



CALDWELL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God Invites. We Welcome. All.

May 12, 2024

Eastertide

Eleven O'clock

Rev. Dr. John Cleghorn, Minister

Rev. Dr. Dorothy J. Killian, Interim Associate Minister

Rev. Justin Martin, Minister of Youth & Online Outreach

Smitty Flynn, Volunteer Choir Director

Anne Hunter Eidson, Minister of Music

Manley Roberts, Volunteer Pianist

Rev. Dr. Diane Mowrey, Parish Associate Minister

Service of the Worship of the Lord

(The congregation reads the words in bold-face type except for the headings.)

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude Manley Roberts, piano

Processional Caldwell Gospel Choir

Welcoming of Visitors and Announcements Revs. John Cleghorn and Dot Killian

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds

Call to Worship Rev. Dot Killian

God invites us into this healing space, in God's presence.

"I am the Lord, who heals you."

**Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated,
we come hungering for health that only God can provide.**

God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears,
and tender hearts turned toward the Lord as our Great physician.

We bow down before the Lord in faith and expectancy. - based on Exodus 15:26,
Isaiah 6:10

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise 463 How Firm a Foundation *American folk melody*

We Confess and Remember God's Mercy

Prayer of Confession Rev. John Cleghorn

Together, we pray aloud before God and each other, saying:

**Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have
turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have
wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are
prisoners of ourselves.**

[Silence]

**As Easter people this Eastertide, we proclaim the risen Christ. To all and to
each, in God's community and friends, where regret is real, Jesus
pronounces His pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to
God! Amen.**

We Remind Ourselves We Are Forgiven and Pass the Peace

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. The peace of Christ be with you.

In the name of Christ, we receive God's gift of grace. May the peace of Christ be also with you.

We share the peace of Christ with those around us by saying to one another, "The Peace of Christ be with you," and by responding, "And also with you."

Anthem: Gospel Choir

We Hear God's Word Read and Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Elena Supulveda

New Testament Lesson

2 Timothy 3:10-17

NT, p. 201

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Time With Our Children (*children come forward*)

Rev. Justin Martin

Children (age 3 to 5th grade) go to Sunday School. First-time visitors with young children are asked to walk with them to Sunday School, sign them in and see where their classes are located. They will rejoin you in the sanctuary at the end of worship.

Adults: May the Lord be with you there.

Children: May the Lord be with you here.

Sermon

Nurture as a Spiritual Practice

Rev. Dot Killian

We Respond to the Word in Various Ways

We Reflect On God's Word

Rev. John Cleghorn

*Hymn 3

Womb of Life and Source of Being

Alternate tune: BEACH SPRING

Contributions to our Presbytery's monthly Ten-Cents-a-Meal hunger offering can be placed on the communion table as we sing this hymn.

*Affirmation of Faith

from The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

By His resurrection, Christ has overcome death so that He might make us share in the righteousness He won for us by His death. By His power, we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

Contributions to our regular offering can be placed in offering plates. Other options for giving: go to www.caldwellpresby.org/giving, use the QR code on page 7 or mail a check to the church office at 1609 East Fifth Street, 28204.

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Litany (*found on back page*) The Full Spectrum of Parenting

Rev. John Cleghorn

We conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

*Hymn

This Joy That I Have

arranged by Houston Simmons

1. This joy that I have, the world didn't give it to me (*repeat*).

The world didn't give it, the world can't take it away.

2. This love that I have

4. This hope that I have

3. This faith that I have

5. This song that I sing

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dot Killian

Everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments and community in Hope Community Hall following worship.

A note about language: At Caldwell, we do our best to create an inclusive, welcoming and safe environment for all of God's children, however they identify. We aspire to use non-binary language in worship and church communications in reference to one another or people in general, knowing that we won't always get it right. We invite others to take up this journey, embracing anew what we say, "God Invites. We Welcome. All."

The QR code for giving:



MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES - THIS WEEK

Today

- 9:30 am ACE Sunday School Class, *Hope Community Hall, Room 1 & Online*
9:45 am Time in the Word Bible Study, *Upper Room (above Shelby)*
10:00 am Confirmation Class, *Hope Hall, Room 2*
10:45 am The Nursery is open for infants to age 3, *Nursery (off of Shelby Room)*
11:00 am Worship, *Sanctuary & Online*
12:15 pm Refreshments for all, *Hope Community Hall*

Monday

- 2:00 - 6:30 pm Caldwell Blood Drive, *Hope Hall*

Tuesday

- 10:00 am Weekly Staff Meeting, *Shelby Room*
6:00 pm Buildings and Grounds Committee, *Shelby Room & Online*
6:15 pm Caldwell Book Club, *The Third Place*

Wednesday

- 6:30 pm Wednesday Prayer Group, *Hope Hall, Prayer Room (upstairs)*
6:30 - 8:00 pm Grief Group, *Hope Hall, Room 2 (upstairs)*
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, *Choir Room*

Thursday

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, *Shelby Room*

Friday

- Caldwell Women's Retreat (through Sunday), *Montreat*
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, *Shelby Room*

Saturday

- 9:00 am AIDS Walk, *Truist Field (324 S. Mint Street)*
12:00 pm Painting Fellowship, *Hope Hall, Room 2 (upstairs)*

Those who need to attend meetings online can find links on the church calendar at caldwellpresby.org/calendar.

Please inform the ministers when you know of a member or friend who is sick, in the hospital, or would appreciate a pastoral call or visit.

Announcements

Thank you for silencing electronics before worship begins.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad up and down your row or go to the online registry at caldwellpresby.org/hi. If you are interested in joining or learning more about Caldwell, see John, Dot or go to www.caldwellpresby.org/join.

We humbly acknowledge the Catawba, Sugaree and Waxhaw Indigenous peoples, who were dispossessed of the land on which we live and worship. We also acknowledge that the funds left to this church in 1922 to build our sanctuary were stained by the sin of slavery. We strive continuously for God's mercy and correction.

In honor of and gratitude for John Cleghorn, our church will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive tomorrow, May 13, in Hope Hall from 2:00 to 6:30 pm. Remember that appointments are required. You can go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> and enter Caldwellpresby or use the QR Code (left). Contact Karen Williams with questions: 704-293-6868.



The Caldwell Book Group also invites everyone to join in a discussion of Greg Jarrell's [Our Trespasses](#) on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:15 pm in The Third Place. We welcome all, even if you haven't finished or started the book! Please bring a dish to share. For questions, contact Marion Idol at 704.607.6805.

It's Time for the AIDS Walk! Join Team Caldwell on Saturday May 18, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Truist Field (324 S. Mint Street) to walk! Sign up by going to aidswalkclt.org, then click on "Join or Team." If you can't walk, donating is easy by going to aidswalkclt.org. "Make a Donation." Questions? Contact Denzell Faison: efaison101@gmail.com

Caldwell Arts: Join us for studio time and fellowship on Saturday, May 18, at 12:00 noon in Room 2 of Hope Hall. Visual artists of all mediums are welcome. Bring a project to work on and share your creativity, excitement and skills. NOTE: This group does not provide any instruction - we do include community, conversation and fun. For more details contact Rebecca Overcash (rovercash53@gmail.com) or Ann Dorsett.

Please make every effort to attend our second Housing First webinar (online only) on Monday, May 20 from 6:00-9:00 pm, as part of our ongoing education for Easter's Home. This session will focus on the Housing First philosophy and guiding principles, comparing success rates with those of traditional treatment models. Here is the link to register (required): go.housingfirstuniversity.org/caldwell520

Would you like to be a Summer Singer with our choir? It's a great way to enjoy the many physical, musical, spiritual emotional and community benefits of singing in a choir

for a few weeks and it's fun! We meet on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:15 pm and Sunday mornings at 10:00 am from June 5 - September 1. Contact Anne if interested: ahuntereidson@caldwellpresby.org, 704-622-9975.

ARCC at Caldwell will host the second Racial Healing Retreat entitled, "More Racial Healing" on Friday, June 14 from 4:00-8:00 pm and on Saturday, June 15 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Attendance at the first retreat is not required to attend Part Two. Dinner will be provided on Friday night, Breakfast snacks will be provided on Saturday morning and lunch will also be provided on Saturday.

Please join us in prayer in the Caldwell Prayer Room upstairs in Hope Community Hall on Wednesday nights. Enter the church by the courtyard choir door before our start at 6:30 pm or join us virtually at meet.google.com/ojn-iath-rxi We also have Prayer Partners in the Prayer Room available after Sunday morning worship in the Prayer Room.

Please help our flower calendar to bloom! Providing flowers for our worship services is a great way to celebrate important people and dates in your life while enhancing worship. No florist is needed - flowers from your yard, Trader Joe's or the farmers market are wonderful. Sign up here: caldwellpresby.org/flowers

Earth Care Tip: Show your love for God's creation by taking time to pick up trash off the street, from streams or storm drains.

If you would like to receive our online communications (usually two per week), email Justin at jmartin@caldwellpresby.org to sign up.

Planning on dropping by the church? Be sure to call before coming because there may not always be someone to let you in. Staff contact information is on the back page.

Things to Know About Today's Gathering

Masking indoors is welcomed. The East transept located near the doors to the handicap ramp remains designated for increased social distancing and requires masking.

Physical interaction indicators – Pick up a nametag in the narthex and indicate your level of comfort with physical closeness with a self-adhesive dot.

Restrooms – There is a restroom in the narthex/main sanctuary entrance. Ushers are available to direct you to the other restrooms.

The Nursery, for children under 3, can be found by going through the door to the right of the pulpit, take an immediate right, and going down the hallway. Ushers are also able to direct you.

For Late Arrivals – Please come to the ramp door and ring the doorbell. An usher will let you in.

To those who gave birth this year to their first child - **we celebrate with you.**

To those who lost a child this year - **we mourn with you.**

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains - **we appreciate you.**

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away - **we mourn with you.**

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment - **we walk with you.** Forgive us when we say foolish things. **We don't mean to make this harder.**

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms - **we need you.**

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children - **we celebrate with you.**

To those who have disappointment, heartache, and distance with your children - **we sit with you.**

To those who lost their mothers this year - **we grieve with you.**

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother - **we grieve your experience.**

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood - **we are better for having you in our midst.**

To those who have aborted children - **we remember them and you on this day.**

To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children - **we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be.**

To those who step-parent - **we walk with you on these complex paths.**

To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren - yet that dream is not to be, **we grieve with you.**

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year - **we grieve and rejoice with you.**

To those who placed children up for adoption - **we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart.**

And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising - **we anticipate with you.**

This Mother's Day, **we walk with you.** Mothering is not for the faint of heart. **We remember you.**