

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Baptism of the Lord 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.

January 12, 2020

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

First Organ Prelude

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

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Call to Worship

(Litany for Baptism of the Lord)

Antiphonal

Leader: O Christ, by your epiphany your light shines upon us, giving us the fullness of salvation. Help us show your light to all we meet today.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: O Christ of glory, you humbled yourself to be baptized, showing us the way of humility. Strengthen us to serve you in humility.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: O Christ, by your baptism you cleansed us from our sin, making us children of your Father. Give the grace of being a child of God to all who seek you.

People: *Lord have mercy.*

Leader: O Christ, by your baptism you sanctified creation and opened the door of repentance to all who are baptized. Make us servants of your gospel in the world.

People: *Lord have mercy.*

Leader: O Christ, by your baptism you revealed to us the glorious Trinity when the voice from heaven proclaimed, "*This is my beloved Son,*" and the Holy Spirit descended upon you like a dove. Renew a heart of worship within all the baptized.

People: *Lord have mercy.*

Leader: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: *Amen.*

THE BODY IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT

***Hymn**

#464

"Morning Has Broken"

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of 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**

We have passed through the waters of baptism so that we might bring hope and carry healing into the brokenness of the world around us. Yet, we often struggle to live in faith. Let us now admit our struggles to follow where Jesus leads us.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, and cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we pray in his words, saying: "Our Father.....Amen."

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the words of our creator, spoken through the Prophet Isaiah: *"I have called you by name. You are mine. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."*

Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

#546

The Peace

Offertory

***Organ Response**

#552

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Doxology**

#544

***Hymn**

#124

“Be Not Dismayed, Whate’er Betide”

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer of Illumination

Unison

God of our baptism, whose Holy Spirit empowers us daily, draw our attention to your Word that we may encounter you with the enthusiasm of our ancestors in the faith, and serve you with the daring courage they displayed, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Reading

Pew Bible pg. 670

Isaiah 42:1-9

Second Reading

Pew Bible pg. 129

Acts 10:34-43

Gospel Reading

Pew Bible pg. 3

Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

Rev. Walkup

“Do You See What He Saw?”

Corporate Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant

Prayers of the People

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn**

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“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

***Charge & Blessing**

***The Recessional**

****Please Stand if Able***

WORSHIP TEAM TODAY: Colleen Frey, Sean Frey Craig Frey

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

Bible Readings



SUNDAY: "A Remarkable Opportunity" Matthew 3:1-12

MONDAY: "My Right Place" Romans 12:4-8

TUESDAY: "Lavishly Loved" Psalm 139:1-6

WEDNESDAY: "Watch And Pray" Matthew 26:36-41

THURSDAY: "Isn't It Glorious?" Revelation 21:1-7

FRIDAY: "On The Team" 1 Corinthians 12:8-27

SATURDAY: "God In The Small Things" 1 Kings 18:41-45

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

Please continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Pray for Jay Torrance, Dorothy Williams, Mary Ellen Shenkle, Brenda Torrance, George Briggs, Cheryl Harriet, Jean Beyer, Shirley Hahn, Lynne Smith, Sarah Harriett, Vince Wisbar and Eloise Berglund.

LIVING STONES: Living Stones will be having their free dinner today at 4:30 PM. Everybody welcome!



There will be a Session meeting on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00 PM.

Copies of the minutes from last month's meeting are on the hall table for the Elder's review.

ALL OFFICERS: The Officer Training for all active offices and officer nominees is Saturday, January 18th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. Lunch will be provided.

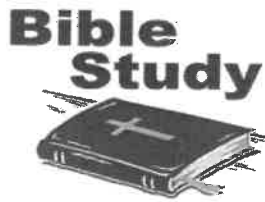


The annual reports for 2019 are now due. Officers, please send to Margie by email, margiebupc@verizon.net or send to the office. Thank you.

The Congregational/Corporate Meeting is

Sunday January 26th following Worship Service. Agenda includes:

- 1.Reception of Annual Report.**
- 2.Election of officers/Class of 2022.**
- 3.Ordnation/Installation of officers Class of 2022.**



Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Everybody welcome.



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.**