

**THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
THANKSGIVING DAY**

**BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
201 KNOEDLER ROAD  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15236**

Dr. Robert E. Walkup, Pastor  
Grace Shearer, Organist & Choir Director

10.00 A.M.

November 23, 2017

**WE GATHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

*(Please be seated in silence)*

**First Organ Prelude**

**Fisk**

*“Netherlands”*

**Announcements**

**Second Organ Prelude**

**Smith**

*“He Is Lord”*

**The Call to Worship**

**Antiphonal**

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

**People: *His love is everlasting.***

Leader: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

**People: *It is right to offer thanks and praise.***

Leader: For the good world; for things great and small,  
beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen  
splendors;

**People: We thank you LORD.**

Leader: For human life; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

**People: We thank you LORD.**

Leader: For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures;

**People: We thank you LORD.**

Leader: For the young and their high hopes; for growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience;

**People: We thank you LORD.**

Leader: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for preserving us in temptation and danger;

**People: We thank you LORD.**

Leader: For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord;

**People: Praise the LORD!**

Leader: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

**People: Praise the LORD!**

Leader: Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him;

**People: Praise the LORD!**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

**People:** *His love is everlasting.*

## THE BODY IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT

**\*Hymn**

**#525**

*“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

**\*Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

***P: And also with you***

L: Let us pray.

Leader: God of all mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your boundless love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and forever. *Amen.*

## HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

### **\*Call to Confession**

Let us open ourselves to new patterns and new life as we confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole.

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

**Unison**

*God of beginnings and endings, you have called us to a greater vision and perspective. We have heard your promises of a new day of joy and peace Yet, we confess to you that we are skeptical and expect things to go on the same as they always have. Forgive us our ingratitude and the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder of your bounteous presence in our lives. Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to see you in everything and everyone around us, and strong hands to serve you. Help us to be more thankful, and live so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whom we pray, saying: "Our Father....Amen."*

### **\*Individual Prayers of Confession**

#### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Rejoice and be glad forever! In Christ, we are a forgiven people, free to pursue newness of life and purpose.

***Thanks be to God!***

**The Gloria Patri** **#546**

**The Peace**

**The Offertory** **Price**

*“Thank You Lord”*

**\*Organ Response** **#552**

**\*The Prayer of Dedication**

**\*The Doxology** **#544**

**\*Hymn** **#523**

*“O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand”*

### **HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION**

**Prayer of Illumination** **Unison**  
*Loving God, open our ears to hear your Word and draw us closer to you, that the whole world may be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**First Reading** Pew Bible pg. 165  
*Deuteronomy 8:7-18*

**Second Reading** Pew Bible pg. 183  
*2 Corinthians 9:6-15*

**Anthem** **D. Masslon**  
*“Bless This House”*

**Gospel Reading** **Pew Bible pg. 80**  
*Luke 17:11-19*

**Sermon** **Dr. Walkup**  
*“Attitude of Gratitude”*

**Affirmation of Faith** **Apostles’ Creed**  
*Hymnal pg. 12; using “Holy Spirit”*

**Prayer of the People**

**WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS**

**\*Hymn** **#524**  
*“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”*

**\*Charge & Blessing**

**\*The Recessional** **Denton**  
*“Unto Thee Do We Give Thanks”*

***\*Please Stand if Able***

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**The flowers on the Worship Table today, are placed there to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. James K. Smith, Sr., in memory of James Lytle, Jr.; Malcolm and Dorothy Murray; Malcolm James Murray; Mr. and Mrs. James K. Smith; Miss Elizabeth Stevenson; Mr. and Mrs. James K. Smith; and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Stevenson.**



**The staff of Baldwin United Presbyterian Church wishes everyone a very blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.**