



Then Joseph got up,
took the child and
his mother by night,
and went to Egypt.

Matthew 2.14

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THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Christmas 1A

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Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walkup, Pastor
Mrs. Grace Shearer, Organist & Choir Director
Mr. Tom Yousko, Liturgist
Rev. Dr. James K. Smith, Sr., Pastor Emeritus

11.00 A.M.

December 29, 2019

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

First Organ Prelude

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

(Litany for Christmas)

Antiphonal

Leader: The Word was made flesh,

People: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Leader: and dwelt among us,

People: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Leader: Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the
Father, Light eternal:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, King of glory, Sun of righteousness,

born of the Virgin Mary:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord!*

Leader: Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Lord:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord!*

Leader: Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls, perfect in holiness:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord!*

Leader: Jesus, Friend of all, Protector of the poor, Treasure of the faithful:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord!*

Leader: Jesus, Good Shepherd, inexhaustible Wisdom, our Way, our Truth, and our Life:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord!*

Leader: Jesus, joy of the angels, and crown of all the saints:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord!*

Leader: Christ is born! Give him glory! Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him! Christ is now on earth! Exalt him! O earth, sing to the Lord! O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!

All: *Amen!*

THE BODY IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT

***Hymn**

#168

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: God of Creation; you had but to utter the Word and all was illumined. Speak your Word into the darkness and chaos of this world that our lives might be illumined and that all might be ordered in accord with your will. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, one God forever and ever. *Amen.*

HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

***Call to Confession**

Wherever there is epiphany there is also darkness that hates the Light and tries to dispose of it. Let us confess the ways in which we have embraced the shadows and rejected God's vision of wholeness.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

O God, we live as if the light had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us. We confess that we ignore the Christ you sent to be among us, to be in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his birth each moment in our waiting hearts. Lord, you came to us in the fullness of time. Open our eyes to your

coming. Let the light break forth. Let us all rejoice in the miracle of love. Let Christ come into the fullness of our time as we pray in the words he gave to us, saying: "Our Father.....Amen."

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

The God who promised never to leave us or forsake us has come to us in Jesus Christ, who heals all our infirmities, So, arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

#546

The Peace

Offertory

***Organ Response**

#552

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Doxology**

#544

***Hymn**

#163

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer of Illumination

Unison

All powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Teach us to proclaim the birth of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

First Reading Pew Bible pg. 693

Isaiah 63:7-9

Second Reading Pew Bible pg. 219

Hebrews 2:10-18

Gospel Reading Pew Bible pg. 2

Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon **Rev. Walkup**

“Shadow People”

Affirmation of Faith **Apostles’ Creed**

Hymnal pg. 12; using “Holy Spirit”

Prayers of the People

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn** **#161**

“Joy to the World”

***Charge & Blessing**

***The Recessional**

****Please Stand if Able***

WORSHIP TEAM TODAY: Jean Lindberg, Nancy Brown,
Karen McKain, Dorothy Usowski

WORSHIP & COMMUNION TEAM NEXT WEEK: Jim Palmer, Darlene Degenhardt,
Diane McGreevy, Giness Mumba

Bible Readings



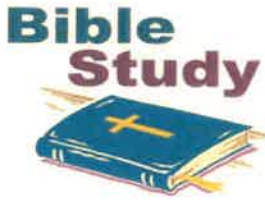
SUNDAY: "God's Helpers" Psalm 30:8-12
MONDAY: "Not By Our Merits" Ephesians 2:4-9
TUESDAY: "Beauty In The Storm" Psalm 29:1-11
WEDNESDAY: "Time Flows Away" Psalm 90:1-12
THURSDAY: "The Bigger Picture" Ephesians 4:25-32
FRIDAY: "Listening To God" Matthew 13:1-9
SATURDAY: "In The New Year" Lamentations 3:19-26

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32 (NRSV)*

Please continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Pray for Jay Torrance, Dorothy Williams, Mary Ellen Shenkle, Brenda Torrance, George Briggs, Cheryl Harriet, Jean Beyer, Lora Schmitt, Shirley Hahn, Lynne Smith, Sarah Harriett, Vince Wisbar and Eloise Berglund.

**PER
CAPITA**

So far **48%** of our membership has paid their **Per Capita**. The apportionment due for each member is **\$34.00**. If you have not paid your Per Capita, there is still time. The due date has been extended to December 31st. We hope that you prayerfully consider paying your apportionment. The more members that contribute, the less money we have to take from our **General Fund**. Thank you.



There will be **no Bible Study** on either **Christmas** or **New Year's Days**.



If you have **favorite hymns** that you would like **Grace Shearer** to play at a **church service** , write the hymns on the form provided on the hall table and place in the office. **Thank you.**



The staff at Baldwin United Presbyterian Church wishes everyone a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!