

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH AT CALDWELL

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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

**Sunday, October 16, 2022
9:30 am
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday**

REFLECTION

"Repetitive complaining will attract things for you to complain about. Repeated gratitude will attract things for you to be thankful about. - Anonymous

PRELUDE

"Dua and Trio"

Louis-Nicholas Clérambault

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.

God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God clothes us with hope.

We will offer our hearts to God, always saying,

'Thank you!' to the One who loves us.

We will sing our praises, shouting of God's presence in our lives.

1. From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator’s praise arise:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung through every land, in every tongue.
Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.
Refrain
3. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
Refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Because we live in this modern, tech-driven, twittering age, we often forget what you have done for us, God of every blessing. We pat ourselves on the back for our ability to learn new computer skills, but have forgotten that life is more than a machine. We have more than we could ever use yet, like squirrels, store up more and more. Our faith is often pushed to the back of the closet, to make room for all the fears we wear so easily.

Forgive us, Restorer of life. As you clothe us with your grace and mercy, may we share with those who have so little. As our hearts overflow with your love and wonder, may we offer them as gifts to everyone we meet. As you feed us with your joy and hope, may we welcome to the Table all those whose lives are filled with tears and pain. As we gather with family and friends during this season, may we continue to give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This is the good news: as God pours out abundant grace upon the earth, so you will be blessed with peace and joy.
We don't say it often enough, but thanks be to God for healing, for life, for wonder, for mercy. We are blessed, for we are forgiven. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 100	Page 522, OT
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Peace Like A River”	arr. Donald Moore
SECOND LESSON	Matthew 14:13-21	Page 15, NT
SERMON	“Mission Focus”	Rev. Dr. Rose Eileen Niles

*HYMN NO. 716

“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

BEACH SPRING

1. God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise for ever, gracious donor of our days.
2. Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son;
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.
guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.
3. How shall we stray, with your hand to direct us,
Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

*HYMN NO. 761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

1. Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.
2. Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth.
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.
3. Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.
4. So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

***Those who are able may stand.**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram

Rev. Dr. Rose Eileen Niles—Ministry Relations Officer, Northeast Region

Valerie Shondel, Music Director

Chancel Choir

Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers

Michael Sperrazza, & Matthew Califf AV Team

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

✠ For more information about our church, please visit our website:

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Current and Upcoming Events and Mission Projects:

Deacon’s Fall Coat and Sweater Collection 10/2-10/23

African Dream Academy Red Bag Project—
currently accepting donations

Sandwich Night—October 26th

Annual Turkey Drive—November 19th

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Notre Dame Church—
November 22nd

Oasis Giving Tree—To Be Announced

Cookie Walk in Fellowship Hall—December 10th

SOUP KITCHEN—Chef’s desperately needed for the
monthly Saturday soup kitchen as well as the weekly
Thursday soup kitchen. Please see First Press, visit the
website, or call the office for additional information.

