

**THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
Baptism of the Lord

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

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11.00 A.M.

January 7, 2018

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

First Organ Prelude

Smith

"Carols Of The Star"

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

Smith

"He Is Lord"

The Call to Worship (Litany for Baptism of the Lord) **Antiphonal**

Leader: O Christ, by your epiphany your light shines upon us, giving us the fullness of salvation. Help us show your light to all we meet today.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: O Christ of glory, you humbled yourself to be baptized, showing us the way of humility. Strengthen us to serve you in humility all the

days of our life.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: O Christ, by your baptism you cleansed us from our sin, making us children of your Father. Give the grace of being a child of God to all who seek you.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: O Christ, by your baptism you sanctified creation and opened the door of repentance to all who are baptized. Make us servants of your gospel in the world.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: O Christ, by your baptism you revealed to us the glorious Trinity when the voice from heaven proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son," and the Holy Spirit descended upon you like a dove. Renew a heart of worship within all the baptized.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

THE BODY IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT

***Hymn**

INSERT

“Shall We Gather at the River”

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

***Call to Confession**

We have passed through the waters of baptism yet, we sometimes struggle to live in faith. Let us now confess together our reticence to follow where Jesus leads us.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ.

We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we

allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful in your service, that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace; rejoicing to be called children of God; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying: "Our Father.....Amen."

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the words of our Creator: "I have called you by name. You are mine. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."

Thanks be to God!

The Gloria Patri

#546

The Peace

Offertory

Eliot

"Jesus Redeemer"

***Organ Response**

#552

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Doxology**

#544

***Hymn**

#379

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer of Illumination **Unison**
God of our baptism, whose Holy Spirit empowers us daily, draw our attention to your Word that we may encounter you with the enthusiasm of our ancestors in the faith, serve you with the daring courage they displayed, and share in the beloved community of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Reading Pew Bible pg. 1

Genesis 1:1-5

Second Reading Pew Bible pg. 139

Acts 19:1-7

Gospel Reading Pew Bible pg. 34

Mark 1:4-11

Sermon **Dr. Walkup**

"No More Nowadays"

WE ARE NOURISHED IN HIS SPIRIT

Invitation **Minister**

The Great Thanksgiving **Responsive**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

L: Give thanks to God, for he is good.

P: His love is everlasting.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Petition

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal pg. 12; using "Holy Spirit"

Words of Institution

Sacrament of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn**

#449

"For the Bread That Thou Hast Broken"

***Charge and Blessing**

***The Recessional**

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"Sing Ye With Gladness"

****Please Stand if Able***

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WORSHIP TEAM & COMMUNION TEAM TODAY:
Jean Lindberg, Diane McGreevy, Vince Wisbar

WORSHIP TEAM NEXT WEEK: Nancy Brown, Jeri Stoehr
Giness Mumba

Bible Readings



SUNDAY: "On Dry Ground" Joshua 4:1-9
MONDAY: "New Life" Ephesians 2:1-10
TUESDAY: "In God's Image" Romans 8:26-30
WEDNESDAY: "A Faithful Steward" 1 Peter 4:8-11
THURSDAY: "Reflecting God's Love" Colossians 3:12-17
FRIDAY: "An Awesome Responsibility" Psalm 34:1-8
SATURDAY: "Eye's Closing" Acts 12:1-6

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:9-10 (NIV)*



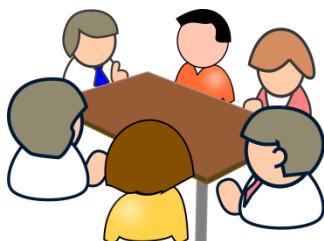
Please continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Also pray for Jay Torrance, Jean & Charles Leuthold, Dorothy Williams, Norman Coliane, Patty Kulpa, Bob Knight, Charlotte Maegle, Ken Stoehr, Tom Shearer, Mary Ellen Shenkle, Carol Wagner and Dennis Auth.



Today is Holy Communion Sunday. If you are receiving Holy Communion, please complete the Communion registration card on the back of the bulletin and place on the offering plate. Thank you.



The annual reports from all **chair people** are due on **January 12, 2018** for the **Annual Report**. You can email them to margiebupc@verizon.net. Thank you.



The **annual Congregation Corporation** meeting will be **January 21, 2018** following worship. This will include nomination/election and installation of officers for **Deacons/Elder class of 2020**.

Officer training is **Saturday, January 28, 2018 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**. Newly elected officers and those who are continuing in service are expected to attend.



Whitehall is having their **Home Made Soup Sale** on **January 14th**. Soups for January are **Corn Chowder, Wedding and Stuffed Cabbage**. The cost is **\$6.00 per quart**. A sign-up sheet is on the hall table. Orders are due **January 7th** and delivery is **Sunday, January 14th**.

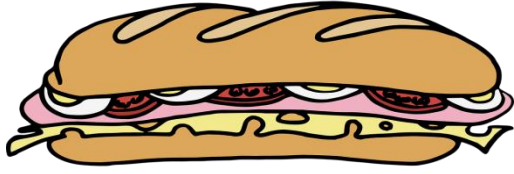


Today is the **Soup and Sandwich luncheon**. After Worship Service, stop by **Fellowship Hall** for some delicious hot soup and a sandwich.



There will be a **Session meeting, Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:00 PM**. Copies of last month's minutes are on the hall table for the Elder's review.

The Deacons' meeting will be Sunday, January 14th after Worship Service.



The Deacons will be having their annual **Super Bowl hoagie sale on Saturday, February 3rd**. All turkey or Italian hoagies must be ordered by **Sunday, January 28th**. Sign-up sheets are on the hall table. The Deacons thank you and appreciate the support from the congregation, friends and relatives.