

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, April 21, 2024
9:30 AM
Fourth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

REFLECTION

"In these Eastertide days, the good news of the empty tomb resounds as we rejoice that the one who is risen is the good shepherd who knows each of us, even as he knows God, and who loves with such love that he is willing to give up his life for us." Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Connections

PRELUDE

"The King Of Love My Shephard Is"

Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He lays down his life for his sheep.
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He knows us, and we belong to him.
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

*HYMN NO. 802

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ST. COLUMBA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE AFTER ASSURANCE

"Glory Be to the Father" GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

*WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord and Savior be with you all.

And also with you.

Please pass the peace by welcoming one another today.

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHILDREN'S PRAYER RESPONSE *"The Lord is Risen"* Taize
The Lord is risen, alleluia!
Sing out and praise the Lord!

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Inquirers*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 4:5-12 Page 113, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Shepherd Me O God"* Marty Haugen

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:11-18 Page 97, NT

SERMON *"So, What Now? Lessons of the Early Church: Listening to the Shepherd"*
Rev. Chris Houtz

*HYMN NO. 726 *"Will You Come And Follow Me"* KELVINGROVE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end by saying, “God of goodness and mercy, **hear our prayer.**”

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.

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND OFFERING

RESPONSE TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share Christ’s love by giving our lives for one another; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SENDING US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 239

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

GELOBT SEI GOTT

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Jubilate Coeli”
(Heavens Sing With Gladness)

Taize

POSTLUDE

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Michael Burkhardt

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Chris Houtz, Pastor, Head of Staff
Valerie Shondel, Director of Music
FPC Chancel 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!

✝ For more information about our church, please visit our website:

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