

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Twenty Sixth Lord's Day in Ordinary Time

BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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11.00 A.M.

September 30, 2018

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

First Organ Prelude

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (Meditation on Psalm 124/James 5) **Antiphonal**

Leader: LORD, if you were not on our side we would
be overwhelmed;

**People: *In Christ, we have escaped the snare of the
Accuser.***

Leader: Blessed be the LORD who has not given us
over to destructive anger;

**People: *Who sets us free to love and serve each
other.***

Leader: Are any among us suffering?

People: *Then let us pray.*

Leader: Are any among us cheerful?

People: *Then let us sing songs of praise.*

Leader: Are any among us sick?

People: *The let us seek God's healing and anointing.*

Leader: The LORD will raise us up.

People: *Our help is in the Name of the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.*

***Hymn**

84

*"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
(First Tune: Ellacombe)*

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: Eternal God, we adore you because in Jesus Christ you have made known to us the mystery of your will. We praise you that, through him, you have lavished your grace upon us and that, for his sake, you are regenerating us and the whole creation. We gather today singing hymns of joy because we want to, and seeking your continuing grace and guidance because we must. We pray you bless our worship this day and continue the good work you have begun in us, as your

adopted sons and daughters, through your Beloved Son 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

Let us together acknowledge that we often need to be rescued from ourselves so that we may be drawn to God, who is the source of every spiritual blessing.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

We let the world overcome us and live too much in continual fear of the chances and changes of mortal life. We let things go too much their own way, and try too much to get what we can by our own selfish wits, without considering our neighbor. We follow too much the ways and the fashions of the day, doing and saying and thinking anything that comes foremost just because there is so much around us. Free us, O God, from our selfish interests, and guide us to see your way and do your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, as we pray, saying: "Our Father....Amen."

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Minister

In Jesus Christ, we have been reconciled to God through the cross and are being built spiritually into a

holy temple of the Lord; a dwelling place for God.
Thanks be to God!

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

***The Peace**

The Offertory

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

***The Prayer of Dedication**

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

***Hymn** **#344**

"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer for Illumination **Unison**
Almighty God, we invoke you, the fountain of everlasting light, and entreat you to send forth your truth into our hearts and to pour upon us the glory of your brightness: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading **Pew Bible pg. 448**

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

Second Reading **Pew Bible pg. 231**

James 5:13-20

Gospel Reading **Pew Bible pg. 45**

Mark 9:38-50

Sermon

Rev. Walkup

“Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

Hymnal pg. 12; using “Holy Spirit”

Prayers of the People

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn**

INSERT

“Fight the Good Fight”

***Charge & Blessing**

Minister

***The Recessional**

****Please Stand if Able***

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

WORSHIP & COMMUNION TEAM NEXT WEEK: Rose Marie Neill, Karen McKain, Darlene Degenhardt

Bible Readings



SUNDAY: "Watering The Fields" Deuteronomy 10:12-22
MONDAY: "Words That Heal" Isaiah 53:1-10
TUESDAY: "Faithfulness" Psalm 57:8-11
WEDNESDAY: "Faith Training" 1 Timothy 4:7-10
THURSDAY: "God's Eternal Supply" Isaiah 40:27-31
FRIDAY: "Healing By Grace" Romans 8:37-39
SATURDAY: "Last In Line" 1 Samuel 16:1-12

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."
1 Samuel 16:7 (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.

PER CAPITA: PLEASE NOTE: The 2018 Per Capita is due by the end of **October 2018**. The apportionment due for each member is **\$34.00**. Thank you.

There will be a **Congregational meeting** immediately following **Worship Service** to adopt by-laws.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The **Soup and Sandwich luncheon** will be changed to the **last Sunday** of the month instead of the **first Sunday** of the month. The first **Soup and Sandwich luncheon** is **Sunday, October 28th**. The cost is **\$5.00** for a jar of soup and **\$6.00** for a jar of **soup and sandwich**. The money collected will go towards the **Christian Education program** and the new **floor and lighting fund**.

The **Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 20th** at **5:30 PM**. The menu will be **pork roast, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, vegetable and dessert**. The cost is **\$10.00** for adults and **\$5.00** for children under **12 years old**.