

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

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.

January 13, 2019

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

First Organ Prelude

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Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

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Call to Worship

(Psalm 29:2-4)

Antiphonal

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name,

People: *worship the Lord in holy splendor.*

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

People: *the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.*

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful,

People: *the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.*

***Hymn**

#84

*"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
(First Tune)*

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

***Call to Confession**

Leader

Even though we have passed through the waters of baptism, many are the times that we struggle to follow in faith where Jesus leads us. Let us together confess our need for God's renewing grace.

***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. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, as we pray in the words he gave to us, saying: "Our Father.....Amen"

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Minister

Hear the good news: Anyone who is in Christ is of the New Creation. The old life is finished, gone. Behold, new life has begun.

Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri**

#546

***The Peace**

The Offertory

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***Organ Response**

#552

***The Prayer of Dedication**

***The Doxology**

#544

***Hymn**

#235

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer for Illumination

Unison

God of our baptism, whose Holy Spirit empowers us daily, enrich our speech and knowledge, confirming the testimony of Christ in our midst. Draw our attention to your Word and grant that it may become incarnate in us so that we may share in the beloved community of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Reading

Pew Bible pg. 672

Isaiah 43:1-7

Second Reading

Pew Bible pg. 126

Acts 8:14-17

Gospel Reading

Pew Bible pg. 60

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon

Rev. Walkup

"Rock Warming"

Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant

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.

Baptismal Vows

Prayer of the People

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn** **INSERT**

“Baptized with Water”

***Charge & Blessing** **Minister**

***Response** **# 78**

*“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”
(Verses 1&2)*

***Postlude**

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****Please Stand if Able***

WORSHIP TEAM TODAY:

**Colleen Frey, Sean Frey,
Craig Frey**

WORSHIP TEAM NEXT WEEK:

**Jeri Stoehr, Rose Marie Neill, Vince
Wisbar**

Bible Readings



- SUNDAY:** "Welcoming All" James 2:1-9
- MONDAY:** "In The Same Boat" Matthew 8:23-27
- TUESDAY:** "The Gift Of Another Year" Psalm 139:1-18
- WEDNESDAY:** "Busy Days" Colossians 2:6-10
- THURSDAY:** "House Of God" Ephesians 2:11-22
- FRIDAY:** "God's Assurance" Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20
- SATURDAY:** "God Can" Acts 3:1-10

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9 (NIV)

Please continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Also pray for Jay Torrance, Dorothy Williams, Norman Coliane, Bob Knight, Charlotte Maegle, Tom Shearer, Mary Ellen Shenkle, Sherri Rodgers, Eloise Berglund, Dave Martin, Brenda Torrance and Rose Marie Neill.



The annual Congregational Meeting for the ordination/installation of officers will be Sunday January 20, 2019.

There will be an officer's Training meeting on Saturday, January 26th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon for new and current officers. Lunch will be provided.



There will be a **Deacons' meeting** today following Worship Service.



The **Super Bowl Hoagie Sale** is underway. **February 2** will be the pick-up date. **Italian and turkey** will be sold. Sign-up sheets will be on the hall table or call the office to place your order. **Deadline for orders is January 27.** Thank you.



The **2019 Worship and Communion Team's Schedule** is on the **hall table**. Please note that the **2019 schedule** becomes effective **January 13th**, starting with the **Second Sunday**. Thank you.

The **2019 Church Calendar** is on the hall table for distribution. Also, if you would like to order **flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one**, mark the **Flower Calendar** and fill out the registration and place on the offering plate or take to the church office. The fee is **\$40.00 for 2 vases of flowers**.

UPPER ROOM

The **January-February 2019 "Upper-Room" devotional booklets** are on the hall table and displayed in the narthex. The cost is **\$.50/booklet**.



SHIM is sponsoring a **"Financial Wellness Workshop"** on **Tuesday, February 12th** from **10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon** at **Baldwin United Presbyterian Church**. **Everyone is welcome to attend**. This is a **free workshop**. To register call **412-281-9773**. **Flyers with more information are on the hall table.**