

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Fifteenth Lord's Day In Ordinary Time

BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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11.00 A.M.

July 15, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

(Please be seated in silence)

First Organ Prelude

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

(Inspired by Psalm 24 & Eph. 1:3-14)

Antiphonal

Leader: Almighty God, we rejoice that the world and all that live in it are yours.

People: *The whole creation testifies to your glory.*

Leader: Yet even more glorious is your grace lavished upon us freely in Christ,

People: *Who reconciles us forever with you and with one another.*

Leader: Lift up the gates of our souls and open the doors of our minds,

People: *That the King of Glory may come in!*

Leader: Who is this King of Glory?

People: *The God of hosts who in Christ blesses us with every spiritual blessing.*

***Hymn**

#152

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: Eternal God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation and in the beauty of human life. Touched by your hand, our world is holy. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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**

Leader

We struggle to grasp the divine Mystery that God has chosen us to be holy and blameless in love. Let us now seek reconciliation, as we together pray, saying:

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

Gracious God, we confess before you and one another that our lives do not always reflect your goodness and mercy. We have been too quick to criticize and complain and too slow to rejoice in your providence. We admit that we sometimes find it easier and more convenient to countenance a congenial lie rather than to tell an unpopular truth. We acknowledge before you and one another that our disbelief in the power of your Holy Spirit to make all things new mars your gracious gift of life in the fullest. Have mercy on us and teach us to forgive one another for the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as together pray, saying: "Our Father....Amen."

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Minister

Because of the extravagance of God's love in Jesus Christ, we have forgiveness of our trespasses as gifts of God's generous and amazing grace.

Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri**

#546

***The Peace**

The Offertory

*Organ Response	#552
*The Prayer of Dedication	
*The Doxology	#544
*Hymn	#344
<i>"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"</i>	

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer for Illumination **Unison**
God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading	<i>Amos 7:7-15</i>	Pew Bible pg. 855
Second Reading	<i>Ephesians 1:3-14</i>	Pew Bible pg. 192
Gospel Reading	<i>Mark 6:14-29</i>	Pew Bible pg. 40

Sermon **Rev. Walkup**
"Standing on the Promises"

Affirmation of Faith **Apostles' Creed**
Hymnal pg. 12; using "Holy Spirit"

Prayers of the People

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn**

“Standing on the Promises”

INSERT

***Charge & Blessing**

Minister

***Postlude**

****Please Stand if Able***

WORSHIP TEAM TODAY:

**Nancy Brown, Jeri Stoehr,
Giness Mumba**

WORSHIP TEAM NEXT WEEK:

**Bob David, Dorothy Fisher,
Cheryl David**

Bible Readings



- SUNDAY:** "A Friend Who Prays" Philippians 1:3-11
- MONDAY:** "Peace In A Place Of Doubt" John 20:19-29
- TUESDAY:** "Still Serving Others" Joshua 14:6-13
- WEDNESDAY:** "Learning From Elijah" I Kings 19:1-14
- THURSDAY:** "Showing God's Love" Psalm 34:1-10
- FRIDAY:** "Does It Matter?" Hebrews 6:9-12
- SATURDAY:** "An Imperfect Disciple" Luke 22:54-62

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9 (NIV)*



Please continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Also pray for Jay Torrance, Charles Leuthold, Dorothy Williams, Norman Coliane, Patty Kulpa, Bob Knight, Charlotte Maegle, Nancy Torrance, Tom Shearer, Mary Ellen Shenkle, Sherri Rodgers, Twila Weixel, Frank Mascherma and Gene Marnell.



Vacation Bible School will be held for 4 days Monday through Thursday on July 16, 17, 18 and 19. The time will be 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, ages 6 years to 12 years old. The program is: "Salt and Light."



The Deacons are sponsoring an Ice cream social today after Worship Service at Fellowship Hall. It is their way of thanking all of you for your support of their hoagie sales. Hope to see you there!



Happy Anniversary to Nancy and Jay Torrance. They are celebrating their 49th anniversary on September 20th. This was not noted on the July/August/September newsletter.