

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, May 26, 2024

9:30 AM

Trinity Sunday

GATHERING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

REFLECTION

"In Mark, Jesus himself never seems to ask sinners to repent. He never spells out how sinners must shift from sinfulness over to righteousness under the law. He simply welcomes them all to God's future feast."

Rev. Dr. David Buttrick, "Speaking Conflict"

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Slane"

Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

And all that is within us, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The one who forgives, heals, and redeems.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

God crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

*HYMN NO. 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Creator, we spend so much time hiding our fear, our anger, our anxiety, our addictions; we imagine ourselves invulnerable. In your mercy, uncover our brokenness, that we might be more truly known.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Believe this good news: In Jesus Christ, our stories are known, our sins are forgiven, our lives are made new.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE AFTER ASSURANCE

HYMN NO. 583

“Glory to God”

Taize

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

*WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

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

And also with you.

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

CHILDREN’S PRAYER RESPONSE

“Amen”

Loonis McGlohan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Page 169, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Shine, Jesus Shine”

arr. Jack Schrader

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 2:13-17

Page 34, NT

SERMON

“Climbing Through the Window”

Rev. Chris Houtz

*HYMN NO. 169

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

REST

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end by saying, “May we be Christ’s body, **who fills all in all.**”

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, as we bring these offerings, we pray that our joy in the act of giving might draw others to your table. Use these gifts, for we seek to follow Jesus, whose love is boundless. Amen.

SENDING US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen"

Iona Community

POSTLUDE

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Wilbur Held

** Please rise in body or in spirit*



The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God....
....in memory of Sp.4 Ross Applegate and Sgt. Robert Parker by,
Ray Liptak

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!

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