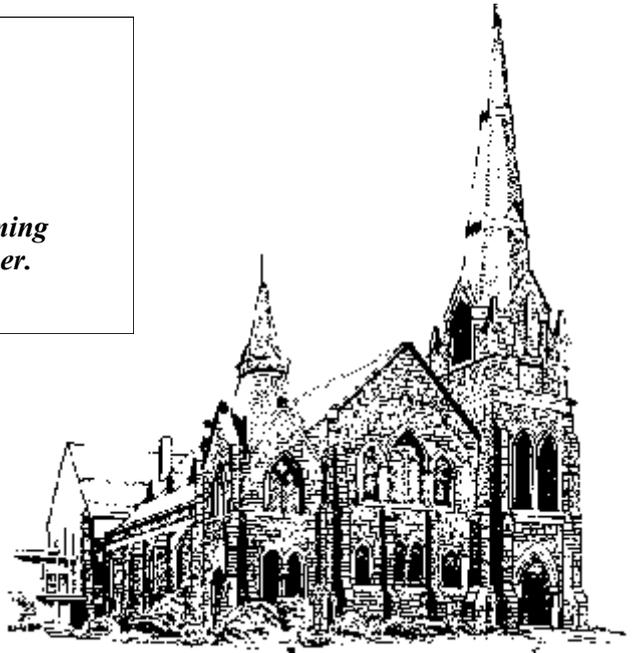


THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
AT CALDWELL

***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 25, 2017
Ten o'clock
3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

GATHERING

REFLECTION (Proverbs 4:25-27)

Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Keep straight the path of your feet, and all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

PRELUDE

“Brethren, We Have Met To Worship”

arr. Cindy Berry

CALL TO WORSHIP

How good it is for fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers, friends and neighbors, first-timers and life-timers, to gather for the worship of God.

We are young and old; we are traditional and we are contemporary; we are seekers and we are finders.

May God bless us in this time together, that we might know God's presence and might experience the peace that Christ gives.

We seek peace for people far away and we seek peace for people nearby.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 20

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"
Lighting the candles today is Acolyte Daniel Barnes

Royal Oak

CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Holy God, we know that you are as close as breath, and at the same time there is a great distance between you and us. That distance is sometimes tragedy, when we feel abandoned. That distance is sometimes a force of evil, when something conspires against us. That distance is sometimes our foolish choices, or our selfish acts, or the hurt we cause another. We seek your forgiveness and we seek reconciliation with you and each other. So assure us of your closeness, and your power, and your mercy, and your ability to change our lives for the good.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

In the name of Jesus Christ.

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"*

First Song

PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus"
Paul Salierno, Solo

arr. Mark Hayes

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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. **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.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*We welcome into the family of God through baptism Quinn Alma Paterson,
daughter of Jed and Adrienne, born on April 27, 2016.
Participating in the baptism today are Quinn's uncle, Rev. Trip Porch, and sponsors
Brittany Porch and Jon Paterson.*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (ecum)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.**

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*HYMN NO. 488

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

Waterlife

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 4:25-27
Matthew 7:13-14

page 554, OT
page 7, NT

SERMON

"Keep Your Eyes on the Road"

Dr. Sommers

*HYMN NO. 761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Beecher

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

"O Word of God Incarnate"

arr. Cindy Berry

*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.

****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.

Many thanks to Jessica Goodson for her musical leadership in worship this morning.

†The flowers this morning, are given to the glory of God...

...in memory of Henry Wefferling by Lewis and Deborah Wefferling

...in memory of my husband, Thomas Heuston by Barbara Heuston

†FLOWER DONORS for the sanctuary are needed for the following dates: July 30, August 20, September 3 and October 1 and 29. 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:*

...Harry Coppens, Bill Hayden, Edith Jipp, Brian Johnson, 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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