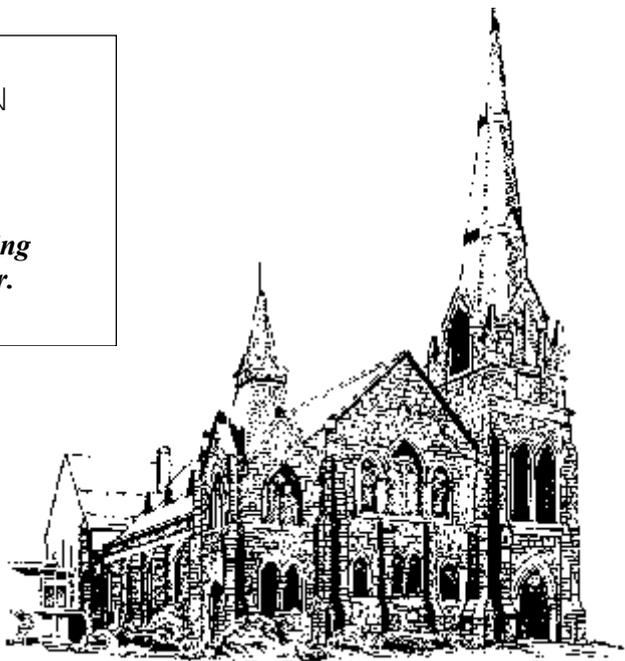


THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH AT CALDWELL

***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 23rd, 2018  
Ten o'clock  
18th Sunday after Pentecost**

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**GATHERING**

REFLECTION

*"It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels."*

- Saint Augustine

PRELUDE

*"Elegie"* (1918)

Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 1)

Liturgist: Donna McGinley, Deacon

Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord.

**They are like trees planted by streams of water. In all that they do they prosper.**

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

**May God number us with the righteous as we worship the Lord.**

## OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN NO. 301

*“Let Us Build A House”*  
Serving as Acolyte today is Daniel Barnes

Two Oaks

## CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

**All wise and understanding God, hear our prayer as we confess our sin. Have mercy upon us, for we are deceitful and foolish. Ambition controls our relations with others; cheating and lying help us gain more control. We are surrounded by values that bring disorder. We are victims of selfishness that distorts your truth. Save us from boasting and serving unworthy ends; save us for Christ, in whom alone abides peace.**

## PERSONAL CONFESSION

In the name of Jesus, we pray.  
**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 581 *“Glory Be To The Father”*

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, amen.**

## PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

ANTHEM

*“Write Your Blessed Name”*  
Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott

## INTERIM CHILDREN’S MINISTRY COORDINATOR RECOGNITION

## 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.*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*We welcome into the family of God through baptism Anthony Riley Scalici,  
son of Nicholas Scalici and Sara LaBrunda, born November 18, 2016.  
Participating in the baptism today are Elder, Al Olsen and sponsors,  
Michael and Joann LaBrunda.*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                      The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 486                      *"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"*                      Kingdom

SCRIPTURE                                      Mark 9:30-37                                      Page 42, NT

SERMON                                      *"How To Become The Greatest"*                                      Rev. Don Brown

### 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                                      *"The Potter's Hand"*                                      Arr. Lloyd Larson  
Sarah Solie, Soloist

### \*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING NO. 607

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*                                      Old Hundredth  
**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

## GOING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 766                                      *"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Found"*                                      Mc Kee

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 546 *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”* Sicilian Mariners  
**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

\*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*

†We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

†Nursery care is provided for children up to 24 months in our Cradle Room during the 10:00AM Worship Service. There is Christian Education during the 10:00AM Worship Service.

†You are respectfully requested to silence all cell phones. Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask the usher for a receiver.

†The white rose on the communion table celebrates the life of First Presbyterian Church Member, Edward Leslie Byrnes, and remembers the promise of the resurrection in his death on Monday, September 17, 2018. Our sympathy is extended to the Byrnes family and friends.

† 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:*

... Maggie Bischoff, Alice Brackman, Harry Coppens, Ray Corbin, Jay Courter, Ruth Evans, Sandra Harvey, Bill Hayden, Edith Jipp, Christopher Kerwin, Edna Lawshe, Dottie Leonard, Barbara Piggery, Arline Pressl, Louise Ritscher, Richard Rose, Edwin Rosin, Marge Rosin, Bob Scarrillo, Rick Sommers, 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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