

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Fourth Lord's Day in Lent

BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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11.00 A.M.

March 31, 2019

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

First Organ Prelude

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

Litany for Lent

Antiphonal

Leader: O LORD, your steadfast love never ceases;

People: *Your mercies never end.*

Leader: By grace, you have reconciled us to yourself through Christ.

People: *You forgive us and call us by name.*

Leader: There is rejoicing in heaven for once we were lost, but now are found; once we were dead, but are now alive in Christ

People: *You seek us, find us, and raise us to new*

life.

Leader: We therefore regard no one from a hopeless human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

People: Let us worship God who makes all things new.

***Hymn**

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“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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**

Leader

Let us together confess how we sometimes run away from God by nursing our secret burden of guilt and resentment.

***Prayer of Confession** **Unison**
All wise and holy God, you have written your law of love upon our hearts and shown us the full embodiment of this love in Jesus Christ. Yet, we confess that we have wandered afar and squandered your blessings. Sometimes, we turn our backs on your love and justify ourselves by our own standards rather than yours. By your prodigal grace, welcome us back as your sons and daughters so that we may celebrate and rejoice in your Presence forever through our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, saying: "Our Father.....Amen."

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon** **Minister**
Happy are those who confess to the LORD and whose sin is put away.
Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri** **#546**

***The Peace**

The Offertory

***Organ Response** **#552**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

***The Doxology** **#544**

***Hymn** **#403**

“Tell Me the Old, Old Story”

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer for Illumination **Unison**
Lord, it is your Word alone that we seek. By the illumination of your Holy Spirit, quiet us with that peace which passes all understanding, and make us radiant with the knowledge of your goodness through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading **Pew Bible pg. 197**
Joshua 5:9-12

Second Reading **Pew Bible pg. 181**
2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Anthem

Gospel Reading **Pew Bible pg. 78**
Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

Sermon **Rev. Walkup**
“Homecoming”

Intercession for Lent

Responsive

Leader: O God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,

People: *Have mercy on us*

Leader: O God the Son, redeemer of the world,

People: *Have mercy on us*

Leader: O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

People: *Have mercy on us*

Leader: Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God,

People: *Have mercy on us.*

Leader: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses nor the offenses of our forebears. Spare us, good Lord, spare your people whom you have redeemed with your precious blood,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Leader: From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Leader: From all deadly sin; and from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Leader: From all false teaching, and division; from hardness of heart, and contempt for your Word and commandments,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Leader: From natural disaster; from civil strife; from violence and war; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Leader: By the mystery of your holy incarnation, by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by your proclamation and kingdom,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Leader: By your bloody sweat and bitter grief; by your cross and suffering; and by your precious death and burial,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Leader: By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

People: In our times of trouble; in our times of prosperity; in the hour of our death, and on the day of judgment,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Leader: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you, and you have promised through your beloved Son that whenever two or more are gathered in his name, you will be in their midst. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn**

#437

“The Church’s One Foundation”

***Charge & Blessing**

Minister

***Response**

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

***The Recessional**

****Please Stand if Able***

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This service has been adapted from the Book of Common Worship – Presbyterian Church (USA)

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:** “In The Thicket” 1 Samuel 1:1-28
- MONDAY:** “You Never Know” Colossians 3:1-14
- TUESDAY:** “Response Required” John 5:1-9
- WEDNESDAY:** “The Tiny Green Shoot” 1 Samuel 16:1-13
- THURSDAY:** “Birdsong” Matthew 6:25-34
- FRIDAY:** “Finishing Well” Hebrews 12:1-3
- SATURDAY:** “A Healing Balm” Romans 12:9-18

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2 (NRSV)

Please continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Also pray for Jay Torrance, Dorothy Williams, Mary Ellen Shenkle, Brenda Torrance, George Briggs, Margaret Tissue, Myrna Trautvetter, Cheryl Harriett, Jean Beyer and Eloise Berglund.



Please join us during **LENT** and prepare yourself for **Easter**. The **Lenten Devotional Series** will be **“Forgiveness.”** Our speaker for the **Lenten Series** will be **Dr. Robert Walkup, Pastor**. Join us every **Wednesday** during **LENT** at **7:00 PM** at **Fellowship Hall**. **Refreshments will be served.**
All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: On **Wednesday, April 3rd**, Dr. Bob will be cooking **A Roast Beef Dinner**. Dinner will be served at **6:00 PM**. Following the dinner will be the **Lenten Devotional Series**. If you plan to attend please complete the registration form and place on the offering plate by **March 31st**. **Thank you.**

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL SERIES

*The source material is from Marjorie Thompson’s Lenten study
Entitled: “FORGIVENESS.”*

- I. March 13, 2019: “Beginnings”
- II. March 20, 2019: “Self-Examination and Honesty”
- III. March 27, 2019: “Repentance”
- IV. April 3, 2019: “Forgiving and Freedom”
- V. April 10, 2019: “Hymn Sing”

Due to Dr. Bob chairing Presbytery CPM Commission meeting on April 10, 2019, a hymn sing is suggested for April 10, 2019.



We are now accepting donations for the **Easter Lilies** in **memory or honor of a loved one**. If you would like to purchase an **Easter Lily**, please complete the registration enclosed with the bulletin and place the registration along with the **money** on the offering plate. The deadline for the Easter Lilies is today, March 31st. **Thank you.**