

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
201 KNOEDLER ROAD
PITTSBURGH, PA 15236

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

11.00 A.M.

September 17, 2017

WE GATHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
(Please be seated in silence)

First Organ Prelude

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

Smith

"He Is Lord"

Call to Worship

Antiphonal

Leader: Praise God whose power frees his people in unexpected ways.

People: Give thanks for the freedom that is won in truth!

Leader: Exalt God whose providence sustains his people in unexpected ways.

People: Delight in the grace that embraces us!

Leader: Glorify God whose love redeems his people in unexpected ways.

People: *Rejoice in the mercy that has found us!*

THE BODY IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT

***Hymn**

40

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: God of mercy: Help us to forgive, as you have forgiven us. Help us to trust you, even when hope is failing. Help us to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

***Call to Confession**

God is close to all who call on him in truth, and desires all to be healed by faith. Let us now together turn to him and relinquish all falseness within ourselves

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

Lord, we come before you with the burdens we just cannot seem to lay down. We carry the weight of the wrongs we have suffered and the tyranny of our longing for payback. We are eager to do your judging, yet also know that were your justice to be served, then we could not stand. In your overwhelming compassion, forgive us our wrongs as we do not deserve. Remove from us our obsession with settling scores, and, by the power of your Holy Spirit, open our hearts to extend this same pardon to those who have wronged us, for the sake of him who has won our pardon and who taught us to pray, saying: "Our Father....Amen."

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Our God is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger and filled with unfailing love. Through Christ, we are forgiven our failings, and receive newness of life and purpose.

Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

#546

The Peace

Offertory

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*Organ Response	#552
*Prayer of Dedication	
*Doxology	#544
*Hymn	#249
<i>“Father of Mercies, In Thy Word”</i>	

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer of Illumination **Unison**
Gracious God, your gospel is not poured into our ears by an eloquent tongue or into our eyes by inscribed words, but is breathed into our hearts by your sweet Spirit. In your grace, send forth your truth that it may produce in us the good fruit of righteous living, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading Pew Bible pg. 64
Exodus 14:19-31

Second Reading Pew Bible pg.163
Romans 14:1-12

Gospel Reading Pew Bible pg. 20
Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon **Rev. Walkup**
“Going Forward”

Affirmation of Faith **Apostles’ Creed**

Hymnal pg. 12; using "Holy Spirit"

Prayer of the People

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn**

#481

"Lift Up Our Hearts, O King of Kings"

***Charge & Blessing**

***The Recessional**

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****Please Stand if Able***

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WORSHIP TEAM TODAY: Bob David, Charlotte Maegle,
Ann Downey

WORSHIP TEAM NEXT WEEK: Rose Marie Neill, Karen
McKain, Don Russell

Bible Readings

SUNDAY: "Arm Of Protection" Deuteronomy 31:6-8

MONDAY: "Alive Again" Matthew 11:28-30

TUESDAY: "Handwritten Encouragement" 1

Thessalonians 5:1-11

WEDNESDAY: "Differing Roles" 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

THURSDAY: "True To Yourself" Romans 12:1-8

FRIDAY: "Choices" 1 Kings 17:8-24

SATURDAY: "Wonderfully Made" Psalm 139:13-18

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “The LORD your God...goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6 (NRSV)



Please continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Also pray for Milly Hartmann, Jay Torrance, Jean & Charles Leuthold, Dorothy Williams, Dorothy Dyer, Norman Coliane, Patty Kulpa, Bob Knight, Charlotte Maegle, Ken Stoehr, Brenda Torrance, Tom Shearer and Dennis Auth.



Please welcome **Garnet Roth** to Baldwin United Presbyterian Church. She is substituting for **Grace Shearer today.**

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: The photographer will be at Baldwin UP Church, September 10th and 17th to take pictures for the Membership Directory.



The Church **Birthday Celebration** that was scheduled for today, has been cancelled until further notice.

SOMETHING NEW



Something new...

The Deacons purchased “**testamints,**” candies with scripture, in memory of **Bill Clarke.** Stop by the hall table and have some.

Newsletter

If you have any articles for the **October, November, December** newsletter, please submit to **Margie** by **September 20th**. You can **email** the articles to **margiebupc@verizon.net**.

PER CAPITA



The **2017 Per Capita apportionment** will be due at the end of **October**. Every church is apportioned a share of the expenses of the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly for ecclesiastical purposes. The apportionment is based on church membership. The amount to be paid this year is \$30.00 per member. We continue to reach out to all members of our congregation to participate. **Thank you for your continued support.**