

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH AT CALDWELL

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Sunday, November 5, 2023  
9:30 am  
Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

All Saint's Day

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

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REFLECTION

*"On this day, we remember all those who have come before us in our families, our parish, and in our community. These saints remain among us in our inheritance of values, of resources, and of accomplishments. What are we doing with what we have inherited - to maintain, strengthen, and grow in our parish, personal life and ministries in our neighborhood and community?"*

Rev. Ronald Reed

PRELUDE

*"For All the Saints"*

Wilbur Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, all you saints! Praise him all you heavenly hosts!

**Let us praise the name of the Lord: For his name only is exalted!**

Patriarchs and all you Holy Women!

**All you Evangelists and Apostles! Praise the Lord! O praise the name of the Lord!**

We are the saints who are the living body of Christ, the Church.

**Praise the Lord! O praise the name of the Lord!**

\*HYMN NO. 12

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

ST. DENIO

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest,  
to both great and small. In all life thou livest,  
the true life of all. We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
‘tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God meet us here and make your word live in us. Remind us, O Lord, of the cloud of witnesses that surround us and help us to follow their example. Help us to lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Make us, like all the saints before us a people who are eager to share your love with those that are far off and those that are near. Guide us, we pray, by the power of your Holy Spirit as we worship and serve you both in this hour, and in all the hours to come. We ask it in the name of Christ Jesus - our brother and our Lord. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The grace of Christ has been proclaimed and shared by saints across the centuries.  
**We believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 582

*“Glory to God”*

GLORY TO GOD

1. Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
2. World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

CHILDREN’S PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 469

*“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Oasis Giving Tree*

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:6-12

Page 170, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"*

Wilbur Held

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30

Page 27, NT

SERMON

*"Living Boldly, Responsibly and Prayerfully"*

Rev. William Schram

\*HYMN NO. 503

*"Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"*

O QUANTA QUALIA

1. Lord, we have come at your own invitation,  
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;  
yours is the strength that sustains dedication;  
ours, a commitment we know never ends.
2. Here, at your table, confirm our intention;  
give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;  
teach us to serve without pride or pretension,  
Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.
3. When, at your table, each time of returning,  
vows are renewed and our courage restored,  
may we increasingly glory in learning  
all that it means to accept you as Lord.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

**People: And also with you!**

Minister: Let us pray together. Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

**People: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses**

Minister: Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, disciples and evangelists, martyrs and saints.

**People: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live, who followed, obeyed, adored you our grateful hymn we sing.**

Minister: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

**People: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.**

Minister: Loved ones now resting in you, who guided us, nurtured and cared for us; ancestors who worked and traveled, lived and died that we might be who we are, where we are your precious children in this community of believers.

**People: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted you their great reward accept our thankful cry.**

Minister: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

**People: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.**

Minister: Family members and members of this congregation; fellow believers in every country, every denomination; friends who help, guide and uplift us children of your family, sheep of your fold, saints of your redeeming.

**People: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For this, your name we bless, and humbly pray anew, that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.**

Minister: We especially lift to you today, O God, those saints whose names are listed, those who come to mind when we are asked "Who is a saint in your life?"

**People: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.**

Minister: looking to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**People: Amen.**

## CONSECRATION AND DISTRIBUTION

### 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

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

African American Spiritual arr. Douglas Wagner

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord, we gathered at this holy table at your invitation and in communion with generations past and generations yet to be. Here, we were reminded of the virtuous and godly living of saints that has become an inspiration for us. Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to run with patience, to be faithful through the years, to bring hope to a broken world. Help us each day to be your people and to live lives of uncommon faith and love. You are the Lord forevermore. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 326 vs. 1,2,3

*"For All the Saints"*

SINE NOMINE

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## RINGING OF THE BELL

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Let us pray together. Lord God, by your grace we are running a race...We especially lift to you today, O God, those saints whose names are read out loud here today or are set upon our hearts. Amen.

The names of the members/friends of the congregation who have died within the past year will be read. A moment of silence will follow during which a bell will ring for each person named.

Janet Jelly (12/22/2022)  
Rev. Hugh Lackey (1/21/2023)  
Elizabeth Knight Cochran (1/21/2023)  
Geraldine Neff (2/24/2023)  
Barbara Piggery (4/1/2023)  
Ruth Harvey (5/9/2023)  
Barbara Eicher (5/23/2023)  
Robert Freese, Sr. (6/11/2023)  
Dr. Edward H. Chestnut, Jr. (6/15/2023)  
Helena Wispelwey (6/24/2023)  
Ruth Evans (8/7/2023)  
Donald Nicol (8/17/2023)  
Gail Lee (8/18/2023)  
Majorie Lucas (8/18/2023)  
Bernice Baker (8/27/2023)  
Elizabeth Day (8/31/2023)  
Mary Calvert-Heavilin (9/8/2023)  
David Fogel (9/28/2023)  
Robert Hodge (10/4/2023)

## INVITATION TO GIVING

\*HYMN NO. 326 vs. 4,5

*"For All the Saints"*

SINE NOMINE

4. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*"May the Peace of God Go With You"*

Hal H. Hopson

POSTLUDE

*"St. Denio"*

Wilbur Held

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\* Please rise in body or spirit

## Saints Of Our Lives

Dorothy Acchione	Charles Ahart
Jean Ahart	Mildred Ahart
Michael Angelo Jr.	Patrick Angelo
Helen Baker	Clarence D. Bell
Dorothy Binder	Fred Binder
Garrett Brown	Francisco Canonico
Naomi Case	Deborah Lynn Coughlin
Michael Davis	Debbie Donker
Sandra Lopus Harvey	William C. Hayden
Robert Hebrank Jr.	Ted Hetrick
Carol Heun	Raymond Heun
Barbara Heuston	Marjorie Jameson
Brian Johnson	Catherine Johnson
Martin Luther King, Jr.	Beth Lackey
Hugh Lackey	Dorothy Leonard
Andy Lloyd	Elaine Lloyd
Alex Lopus	Dr. Alexander Lopus
Sara Lowary	Andy McElwee
Rev. Dr. Bob McGruther	Dave Millison
Audrey Moloughney	Rev. Karen Nickels
Helen W. Oliphant	Roland H. Oliphant
Bob Pryor	Jan Huston Pryor
Bill Schram	Topper Schram
Eleanor Selfridge	Arthur Smith
Jan Smock	Lydia Spinelli
Lisa Stein	Fred Tempesta
Winnie Tempesta	J. Stuart Voorhis
Anna May Walter	Donald West
Louise West	Muriel Wilson
Bob Zartman	

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Rev. William Schram  
Valerie Shondel, Director of Music  
FPC Chancel Choir  
Barbara and Tyler Romaine, Bells  
Ray Liptak, AV Engineer  
Dennis Velez, Assistant AV Engineer  
Matthew Califf & Michael Sperrazza, 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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