

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Fourth Lord's Day in Easter

BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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11.00 A.M.

May 12, 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

(Inspired by Ps. 23)

Antiphonal

Leader: We gather together to worship and praise our
'Good Shepherd,'

People: *who cares for us so well.*

Leader: Caring Shepherd, we celebrate your generous
providence for us.

People: *You supply all our needs.*

Leader: You take us by the hand and lead us safely

through the dark and fearful times in life,

People: *And give us strength for the journey.*

Leader: You offer us rest and renewal when we are weary.

People: *You restore our souls.*

Leader: You provide a feast for us when we are stressed.

People: *Your goodness and mercy overflow our lives.*

Leader: Let us worship our Good Shepherd;

People: *Whose unfailing love is always waiting for us.*

***Hymn**

#131

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

***Call to Confession**

Leader

We praise you, O God, for giving shape and meaning to the ancient image of yourself as shepherd through the person of Jesus Christ. We come now before you to confess that, like sheep, we have all gone astray and need your help to return to right paths.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

Gentle Shepherd, you would lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we acknowledge that we have sometimes preferred paths of our own choosing. You know your sheep and call us by name, but we admit that we sometimes distort your voice to suit our needs and biases rather than your holy purposes. Worse, we sometimes follow the voices of others who would play upon our fear and anger. We now ask that you forgive us our anger, willfulness, divisiveness, complaining and apathy. By your renewing Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and gather us together as one flock under the reign of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, saying: "Our Father.....Amen."

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Minister

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives because God forgives us our failures and calls us back into his flock.

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** **#380**

“Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Me”

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer for Illumination

Unison

Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Amen.

First Reading

Pew Bible pg. 128

Acts of the Apostles 9:36-43

Second Reading **Pew Bible pg. 249**
Revelation 7:9-17

Anthem

Gospel Reading **Pew Bible pg. 104**
John 10:22-30

Sermon **Rev. Walkup**
"Paradise Found"

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

Prayers of the People

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn** **#139**
"Blessed Assurance"

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

***Response** **# 78**
"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"
(Verses 1)

***The Recessional**

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****Please Stand if Able***

WORSHIP TEAM TODAY: Colleen Frey, Sean Frey, Craig Frey

WORSHIP TEAM NEXT SUNDAY: Jeri Stoehr, Rose Marie Neill, Vince Wisbar

Bible Readings



SUNDAY: "A Mother's Faith" Matthew 7:13-14
MONDAY: "Before We Even Speak" Luke 7:11-17
TUESDAY: "Encouragement" Acts 15:30-35
WEDNESDAY: "Not Afraid" Psalm 112:6-8
THURSDAY: "A Way Through" Isaiah 43:1-7
FRIDAY: "God's Love Song" Romans 8:14-21
SATURDAY: "Our Patient God" Isaiah 40:27-31
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"Those who wait fo theORD shall renew their strength. Siah 4:31 (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, , Myrna Trautvetter, Cheryl Harriett, Jean Beyer and Eloise Berglund.



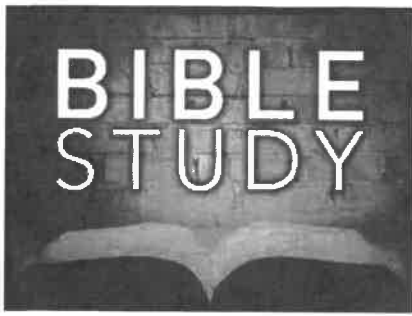
There will be a Session meeting on Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 PM. Copies of last month's minutes are on the hall table for the Elder's review.

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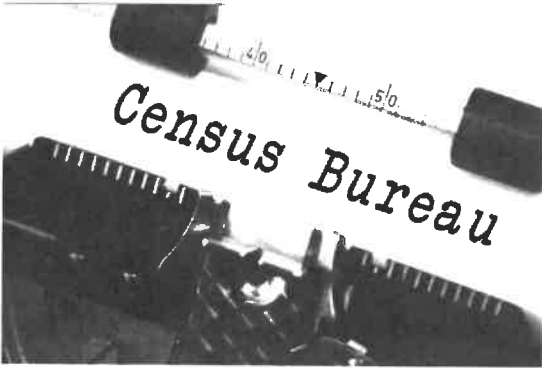
Thank you to our congregation. We had over 15 boxes filled up with essentials for children around the world. May God bless you for your generosity!

Blessings to you,

Dr. Bob



Please note: Bible Study has resumed on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM.



The Federal Government is looking for Census Takers for 2020. You can apply on line at 2020census.gov/jobs or call 1-855-JOB-2020. If interested, more information is on the hall table.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL WOMEN TODAY! MAY YOU HAVE A VERY BLESSED AND PEACEFUL MOTHER'S DAY!