

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Thirtieth Lord's Day in Ordinary Time
Reformation Sunday

BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
201 KNOEDLER ROAD
PITTSBURGH, PA 15236

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walkup, Pastor
Mrs. Grace Shearer, Organist & Choir Director
Mr. Tom Yousko, Liturgist
Rev. Dr. James K. Smith, Sr., Pastor Emeritus

11.00 A.M.

October 27, 2019

WE GATHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

(Please be seated in silence)

First Organ Prelude

Davis

"Beautiful Savior"

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

"Lord Jesus Think Of Me"

Call to Worship (Inspired by the Book of Confessions PC(USA)) **Antiphonal**

Leader: We gather as one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church; the communion of saints.

(Nicene and Apostles' Creeds)

People: ***We have communion with the Father and with the Son through the Holy Spirit.***

(Scot's Confession)

Leader: From the beginning of the world, the Son of

God, by his Word and Spirit gathers, protects and preserves the unity of the true faith.

(Heidelberg Catechism)

People: *Those who truly know and serve God partake of his benefits.*

(Second Helvetic Confession)

Leader: In the gospel, God declares his love for the world and, by his Word and Spirit, pleads with us to accept his gracious invitation.

(Westminster Confession)

People: *For our destiny is to know God and enjoy God forever.*

(Westminster Shorter Catechism)

Leader: Jesus Christ, as he is attested in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear, trust and obey in life and in death.

(Theological Declaration of Barmen)

People: *Whosoever comes to him shall be saved.*

(Westminster Larger Catechism)

Leader: In steadfast hope, the Church looks to the final triumph of God, whose reign is already present,

(Confession of 1967)

People: *Assured that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

(Brief Statement of Faith)

***Hymn**

#144

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart, you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner. Grant us the gift of humility, that we may see our own sins clearly and refrain from judging our neighbor. We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, 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

Confident in God's mercy, let us now boldly confess to the LORD our shortcomings.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

O God of mercy, we lament that even our good actions of reform and renewal have sometimes led to unintended negative consequences. Lord have mercy. We bring before you the burdens of past guilt when our forbearers did not follow your will that all be one in the truth of the Gospel. Christ have mercy. We confess our own ways of thinking and acting that perpetuate the divisions of the past. As

communities and as individuals, we build many walls around us: mental, spiritual, physical, and political walls that result in division and discord. Lord have mercy. Forgive us all our failings and in the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us to be agents of your peace and reconciliation through Jesus Christ our Lord, as we together pray, saying: "Our Father.....Amen."

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Minister

Christ is our peace, who breaks down the walls that divide, and strengthens us for a faithful and common witness in our time.

Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri**

#546

***The Peace**

Offertory

Paxton

"He Is Lord"

***Organ Response**

#552

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Doxology**

#544

***Hymn**

#381

"God is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer for Illumination

Unison

Almighty God, by your holy word, all that we know and hold dear has come into existence. By your holy word, you sent forth your Son to bring us salvation through the cross of death and resurrection. By your holy word, you have called us together to be a Church of love and service in the world. By your holy word, we know that we live in grace and hope. Keep us ever close to your word, that it might be written upon our hearts.

First Reading

Pew Bible pg. 848

Joel 2:23-32

Second Reading

Pew Bible pg. 213

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Reading

Pew Bible pg. 81

Luke 18:9-14

Sermon

Rev. Walkup

"The REAL Opiate of the Masses"

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal pg. 12; using "Holy Spirit"

Prayers of the People

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn**

91

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

***Charge & Blessing**

Minister

***Response**

78

*"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"
(Verse 1)*

***Postlude**

Smith

"Joy Unending"

****Please Stand if Able***

WORSHIP TEAM TODAY: Dottie Fisher, Bob David, Cheryl David

WORSHIP TEAM NEXT WEEK: Jim Palmer, Darlene Degenhardt, Diane McGreevy, Giness Mumba

Bible Readings



- SUNDAY:** "No Limits" Matthew 8:14-17
- MONDAY:** "Return For Deposit" 2 Corinthians 1:21-22
- TUESDAY:** "God Listens" Ephesians 6:18-20
- WEDNESDAY:** "We Of Little Faith" Mark 5:24-34
- THURSDAY:** "SteadFast" Romans 12:9-13
- FRIDAY:** "All Saints' Day" Hebrews 11:1-12
- SATURDAY:** "Heavy Burdens" Palm 46:1-11

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." Matthew 7:7 (NIV)

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



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour next **Saturday November 2nd before you go to bed. **Standard time begins Sunday November 3rd.****

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**PER
CAPITA**

So far 35% of our membership has paid their Per Capita. The apportionment due for each member is \$34.00. The Per Capita is due at the end of October. Please prayerfully consider contributing. Thank you.



Please pray for **Lora Schmitt** who is recovering from a **Heart Catheterization**.



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.**

JUST A REMINDER: Next Sunday is **Holy Communion Sunday** and the **Soup and Sandwich luncheon**.