

**THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
***First Lord's Day in Lent***

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

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

11.00 A.M.

February 18, 2018

**WE GATHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

*(Please be seated in silence)*

**First Organ Prelude**

**Smith**

*"Passion Mediation"*

**Announcements**

**Second Organ Prelude**

**Smith**

*"He Is Lord"*

**Litany for Lent**

**Antiphonal**

Leader: O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace. You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy; you are generous to all who call upon you.

**People: Save us, Lord.**

Leader: O Christ, fountain of life and holiness, you have taken away our sins. On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions and were bruised for our iniquities.

**People: Save us, Lord.**

Leader: O Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort, our life and our resurrection, our peace and reconciliation:

**People: Save us, Lord.**

Leader: O Christ, Savior of all who trust you, hope of all who die for you, and joy of all the saints:

**People: Save us, Lord.**

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

**People: have mercy on us.**

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

**People: have mercy on us.**

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world

**People: grant us peace**

{*BRIEF MOMENT OF SILENCE*}

Leader: God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. *Amen.*

## **HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS**

**\*The Processional Hymn**

**#181**

*"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"*

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

Leader: God of the covenant, as the forty days of deluge swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life, so in the saving flood of Baptism we are washed clean and born again. Throughout these forty days, unseal within us the wellspring of your grace, cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy, and cause your gift of new life to flourish once again. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

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

Even when we are faithless, the God of our salvation remains faithful and will never forsake us. Whom then shall we fear? Let us therefore boldly approach the throne of grace confident of God's mercy toward us.

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

**Unison**

***God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior in whose words we pray, saying:***

***“Our Father.....Amen.”***

**\*Individual Prayers of Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Oh, what joy for those whose sins are forgiven, whose mistakes have been wiped away by God’s mercy and grace! Let us therefore rejoice in God’s unfailing love, which has yet again set us free.

***Thanks be to God!***

**The Gloria Patri**

**#546**

**The Peace**

**The Offertory**

**Dubois**

***“Christ We Adore”***

***“”***

**\*Organ Response**

**#552**

**\*The Prayer of Dedication**

**\*The Doxology**

**#544**

**\*The Hymn of Preparation**

**#272**

***“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”***

**HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Unison**

***Holy God, your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured.***



**WORSHIP TEAM TODAY: Nancy Brown, Jeri Stoehr, Giness Mumba**

**WORSHIP TEAM NEXT WEEK: Bob David, Ann Downey, Cheryl David**

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***Bible Readings***



- SUNDAY:** "Sparklers?" Matthew 13:1-8
- MONDAY:** "Something Better" Philippians 3:1-14
- TUESDAY:** "Do Not Worry" Matthew 6:25-34
- WEDNESDAY:** "God's Porch" Philippians 4:4-9
- THURSDAY:** "Orange Plastic Easter EGG" Mark 12:41-44
- FRIDAY:** "The Family Of God" 1 Corinthians 12:12-20
- SATURDAY:** "Christmas All Year" Matthew 1:18-25
- THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** *"We were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body. 1 Corinthians 12:13 (NIV)*

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Please continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Also pray for Jay Torrance, Charles Leuthold, Dorothy Williams, Norman Coliane, Patty Kulpa, Bob Knight, Charlotte Maegle, Ken Stoehr, Tom Shearer, Mary Ellen Shenkle, Carol Wagner, Sherri Rodgers and Dennis Auth.

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**LENT**

There will be a **Lenten Dinner on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 600 PM.** The dinner will be hosted by the **Ladies Circle** and consist of lasagna, **salad, rolls and butter.** The price is \$7.00 Enclosed in the bulletin is a **registration form** for the dinner. Please complete the form and place on the offering plate or return to the office by **February 14<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you

The **Devotional Series For Lent** are:

February 21	Undone by Easter
February 28	Unmasking Powers & Principalities
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March 7	Conscience and Complicity-7 PM
March 14	Understanding & Faith
March 21	On the Other Side

The devotions begin at 7:00 PM.