

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Twenty-Fifth 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 24, 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

(Based on Psalm 105:1-4, 8)

Antiphonal

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD our God and make known God’s deeds among the people.

People: Sing praises and rejoice!

Leader: Glory in God’s holy Name and seek the LORD in his strength.

People: Seek God’s presence continually!

Leader: The LORD’s covenant of grace with us is

everlasting.

People: Praise the LORD!

THE BODY IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT

***Hymn**

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“To God Be the Glory”

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth, and humankind in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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 ask that the God of extravagant grace and mercy lead us to repentance and empower us to witness to a love that embraces both friend and foe.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

Holy God, we would rather take vengeance upon our enemies, than see them forgiven and redeemed. Forgive our hardness of heart, O God, and our reluctance to see your divine image even in those who hate and despise us. By your Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us and teach us to love our enemies, so that our lives may proclaim your truth—that love is stronger than hate, mercy is greater than vengeance, and communion is greater than estrangement. We ask this in the name of the Prince of Peace as we pray, saying: “Our Father……Amen.”

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit. Know that you are forgiven and walk in the new way that is made known to you in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

#546

The Peace

Offertory

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***Organ Response**

#552

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Doxology**

#544

***Hymn**

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“Christ Be Beside Me”

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer of Illumination

Unison

Almighty God, you are the fountain of everlasting light and life, and we entreat you to seal us in your truth by pouring out upon us your Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Pew Bible pg. 62

Exodus 16:2-15

Second Reading

Pew Bible pg.196

Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel Reading

Pew Bible pg. 21

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

Rev. Walkup

“At the Complaint Counter”

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

Hymnal pg. 12; using “Holy Spirit”

Prayer of the People

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn**

#294

"We Thank Thee Lord"

***Charge & Blessing**

***The Recessional**

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****Please Stand if Able***

WORSHIP TEAM TODAY: Rose Marie Neill, Karen McKain, Don Russell

WORSHIP & COMMUNION TEAM NEXT WEEK: Sean Frey, Colleen Frey, Craig Frey

Bible Readings

SUNDAY: “A Fine Line” Psalm 73:23-28
MONDAY: “The Best For Last” John 2:1-11
TUESDAY: “God’s Gifts” Philippians 4:10-19
WEDNESDAY: “Prayer Changed Me” Psalm 145:8-21
THURSDAY: “River Laundry” James 2:14-18
FRIDAY: “Undaunted Faith” Psalm 27:1-3, 13-14
SATURDAY: “Up Close And Personal” Luke 7:11-15
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: ***“Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” James 2:17 (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, Ken Stoehr, Brenda Torrance, Tom Shearer and Dennis Auth.

SOMETHING NEW



Something new...

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

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.**



WHITEHALL'S HOME MADE SOUP SALE: Whitehall **Presbyterian Church** is having a soup sale. The soups are **Wedding and Beef Vegetable**. The price is **\$6.00 per quart**. Orders are due **Sunday, October 1st** and the delivery date is **Sunday, October 8th**. **Sign-up sheets are on the hall table.**

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no **Soup and Sandwich Luncheon** next **Sunday, October 1st**. The first Soup and Sandwich Luncheon will begin on **Sunday, November 5th**.