

# Peace

*My peace I give you.*

—JOHN 14:27

**THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**Fourth Lord's Day in Advent (A)**

**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.

December 22, 2019

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

**First Organ Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Second Organ Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

*(Magnificat of Mary, Luke 1:46-55)*

Leader: *And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the LORD, and my soul rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has*

*brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”*

**\*Advent Candle Lighting**

Minister: We have lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ, the candle of Peace, remembering God’s dream of a peaceful world, and the candle of Joy, remembering the Spirit within us who brings joy. Today we light the fourth candle which is the source of all the others; the candle of Love.

(Light Candle)

Scripture tells us that there is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out all fear. Love is the very nature of God and is more powerful than rulers and empires; mightier than grief or despair; stronger even than death. See what love the Father has given us by becoming one with us and one for us that we might be called children of God.

**\*Hymn**

**INSERT**

*“Savior of the Nations, Come”*

**\*Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

***P: And also with you***

L: Let us pray.

Leader: God of grace, you chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Savior. Now fill us with your grace, that with her, we may rejoice in your salvation, and in all things, embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

## **HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS**

### **\*Call to Confession**

**Leader**

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Let us therefore come out of the shadows and into the light of Christ.

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

**Unison**

***God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord who taught us to***

*pray to you, saying: "Our Father.....Amen."*

**\*Silent Prayer**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**Minister**

See what great love the Father has, that he sent his only Son into the world that we might live through him as children of God.

***Thanks be to God!***

**\*Gloria Patri**

**#546**

**\*The Peace**

**Offertory**

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**\*Organ Response**

**#552**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Doxology**

**#544**

**\*Hymn**

**#148**

*“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

**HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Unison**

***Eternal God, let now your goodness appear and give sight to our souls. Increase our gladness and fill our hearts with burning love and passionate faith to receive our Savior; who lives and reigns with the Father in the power of Holy Spirit, ever one God,***

***world without end. Amen.***

**First Reading** **Pew Bible pg. 636**

*Isaiah 7:10-16*

**Second Reading** **Pew Bible pg. 152**

*Romans 1:1-7*

**Gospel Reading** **Pew Bible pg. 1**

*Matthew 1:18-25*

**Sermon** **Rev. Walkup**

*“Messiah Begins with Mess”*

**Affirmation of Faith** **Nicene Creed**

*Hymnal pg. 12; using “Holy Spirit”*

**Prayers of the People**

**WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS**

**\*Hymn** **#149**

*“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”*

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

**\*Postlude**

***\*Please Stand if Able***

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

**WORSHIP TEAM NEXT WEEK: Jean Lindberg, Nancy Brown,  
Karen McKain, Dorothy Usowski**

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***Bible Readings***



**SUNDAY:** "My Calling" Mark 10:13-16  
**MONDAY:** "Large And Small" Psalm 56:3-11  
**TUESDAY:** "To Be A Giver Again" 2 Corinthians 8:1-5  
**WEDNESDAY:** "Christmas Day" Luke 2:1-14  
**THURSDAY:** "Family History" Matthew 1:1-17  
**FRIDAY:** "God Is Good" Psalm 119:65-72  
**SATURDAY:** "No Burden Too Heavy" Mark 16:1-8

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "An angel of the LORD appeared to the (the shepherds), and the glory of the LORD shone around them." Luke 2:9 (NIV)**

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**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, Lora Schmitt, Shirley Hahn, Lynne Smith, Sarah Harriett, Vince Wisbar and Eloise Berglund.**

**PER  
CAPITA**

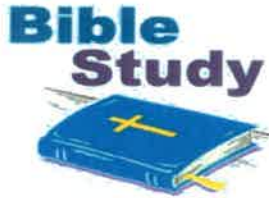
So far **48%** of our membership has paid their **Per Capita**. The apportionment due for each member is **\$34.00**. If you have not paid your Per Capita, there is still time. The due date has been extended to December 31<sup>st</sup>. We hope that you prayerfully consider paying your apportionment. The more members that contribute, the less money we have to take from our **General Fund**. Thank you.



**The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be on Tuesday, December 24th at 7:30 PM. Grace Shearer will again be performing her medley of holy Christmas music beginning at 7:15 PM.**



The office will be closed during **Christmas week** (December 24th through December 27th. The office will reopen **Monday, December 30th.**



There will be no **Bible Study** on either **Christmas** or **New Year's Days.**



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.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The **South Hills Community Band's** concert is Monday, December 23rd at 7:00 PM. **at 7:00 PM.** Come and relax and enjoy the sounds of Christmas. **Hope to see you there!**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY ARTICLES FOR THE JAN/FEB/MARCH NEWSLETTER, PLEASE SUBMIT TO MARGIE BY DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>. YOU CAN EMAIL MARGIE YOUR ARTICLE AT [MARGIEBUPC@VERIZON.NET](mailto:MARGIEBUPC@VERIZON.NET). THANK YOU.**



The staff at Baldwin United Presbyterian Church wishes everyone a very blessed **Merry Christmas!**



# Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND 7.7.7

Attr. Ambrose of Milan, 4th century  
Para. Martin Luther, 1524  
Trans. William Morton Reynolds, 1850

Based on plainsong melody  
*Eyn Enchiridion*, Erfurt, 1524  
As in *Songs of Syon*, 1910



1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make here Your home.
2. From the God-head forth You came, And re - turn un - to the same,
3. You, the cho - sen Ho - ly One, Have o'er sin the vic - tory won.
4. Bright-ly does Your man - ger shine, Glo - rious is its light di - vine.



Mar - vel - now, O heaven and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.  
Cap - tive lead - ing death and hell. High the song of tri - umph swell!  
Bound - less - shall Your king - dom be; When shall we its glo - ries see?  
Let not sin o'er - cloud this light; Ev - er be our faith thus bright.

