

**THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*First Lord's Day in Advent*

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

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

11.00 A.M.

December 3, 2017

**WE GATHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

*(Please be seated in silence)*

**First Organ Prelude**

**Handel**

*"How Beautiful Are The Feet"*

**Announcements**

**Second Organ Prelude**

**Smith**

*"He Is Lord"*

**The Call to Worship**

(Advent Kyrie)

**Antiphonal**

Leader: O Lord, have mercy and come to us.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the  
Most High, pervading and permeating all

creation:

**People: Come and teach us the way of prudence.**

Leader: O Adonai and Ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai:

**People: Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.**

Leader: Be present with us, and we shall be saved.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus, and do not be slow.**

## THE BODY IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT

\*Hymn

#151

*“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”*

*(All 4 verses; Tune: “Hyfridol”)*

\*Advent Candle Lighting

Reader 1: Listen to the prophet Isaiah: *“In days to come the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into*

*plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!* (Isaiah 2:2-4)

\*Reader 2: We light this first Advent Candle signifying that we are a people of hope; constantly longing for a new birth of grace in every human heart. We listen for the voice of angels in the wind, and stretch to see the first light of a new day on the horizon. We wait. We listen. We hope.

**(Light a purple candle.)**

*Sing Verse 1, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Hymnal #147*

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

L: The Lord be with you.

***P: And also with you***

L: Let us pray.

Leader: Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

## HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

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

The Lord of Advent tells us to be watchful for his coming, keeping our lamps lighted, and our hearts clean. Therefore let us confess to the Lord.

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

**Unison**

*Eternal God, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us and prepare us for the coming of your Son. By your Spirit, illumine our paths and renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as we pray together in the words that he gave to us, saying: "Our Father.....Amen."*

### **\*Silent Prayer**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

***Thanks be to God!***

**The Gloria Patri**

**#546**

**The Peace**

**Offertory**

**Bach**

*“Let Me Be Thine”*

**\*Organ Response #552**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Doxology #544**

**\*Hymn #152**

*“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”*

## **HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Unison**

***Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.***

**First Reading**

Pew Bible pg. 694

*Isaiah 64:1-9*

**Second Reading**

Pew Bible pg. 166

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

**Gospel Reading**

Pew Bible pg. 50

*Mark 13:24-37*

*“At World’s End”*

## THE RESPONSE OF LOVE

### A Canticle to the Lamb

You are worthy, O Lord our God,  
To receive glory and honor and power,  
For you created all things,  
And by your will they were created and have their being  
You are worthy, O Christ, for you were slain,  
And by your blood have ransomed us for God,  
From every tribe and people and nation,  
A royal house of priests to our God.  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might,  
honor, and glory and blessing.  
To the one seated upon the throne,  
And to Christ the Lamb,  
Be honor and glory and might,  
Forever and ever.

### Invitation

#### 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.***

**The Great Litany  
Response**

**Minister  
Unison**

***P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the  
highest.***

**Intercessory Prayers  
Concluding Petition**

**Minister**

L: Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

***P: Son of God, we ask you to hear us.***

L: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

***P: have mercy on us.***

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***P: Grant us peace.***

L: Lord have mercy on us.

***P: Christ have mercy on us.***

L: Lord, have mercy on us.

*(Kyrie eleison)*

**Response**

**Antiphonal**

L: Great is the Mystery of faith:

***P: Christ has died, bringing us your justice;***

L: Christ is risen, offering us your love.

***P: Christ will come again, that God may be all in all.***

**The Words of Institution**

**The Sacrament of the Bread and the Cup**

**Prayer After Communion**

**WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS**

**\*Hymn**

**INSERT**

*“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”*

**\*Charge & Blessing**

**\*The Recessional**

**Hutson**

*“Be Glad In The Lord”*

***\*Please Stand if Able***

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

**WORSHIP TEAM NEXT WEEK:** Sean Frey, Colleen Frey,  
Craig Frey

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### ***Bible Readings***



**SUNDAY:** “First Sunday Of Advent” Matthew 1:18-25  
**MONDAY:** “Simply Doing Good” 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15  
**TUESDAY:** “Christmas Became Real” Isaiah 9:2-7  
**WEDNESDAY:** “Practice, Practice, Practice” John 17:15-19  
**THURSDAY:** “True Grace” Ephesians 1:3-7  
**FRIDAY:** “Soon” Isaiah 40:1-5  
**SATURDAY:** “Hope In Chaos” Matthew 6:25-34  
**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** *“We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (NIV)”*

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



If you have paid your Per Capita, thank you. We are extending the due date until the end of December 2017. The cost is \$30.00 per member. So far 42 people have paid their Per Capita. Hopefully, we can get 100 percent this year.



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



**Today is the** Soup and Sandwich luncheon **after** Worship Service. **Stop by** Fellowship Hall for **some delicious hot soup and sandwich.** Eat-in or Take-out.



The **Deacons** meeting will be next **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** after **Worship Service.**

The Session meeting will be **Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 PM.** On the hall table, there is an envelope with information for the **Elders' review.** Thank you.



**Feeding the Community**

During the holiday season, we will be **collecting non perishable food** for the food pantry. There will be a **box in the narthex.** Thank you.



Once again this **Christmas**, we will decorate our sanctuary with poinsettias from **Terry's Florist, Caste Village**. We will list in the bulletin on Christmas Eve your name and name(s) of the person(s) you would like to remember or honor. Enclosed with the bulletin is a registration for ordering. The deadline for ordering poinsettias is **December 10, 2017**.



Join us for a **Christmas brunch** on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** after **Worship Service**. Enclosed with the bulletin is a registration form. Please complete and place on the offering plate. Deadline for registrations is **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**.



Join us for The **South Hills Community Band's** annual **Christmas Concert** on **Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00PM** at **Fellowship Hall**. Refreshments will be served! Hope to see you there!



The flowers on the **Worship table** today are placed there to the **Glory of God**, in honor of **Dorothy Usowski's** birthday, presented by her children, **Diane** and **Michael** and **grandson, Davis**.