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**JUNE 13, 2021**  
**Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Senior Recognition**

**REFLECTION**

*“Opening to grace moment by moment changes our vision and may eventually change our circumstances. Trusting Christ's bounty expands rather than contracts our agency and creativity. Recognizing resources all around, we can do new and creative things, take risks, and trust that even apparent failure can provide a pathway to wholeness.”*

*~ Rev. Dr. Bruce Epperly*

**PRELUDE**

*“Be Thou My Vision/He Leadeth Me”*

arr. Gary Lanier

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the prayers and the praise, in the words and the wonder:

**we are given enough joy to live each day.**

In the work for righteousness, in the unexpected generosity for the lost:

**we are given enough compassion to use in service each day.**

In the promises made to all, in the mercy offered to each:

**we are given enough grace to share each day.**

For all this and more, we come to lift our thanks and praise.

**HYMN No. 679**

*“Let the Whole Creation Cry”*

SALZBURG

Let the whole creation cry,  
“Glory be to God on high.”  
Heaven and earth, awake and sing,  
“Praise to our almighty King.”  
Praise God, angel hosts above,  
Ever bright and fair in love;  
Sun and moon, uplift your voice;  
Night and stars, in God rejoice!

Men and women, young and old,  
Raise the anthem loud and bold;  
Join with children's song of praise;  
Worship God through length of days.

From the north to southern pole  
Let the mighty chorus roll:

“Holy, holy, holy One,  
Glory be to God alone!”

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

**It seems we cannot decide, Lord of our lives. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, shopping, home. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, (at least, for those who need it – but surely, not us). Forgive us, Jesus. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of running on empty, may we take time to nourish our spirits through prayer and study. Instead of only praying, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. Christ graces everyone who asks with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life.

**God has kept the covenant. Through Jesus' grace, we have been forgiven; we have been made new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## HYMN No. 717

*“For the Life That You Have Given”*

PLEADING SAVIOR

For the life that you have given,  
In the love of Christ made known,  
With these fruits of time and labor,  
With these gifts that are your own:  
Here we offer, Lord, our praises;  
Heart and mind and strength we bring;  
Give us grace to love and serve you,  
Living what we pray and sing.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

*Philippians 1:19-26*

## SERMON

*“Do, Be, Do, Be, Do”*

Rev. William Schram

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*“I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”*

arr. Gary Lanier

## GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION STAFFORD SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER 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.**

## HYMN No. 177

*“I Will Come to You”*

YOU ARE MINE

“I will come to you in the silence;  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice;  
I claim you as my choice.  
Be still and know I am here.”

“I am hope for all who are hopeless;  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light.  
Come and rest in me.  
Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine.”

“I am strength for all the despairing,  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see; the lame will all run free,  
And all will know my name.  
Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine.”

“I am the Word that leads all to freedom;  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name,  
Embracing all your pain.  
Stand up, now walk and live!  
Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine.”

## **BENEDICTION**

*You are invited for a time of fellowship on the church lawn.*

## **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Rev. William Schram  
Rev. Barbara Piercy  
Sue Jones & Noel Piercy  
Paul Salierno, Cantor & Soloist  
Cailan Compierchio, Alto Sax  
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers

## Congratulations High School Graduates!

**\*Ethan Acquadro**, son of Mark and Tina Acquadro, is graduating from Sparta High School. Ethan is excited to begin his journey with Sacred Heart University with much anticipation, but as they say, “one cannot look forward without looking back.” Reflecting on his years with The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, he has built the foundation to which he will go out into the world and help others. From Ethan’s time working with the youth groups, assisting with Sunday school, lending a hand at the soup kitchen, and his travel with his confirmation class, he has built a strong sense of leadership, love, and faith to take with him into his college life and next chapter. Ethan’s parents are proud of his academic achievements, Music and Arts accolades with Honors Band, and Honors Wind Ensemble, earning him a scholarship to the college of his choice, and his active role of defense for four years playing Lacrosse with New Jersey Thunder Lacrosse League. He has shown his humble, sensitive dedication to all that he sets out to do, always thinking of others and willing to help. Ethan’s parents are extremely proud of the young man that First Pres and his church family have helped to raise. A special thank you to his mentors and to all that have been the rock to which we anchor our faith. Ethan will study sports medicine/PT at Sacred Heart University in the fall.

**Cailan Compierchio**, daughter of Robin Wallace and Mike Compierchio, is graduating from Verona High School. She has been involved at The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell for four years, participating in the Westminster Choir, Youth Group, Choir Camp, and the Pittsburgh Project. As a part of the Westminster Choir, she has attended three choir tours, traveling to Arizona, California, and Florida. At her high school, Cailan has participated in marching band, concert band, and the Spotlight Players Drama Club. As a member of the marching band, she was named Assistant Drum Major. She is excited to continue participating in various musical and theatre groups in college at the University of Arizona where she will study film and television production. Cailan is a recipient of this year’s John R. and Inge P. Stafford Memorial Scholarship.

**\*Mitchell Haddad**, son of Kim and Tom Haddad, and proud big brother to Malcolm and Marshall, is graduating from James Caldwell High School. Mitchell has attended school in Caldwell-West Caldwell since kindergarten. An avid swimmer since elementary school, Mitchell earned four varsity letters swimming for the Caldwell Chiefs, specializing in the 100-yard butterfly. He loves to play, write and record music. At First Pres, Mitchell participated in the Pittsburgh Project, as well as provided technical support for multiple youth performances. He reflects on his days in Sunday school with much fondness. In the fall, Mitchell will attend Manhattan College to pursue a degree in electrical engineering.

**\*James Phillips**, son of Donna and Bernie Phillips, is graduating from James Caldwell High School. At The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, James participated in Chapel Bells, Confirmation Class, and the Pittsburgh Project. He was a varsity member of the JCHS swim team, a varsity member of the JCHS Cross Country Team, and a member of the JCHS Band – Alto Sax. James will attend Ithaca College this fall, majoring in communications (television/radio broadcasting).

**\*Hayat Pryor**, daughter of Jonathan and Jan Huston-Pryor, graduated from Purnell School where she played tennis and soccer. At FPC, Hayat participated in the Pilgrim and Youth Choirs, including a trip to London with Choir Tour, was part of Youth Club and after confirmation was a Sunday School Helper. Hayat was part of The Pittsburgh Project, Triennium in 2017 and many retreats at Johnsonburg. Hayat will attend Montclair State University in the fall and plans to major in Psychology. Hayat is a recipient of this year’s John R. and Inge P. Stafford Memorial Scholarship.

**\*Amanda Spinweber**, daughter of Ann and Steven Spinweber, participated in many programs at The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, including the acolyte program, assisting with the kindergarten

Sunday school class, sandwich nights, and preparing desserts for the soup kitchen. Her favorite activity at FPC was helping out with the Advent Festival. In her spare time, Amanda sings, plays guitar, writes songs and poetry and creates 2-D art. This fall, Amanda will attend Mason Gross School of Art at Rutgers University with a concentration in drawing and painting.

**\*Gianna Suda**, daughter of Gynine and Gary Suda, is graduating from James Caldwell High School where she was involved in many sports throughout the four years including cheerleading, basketball, lacrosse, track and field, and swim. Gianna was chosen to be a peer leader for incoming freshman during her junior and senior years. At FPC, she enjoyed attending The Pittsburgh Project mission trip, and she helped teach preschool and kindergarten Sunday School. Gianna was a counselor for Vacation Bible School (VBS) for a week over the summer, and she participated in many sandwich nights. This fall, Gianna will attend West Virginia University. Gianna is a recipient of this year's John R. and Inge P. Stafford Memorial Scholarship.

**Eliana Valente** is graduating from Cedar Grove High School. At FPC, she has been a part of the Westminster Church Choir since her sophomore year where she met so many new people and learned many things that will help her throughout the years to come. Eliana not only enjoys singing but other activities such as drawing and painting for her own school's set. She truly thanks everyone in the choir for making this one of the best experiences of her life. Eliana will attend Montclair State University this fall.

**\*Robert White**, son of Alison and Chuck White, is graduating from West Essex Regional High School where he has been on the baseball team since his freshman year. Robert is a member of the National Honor Society, as well as the Science National Honor Society, and the French National Honor Society. He is actively involved in a variety of clubs, serving as vice president of the French Club, officer for the Robotics club, and member of the Science club. Robert has been an active member of The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell since confirmation. He enjoyed a summer with the Pittsburgh Project and occasional trips to the soup kitchen, and has been a committed teen helper in Sunday School throughout high school. This fall, Robert will attend Syracuse University. He is looking forward to combining his love for sports and interest in data science while pursuing his studies in Syracuse's Sports Analytics program.

**Emily Wynne**, daughter of Dana and Matthew Wynne, has been involved with the Westminster Choir since the eighth grade, performing in the shows, Teenage American Dream, Godspell, Everything Changes, Urinetown, Animals Cabaret, Fiddler on the Rood and Walking in Space. She has also been involved with the youth choirs, volunteering with Cherub and Pilgrim Choirs and helping during Choir Camp and the Christmas Pageant. Emily was a part of her school theater department, marching and concert band, and track and field team. This year, she was inducted into the National Honor Society, the National History Honors Society, the National English Honors Society, the National Science Honors Society, and the International Thespians Society. She hopes to continue her passion for theater and singing in college. This fall, Emily will attend William Patterson University.

**\* Member of The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell**