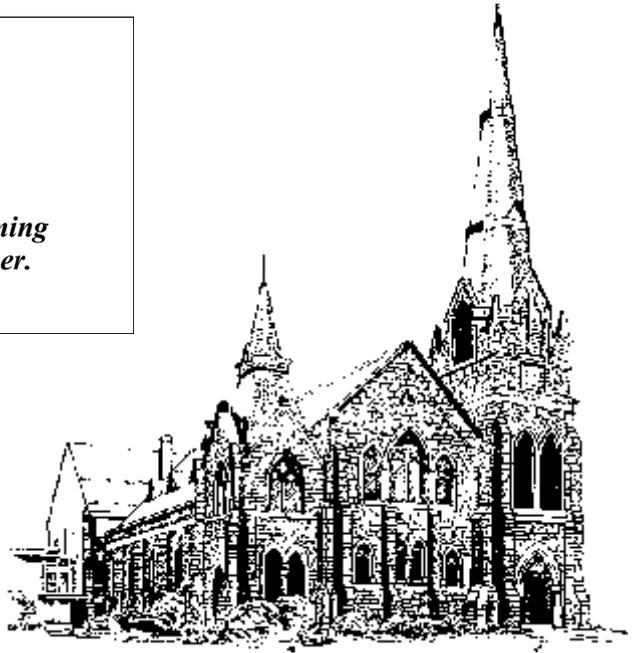


THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
AT CALDWELL

***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!***

**May 28, 2017
Ten o'clock
7th Sunday of Easter**

GATHERING

REFLECTION

As I listen, the great chorus of life and joy begins again, and amid the awful orchestra of seen and unseen powers and destinies of good and evil our trumpets sound once more a note of daring, hope, and will.

*Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.
on the occasion of Memorial Day, 1864*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this Memorial Day weekend, we come before God, not to glorify war,
but to honor and celebrate those who walked into the chaos and evil that is war, and lost their lives:

those who were civilians and those who were military;

those who were friends and those who were enemies;

None who have waded through evil, death and sorrow are untouched in body, mind or spirit;

Yet they are beloved of God.

Praise God for God's faithfulness.

Praise the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 331

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

National Hymn

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

Lighting the candles today is Acolyte Matthew Califf

CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their lives in service to their country, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your kingdom in the next.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

Through Christ our Lord, 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"*

PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

ANTHEM

"May It Be"

arr. Mark Brymer

Chancel Choir & Westminster Ensemble

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

*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.

†The flowers this morning, are given to the glory of God...
...in memory of Stewart and Edith Heuston by Barbara Heuston

†The red rose this morning celebrates the birth of...
...Ryan Michael Willenborg on May 24, 2017 to Steven and Lauren Willenborg

†FLOWER DONORS for the sanctuary are needed for the following dates: July 2 and 30, August 20, September 3 and 24, October 1 and 29 and November 5. If you would like to donate flowers in memory or in honor of someone, please fill out a form and return to the office.

† 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:*
...Neil Aharrah, Harry Coppens, Bill Hayden, Edith Jipp, Christopher Kerwin, Barbara Piggery, Louise Ritscher, Emil Schnell, 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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