



June 15, 2025
Trinity Sunday
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 & Dot Killian

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds

Call to Worship

Rev Dot Killian

From the very whisper of creation, God poured forth love.

Praise be to God for the blessings of God's love.

In the fullness of time, God came in Christ as a revelation of God's own self.

Praise be to Jesus for the many ways in which He revealed God to us.

When we thought all hope was lost, God came in the Holy Spirit to heal and to guide us.

Praise be to the Holy Spirit of guidance and inspiration.

The trinity helps us to understand the nature of God.

Blessings, honor, power, and majesty to God forever more. Amen.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise 1

Holy, Holy, Holy

R. Heber

Sung in the language of your heart.

We Confess and Remember God's Mercy

Prayer of Confession

Rev. John Cleghorn

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

Holy God, even as we celebrate Your unity, we acknowledge that sometimes we forget the beauty of Your three persons. We hold to Your transcendent life as Creator and keep at a distance the challenges of Christ. We bow before Your glory and keep Your humanity away from the reality of our own lives. Forgive us, Jesus. Guide and guard us, Holy Spirit, and go on creating within us, Creator God.

In silence we continue to examine our hearts and minds before God.

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

A Minute for Mission

Common Hope

Zach Thomas, Connie Helms

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

Rev. John Cleghorn

Adults: May the Lord be with you there.

Children: May the Lord be with you here.

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.

We Hear God's Word Read and Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Karen Williams

New Testament Lesson

John 16:1-14

NT, p. 104

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Farewell, Full and Forever

Rev. John Cleghorn

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." - Jesus

We Respond to the Word in Various Ways

We Reflect On God's Word

Rev. Dot Killian

*Hymn 3

Womb of Life and Source of Being *Alternative tune: BEACH SPRING*

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in the living God, the nurturer of all humanity, who creates and sustains the universe through infinite power and redeeming love.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, the Lord of Life. Because of His

words and works, His concern for others, His conquest of death, I know what life ought to be and what God is like.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is present with us now and always and can be experienced in prayer, in forgiveness, in the Word, in the sacraments, in the fellowship of the church, in its witness, and in all that we do.

Offertory

Caldwell Gospel Choir

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.**

*Prayer of Dedication

We Welcome New Members

Stephen Jaqua and Clare McLafferty

We Pray for the People

Rev. Dot Killian

We pray for ourselves and others, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father (Creator), 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.

*Hymn

God's Got the Whole World In His Hands *African American Spiritual*

- 1. God's got the whole world in His hands**
- 2. God's got the wind and the rain in His hands**
- 3. God's got the streets of the city in His hands**
- 4. God's got everybody in His hands**

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. John Cleghorn

Everyone is invited to Hope Hall for refreshments and community after worship.

**Please rise in body and/or spirit.*

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES - THIS WEEK

Today

9:00 - 10:00 am	Coffee and Company, <i>Hope Hall</i>
9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Classes, <i>Hope Community Hall, Room 1 & Online</i>
10:45 am	The Nursery is open for infants to age 3, <i>Nursery (off of Shelby Room)</i>
11:00 am	Worship, <i>Sanctuary & Online</i>
12:30 pm	Refreshments, <i>Hope Community Hall</i>

Tuesday

10:00 am	Weekly Staff Meeting, <i>Shelby Room</i>
6:30 pm	Easter's Home Board Meeting, <i>Shelby Room</i>

Wednesday

6:30 pm	Wednesday Prayer Group, <i>Hope Hall, Prayer Room (3rd Floor)</i>
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>

Thursday

	Juneteenth
11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Black Experience 365 Exhibit, <i>Hope Hall</i>
6:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting, <i>Shelby Room</i>
7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous, <i>The Third Place</i>

Friday

7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous, <i>Shelby Room</i>
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Saturday

12:00 pm	Caldwell Arts Group Meets, <i>Hope Hall, Room 2</i>
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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.

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."

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 or 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.

Today is our last day of Children's Sunday School until Fall. Beginning next Sunday, children ages 3 and older will remain in worship with a quiet activity available. Families that prefer to watch the service with their children can go to the Shelby room where the service will be broadcast.

The Heritage Black Experience 365 Tour is a traveling Black History Museum that will be at Caldwell this Thursday (6/19) on Juneteenth! Caldwell members should identify themselves when entering to see it at no charge. This exhibit showcases the art, artifacts, and stories that bring the rich and diverse history of the Black community to life, taking us on a journey to uncover the past, understand the present, and envision the future. The exhibit covers a vast range of Black culture throughout history, including Ancient Egypt, the period of slavery, Jim Crow, Civil Rights, and more. Learn more at <https://blackx365.com/>

Caldwell Arts: Join us for studio time and fellowship on Saturday, June 21, at 12:00 pm 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 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

Did You Know? Earth Care is holding another Book Swap on Sunday, June 29. There will also be some books to take home whether or not you brought books to swap.

Our banners were created by African American artist/educator Steve Prince. The woman on the right is carrying burdens. Prince says if we aren't carrying these burdens, we need to be more thoughtful about the world around us and raise our awareness of care, including culture care. The church is called to join Jesus' offer, "Come unto me all you who labor and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) Another symbol within her corn rows is a

woman walking the fields. Prince hears her singing a freedom song, a song that continues through blues, jazz, hip hop and more. We are invited to look at cultures not through the lens of lack, but also through the lens of all that culture has to contribute. The man on the left is walking toward God in a posture of acceptance following forgiveness and contemplation. He is accepting God's call, the truth, and the role he must play. He can't carry it all and knows God takes that burden off of him. He accepts that God will empower him and give him the tools needed to make change within and in the world.

Today's Call to Worship was written by Nancy Townley (Ministry Matters). The Prayer of Confession was written by Christine Longhurst (Words for Worship). The Affirmation of Faith is from First Presbyterian Trinity Church, Orange, New Jersey.

Today's flowers are generously provided by Reita Pendry.

Please be aware that our worship services are streamed live, recorded, and available on YouTube. They can be found by going to the Caldwell Presbyterian Church channel.

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.

Anne Hunter Eidson will attend the PCUSA Music & Worship Conference June 15-20.

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. Physical interaction stickers are also available in the narthex to 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, taking 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.

The QR code for giving:



Caldwell's Mission

We seek to build a diverse, intentional, affirming community animated by joyful worship and called forth into social action for service to the greater good.

We seek to hear God's call not only as individuals but also as a progressive, missional community striving to reflect the Kingdom of God in the here and now.

We embrace the rich history of the Reformed Tradition and the storied past of our center-city church, as we welcome a diverse community of seekers – ALL ages, races and ethnicities, sexual orientations, cultural and economic backgrounds, gender identities, and family structures—ALL people.

We are called into a meaningful, transformative community that values the unique blessings and perspectives of each member and offers a place of welcome and healing to weary souls.

We seek dynamic servant leaders who serve humbly, embrace change, and boldly challenge injustices in the wider community.

Most important, we seek to proclaim the Gospel in both word and deed, following the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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