

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 30, 2022
9:30 am
21st Sunday after Pentecost**

REFLECTION

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." - Corrie Ten Boom

PRELUDE

"Nearer, My God, To Thee"

arr. Joel Raney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

When fear and doubts stroll through our doors

Jesus stands beside us, whispering of peace.

When we toss and turn late at night:

God sits by our beds, singing lullabies of love.

When we stumble through the shadows of sin:

The Holy Spirit illuminates the paths of goodness and joy.

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
many we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us of our life long need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd’s flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant see in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day’s dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(IN UNISON)*

God of hope and promise: The disciples had seen Jesus do miracles, but when a storm came and Jesus was asleep, they doubted and feared. Joshua and Caleb speak of trusting in you, but the doubts of others swept the crowd. We confess that in facing life’s storms and challenges, we may say we trust you, while our doubts overwhelm us. Jesus is ready to come and grace us with peace, but our fears keep our hearts shuttered and locked. God of full hearts: your love can change us from scared people to children of grace. You can weed doubts from our hearts and plant seeds of confidence in their place. Forgive us through the grace of Christ and transform us into people of hope and witness through the power of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

What marvelous love, what wonderous grace, what abundant mercy God offers-to us! Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*HYMN NO. 437

“You Are The Lord, Giver of Mercy!”

TOPLADY

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 13:26-33

Page 126, OT

SPECIAL MUSIC

“A Canon of Praise”

Natalie Sleeth

SECOND LESSON

Luke 8:22-25

Page 63, NT

SERMON

“JITQ: Where Is Your Faith?”

Rev. William Schram

*HYMN NO. 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

BEACH SPRING

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, as sail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.
3. Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

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

INVITATION TO GIVING

*HYMN NO. 700

“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I'M GONNA LIVE

1. I'm gonna live so
God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so
God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
2. I'm gonna work so
God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so
God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
3. I'm gonna pray so
God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so
God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so
God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Jessica Goodson, Pianist
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:

www.firstprescaldwell.org

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—Please see First Press, visit the website, or call the office for additional information.