

**THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
First Lord's Day in Advent (A)**

**BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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11.00 A.M.

December 1, 2019

**A WEARY WORLD AWAITS
THE PROMISE OF REDEMPTION**
(Please be seated in silence)

First Organ Prelude

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

(Isaiah 59, excerpted)

Antiphonal

Leader: *See, the LORD's hand is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. Rather, your iniquities have been barriers between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. Therefore, justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us; we wait for light, and lo! there is darkness; and for brightness, but we walk in*

gloom. We wait for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us. For our transgressions are many and our sins testify against us. Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands at a distance; for truth stumbles in the public square, and uprightness cannot enter. The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no one, and was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so, his own arm brought him victory and his righteousness upheld him. And he will come to Zion as Redeemer, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression, says the LORD. And as for me, this is my covenant with them, says the LORD: My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I shall put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth or out of the mouths of your children, or out of the mouths of your children's children, says the LORD, from now on and forever.

***Advent Candle Lighting**

Minister: Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope.

(Light Candle)

We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes from God, to lead us from dark valleys into the light upon God's holy mountain. Keep awake! Be watchful! The Son of Man is coming with great power and

glory. Hold your heads high, for your salvation is near.

Hymn

#147

“O Come. O Come, Emmanuel”

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always. *Amen.*

***Call to Confession**

Leader

As we begin our Advent journey, let us acknowledge our need for reconciliation to the God who is ever ready to bless and heal us.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

We are captive, exiled, O God, because we have, each in our own way, chosen our own path, away from you. We are hungry for wisdom and knowledge, because we have, too often, substituted

our judgment for yours. We are consumed with securing ourselves, because we fail to trust in your power. We are lost, in need of guidance. God of all ages, hear the cries of our hearts and examine our motives. Take away our blindness, and show us the world through your eyes. Teach us your paths that we might walk with you more closely, our hand in your hand; our feet in your footsteps. In your compassion hear the prayer we raise in the words of our Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, saying: "Our Father.....Amen."

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Minister

Emmanuel, God with us, is coming that we might live our lives in the grace that frees us from the bondage of sin and death.

Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri**

#546

***The Peace**

Offertory

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***Organ Response**

#552

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Doxology**

#544

***Hymn**

INSERT

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

GOD SPEAKS COMFORT TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for 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. 631

Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Reading

Pew Bible pg. 162

Romans 13:11-14

Gospel Reading

Pew Bible pg. 27

Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon

Rev. Walkup

“Surprise!”

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.

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

P: have mercy on us.

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

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.

Words of Institution

Sacrament of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer After Communion

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn**

#151

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”
(Tune: Hyfrydol)

***Charge & Blessing**

Minister

***Postlude**

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****Please Stand if Able***

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

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

Bible Readings



SUNDAY: "Anticipation: Psalm 130:5-8
MONDAY: "A Beautiful Blessing: Genesis 45:1-15
TUESDAY: "Unmerited favor" John 8:1-11
WEDNESDAY: "Finding Rest" 2 Samuel 15:13-26
THURSDAY: "Grandmother's Kitchen" 1 Peter 4:8-11
FRIDAY: "A Little Tweaking" Ephesians 1:15-23
SATURDAY: "Hornet's Nest" Galatians 3:23-29

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."* Ephesians 1:17 (NIV)

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

H O L Y



COMMUNION

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

**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.



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.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

There will be a **Christmas concert** on **Monday, December 16th** at 7:00 PM performed by **South Hills Community Concert Band.**

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be on **Tuesday, at 7:30 PM.**



The holidays are fast approaching and we are now collecting non-perishable items for the food pantry hosted here at **Baldwin UP Church by SHIM.** Lists of Items needed are on the hall table. **Thank you for your generosity.**



Once gain this **Christmas** we will decorate our sanctuary with **poinsettias from Terry Florist, Caste Village.** If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to take home or to give to a shut-in the price is **\$10.00.** Forms are enclosed with the bulletin the deadline for ordering is **December 15th.**



There will be a **Deacon's meeting** next **Sunday, December 8th** after **Worship Service.**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

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Paul Gerhardt, 1653

Trans. Catherine Winkworth and others, 1863; alt.

Melchior Teschner, 1614

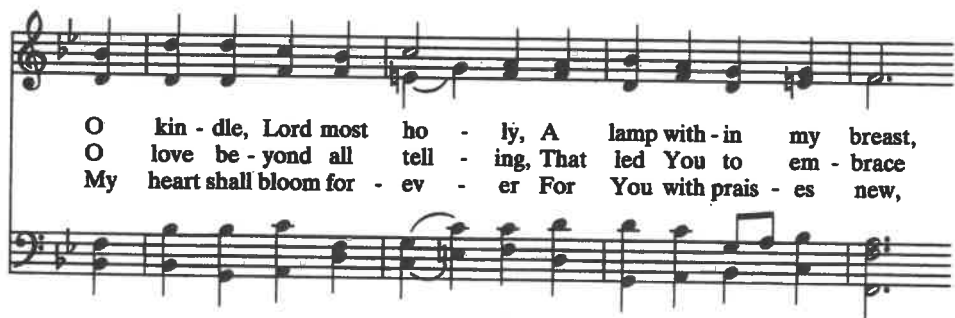
Harm. William Henry Monk, 1861



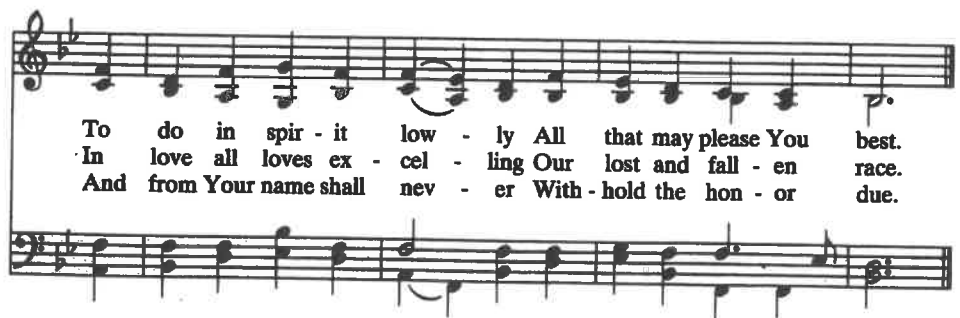
1. O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
2. Love caused Your in - car - na - tion, Love brought You down to me;
3. A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high,



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
That will not fail nor leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, A lamp with - in my breast,
O love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace
My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new,



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
In love all loves ex - cel - ling Our lost and fall - en race.
And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.