

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, January 29, 2023  
9:30 am  
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

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REFLECTION

*"A recent survey from Public Religion Research discovered that... religious Americans--particularly white Protestants, and without any significant difference between theological conservatives and liberals--believe that "our best days are behind us" and that the future of society is bleak... Protestants would rather look back with sadness than trust that a more just and beautiful future beckons. As a result, today is lost. Today is merely a stage upon which we mourn the loss of past and fear what we cannot imagine."*

*-Dr. Diana Butler Bass*

PRELUDE

*"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

Gordon Young

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

For just as the body is one and has many members,  
**All the members of the body are one, as it is with Christ.**  
For in the one Spirit we are all baptized into one body,  
**We all drink of one Spirit.**  
If we were all a single member, where would the body be?  
**Christ has made us: many members, different gifts, but one body.**

We suffer together, we rejoice together, and we worship together;  
**For we are the body of Christ together.**

\*HYMN NO. 634

*“To God Be the Glory”*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1. To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened lifegate that all may go in.

***Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!***

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!***

***O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory; great things he has done!***

2. Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,  
and great rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

***Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!***

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!***

***O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory; great things he has done!***

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(IN UNISON)*

**Waiting God, you know us all too well. Jesus’s words describing his ministry are what we have hoped for and also what we have feared. Change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to turn our backs on opportunities of service than pitch in to affect the needed changes that will promote healing and wholeness. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction. Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope bringing real signs of your Kingdom into existence. In Jesus’ Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.**

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus has opened the doors for service to each one of us. We have been freed from our fears and doubts.

**Rejoice, dear friends! In Jesus’ Name, we are forgiven and healed. Amen.**

#### CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST LESSON

Luke 4:1-12

Page 57, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Here I Am”*

Tom Long & Alan Pote

SECOND LESSON

Luke 4:16-21

Page 57, NT

SERMON

*“In Search of the Church: Luke and Signs of the Kingdom”*

Rev. William Schram

\*HYMN NO. 744

*“Arise Your Light Is Come”*

FESTAL SONG

1. Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.
2. Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.
3. Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
4. Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up on the eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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.**

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

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!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (sing)

Piano Choir in Chancel

**I am the Light of the World**

**You people come and follow me.**

**If you follow and love, You'll learn the mystery**

**Of what you were meant to do and be.**

POSTLUDE

*“Toccata on Leoni”*

arr. Gordon Young

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\* Please rise in body or spirit

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram  
Valerie Shondel, Interim 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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