

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, June 23, 2024
9:30 AM
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

REFLECTION

"Although we often confuse them, saying 'there's nothing to be afraid of' is a very different thing from saying, 'do not be afraid.' The hard truth is that fearsome things are very real."

Rev. Dr. Michael L. Lindvall, Feasting on the Word

PRELUDE

"The Gift To Be Simple"

Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How very good and pleasant it is when sisters and brothers live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, like the dew that falls on the mountains of Zion.

Together, let us worship God.

Thanks be to God!

*HYMN NO. 612

"We Praise You, O God"

KREMSER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, forgive us. We imagine that we can live without you, when you give us our very breath. We seek control over others rather than strive to live in unity. We allow fear to overtake us, even though our lives are in your hands. Draw us back into your steadfast love and shape us into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, the good news is this: grace is poured out like water; mercy flows like a never-ending stream, bathing us in goodness and love. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE AFTER ASSURANCE

HYMN NO. 582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

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.

*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 6:1-13

Page 171, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Homage”

K. Randall Strobe

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

Page 36, NT

SERMON

“Don’t Be Afraid”

Rev. Chris Houtz

*HYMN NO. 243

“Be Not Afraid”

BE NOT AFRAID

BAPTISMS

CONGREGATION RESPONSES

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

One Lord, one Faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Reese Alexandra Purdy and Indy Sadeghi by word and deed, with love and prayer?

We do.

Will you encourage them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

We will.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Reese Alexandra Purdy and Indy Sadeghi, you have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through Baptism.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, you have become members of the household of God, to share with us in the ministry of Christ and the priesthood of all believers.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ.

Alleluia! Amen!

Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before others.

Amen.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end by saying, "Saving God, **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

We return to you, O God, the gifts you have given, that this money, and our lives, might bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 720

“Jesus Calls Us”

GALILEE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“St Denio”

Wilbur Held

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Chris Houtz, Pastor, Head of Staff

Valerie Shondel, Director of Music

FPC Chancel Choir Section Leaders:

Abigail Clyne, Soprano ~ Julia Pennello, Alto ~ Mackenzie Conaway, Alto

Justin McBurney, Tenor ~ Alan Smulen, Bass

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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