

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, February 25, 2024
10:00 am
Second Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

"Rock Of Ages"

Dustin Kensrue

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 139)

The Lord searches and knows us.

The Lord knows our paths and is acquainted with all our ways.

The Lord knows when we sit down and rise up;

Let us rise up today and praise the Lord's holy name!

*OPENING HYMN NO. 451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!
2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace we have been saved. In Jesus' name, we are forgiven. Our sins are no more.

God strengthens us with freedom through the Holy Spirit, in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 698

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHILDREN'S PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 752

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

DONA NOBIS PACEM

Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Page 236, OT

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Jesus Paid it All”

Sterling

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:43-51

Page 87, NT

SERMON

“Come and See What the Lord is Doing”

Rev. Christopher Michael Houtz

*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!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

INVITATION TO GIVING

*HYMN NO. 729

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
2. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
3. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more like Jesus in my heart.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Bless the Lord"

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POSTLUDE

Toccata on "The God of Abraham Praise"

Gordon Young

* Please rise in body or spirit

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram, Interim Pastor, Head of Staff
Rev. Christopher Michael Houtz, PNC Candidate
Valerie Shondel, Director of Music
Scott Westenberger, Contemporary Worship Leader
FPC Chancel Choir
Members of the FPC Bell Choir
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!

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