

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, November 20, 2022

9:30 am

Christ The King Sunday

Pledge Sunday

REFLECTION

"It has never been quite enough to say that God is in his heaven and all is right with the world; since the rumor is that God has left his heavens to set it right.:"

-G.K. Chesterton

PRELUDE

"We Gather Together"

Wilber Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The King of Kings is raised in glory.

Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God.

Come, let us worship and bow down to the Lord our Creator.

Let us offer praise to Christ our Redeemer.

1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
 Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
 Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
 praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
 Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
 his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
3. Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
 Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
 On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
 singing forever more: Alleluia! Amen!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

God of all creation, we admit to our human limits as we try to imagine the reign of truth that you envision for us. When we followed worldly powers, we strayed from the good path you desire for all you have created. Give us Jesus, O God— not a only Jesus high and lifted up, but engaged with those on earth, with boldness to tell the truth. When we simply sit back and wait for salvation, remind us that Jesus speaks through our words and deeds, that your will may be done in our time. Embolden us with the confidence that your reign will one day come. Do not turn your face from us, but help us to face ourselves honestly. Free us from our captivity to worldly patterns, so we may faithfully follow Jesus Christ, our King, our Lord, our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Shout for joy, children of God! The Lord Jesus, who was and is and is to come loves you, forgives you, and renews you.

God's Spirit rests upon us, grace and peace are the gifts of our loving God. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 583

“Glory to God”

GLORIA

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
 Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Colossians 3:12-17	Page 190, NT
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Autumn Carol”	Russell Schultz-Widmar
SECOND LESSON	Matthew 28:16-20	Page 32, NT
SERMON	“Ways Jesus Changed the World”	Rev. William Schram

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him lord of all!
3. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
4. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Blessed Assurance"

Cynthia Dobrinski

LITANY OF PLEDGE DEDICATION

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:6-7).

Lord, grant us joy In giving. Light a passion In our hearts for building up your body and providing for the work of your kingdom.

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine (Prov. 3:9-10).

Money Is not evil unless It leads us away from you, Lord. May we honor you with our wealth and use It for good.

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

Our lives are not our own. We cannot save ourselves. We need you to rescue us from death. We have been bought with your precious blood; may we Live not for ourselves but for you, Jesus.

The Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Lord, change our orientation from being getters to being givers, so that we might know the joy of your blessed life.

Remind us who live in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put our hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put our hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Move us to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way, we will take hold of the life that is truly life (*1 Tim. 6:17-19*).

Lord Jesus, we celebrate the new life we have in you. It is a life filled with love and grace! We dedicate these pledges to the building of your kingdom and ask that you would bless them to the work of your church. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 712 *“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”*

FOREST GREEN

1. As those of old their first-fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield, so we today our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land: of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
2. A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give, to make our life an offering that all may truly live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true: a world redeemed by Christ like love, all live in Christ made new.
3. In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“O, Worship the King”

Robert A. Hobby

* Please rise in body or spirit

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Valerie Shondel, Interim Music Director
Chancel Choir
Chancel Handbell Choir
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers
Michael Sperrazza, & Matthew Califf AV Team

UPCOMING EVENTS

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Notre Dame Church—November 22nd @ 7:00PM
Chancel Choir and Chancel Handbell Choir will be participating in the worship service.

Oasis Giving Tree—Accepting donations through Target registry, gift tag fulfillment, or monetary.
Details on the church website, or call the office for more information. Deadline November 28th.

Cookie Walk in Fellowship Hall—December 10th 9AM-12PM

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

December 18th—Christmas Family Service @ 10AM (One service this day)

December 23rd—Contemporary Christmas Service @ 7PM

December 24th—Christmas Eve Services at 8PM and 10PM

December 25th—Video Broadcast Service at 10AM (No in person worship service)