

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Twenty-First 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

10.30 A.M.

August 27, 2017

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

First Organ Prelude

Bach

“Prelude and Fugue in F Major”

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

Smith

“He Is Lord”

Call to Worship

(Inspired by Psalm 138 and Acts 17:28)

Antiphonal

Leader: We gather to give thanks to you, O LORD,

People: *with all our heart!*

Leader: We will sing Your praises before all creation,

People: *and rejoice in your steadfast love!*

Leader: You have created us O LORD, and made us
for yourself.

People: *In you, we live and move and have our being.*

THE BODY IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT

*Hymn

#434

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

*Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; 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

Let us together confess our need for the saving presence of Christ in our lives.

*Prayer of Confession

Unison

Father God, search our hearts as we quiet them before you, that we may confess our sin and receive your mercy. Forgive us when we seek a quick

blessing or a fast favor from you without investing ourselves fully in a trusting, committed relationship with you. Forgive us when we are one-sided; asking always for compassion, but not returning the same. Forgive us when we approach you begging for guidance, but then stop listening for your answers. By your renewing Spirit, lead us into all truth and righteousness for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ as we together pray, saying: “Our Father.....Amen.”

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

God’s gifts and God’s call are irrevocable, and for the sake of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed from one degree of glory into another.

Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

#546

The Peace

Offertory

Hughes

“Weeping Hope”

***Organ Response**

#552

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Doxology**

#544

***Hymn**

#317

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer of Illumination **Unison**
*Eternal God, source of everlasting light, send forth
your truth into our hearts, and bring us into your
presence with joy and gladness in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

First Reading Pew Bible pg. 49
Exodus 1:8-2:10

Second Reading Pew Bible pg.161
Romans 12:1-8

Gospel Reading Pew Bible pg. 18
Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon **Rev. Walkup**
“Guard or Guide?”

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

Prayer of the People

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn** **#485**
“Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds”

***Charge & Blessing**

***The Recessional**

Noir

“Sing Unto God”

****Please Stand if Able***

WORSHIP TEAM TODAY: Sean Frey, Colleen Frey,
Craig Frey

WORSHIP TEAM NEXT WEEK: Jean Lindberg, Diane
McGreevy, Vince Wisbar

Bible Readings

SUNDAY: “By Still Waters” John 10:14-18
MONDAY: “A Prayer For Peace” John 14:23-27
TUESDAY: “Storing Up Treasure” Matthew 6:19-24
WEDNESDAY: “A Good Representative” 2 Corinthians 5:15-
21
THURSDAY: “Beyond Understanding” 1 John 5:1-14
FRIDAY: “Look For The Platypus” Isaiah 42:9-16
SATURDAY: “Anxious No More” Philipians 4:6-7
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *“This is the confidence we have
in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his
will, he hears us. 1 John 5:14 (NIV)*



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, Carol Cantrell, Ken Stoehr, Brenda Torrance and Tom Shearer.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Fall and Winter office hours will begin, Tuesday, September 5th from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Office hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM and Wednesday from 9:00 AM -12:00 Noon.

Worship Service will begin at **11:00 AM** starting **Sunday, September 10th**.

Also **Sunday school will start at 9:30 AM on Sunday, September 10th.**



The office will be closed on **Monday, September 4th** in observance of **Labor Day**.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: The photographer will be at Baldwin UP Church, September 10th and 17th to take

pictures for the Membership Directory.

HOAGIE SALE



The **September Hoagie Sale** is underway. The sign-up sheet is on the hall table. The pick-up day for the hoagies is **Sat., September 16th**. **This hoagie sale is in memory of Bill Clarke** and the Deacons will also be selling the **Veggie Hoagies (Bill Clarke's favorite)**.

SOMETHING NEW



Something new...

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