

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Seventeenth Lord's Day In Ordinary Time

BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
201 KNOEDLER ROAD
PITTSBURGH, PA 15236

Rev. Steven Bomely, Guest Minister
Mrs. Grace Shearer, Organist & Choir Director

11.00 A.M.

July 29, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

(Please be seated in silence)

First Organ Prelude

Bach

"Prelude And Fugue in D Minor"

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

Smith

"He Is Lord"

Call to Worship

(Inspired by Psalm 14)

Antiphonal

Leader: Pretending to be wise, fools say in their heart
"There is no God" for the wisdom of this world
is foolishness,

People: *And God's foolishness is wiser than
human wisdom.*

Leader: You decreed your hidden wisdom from before the ages, and for our salvation chose the path the world sees as weak and foolish.

People: *In Jesus Christ your Wisdom became flesh and entered the world in humility.*

Leader: In him you have borne our griefs, covered over our sins, and swallowed up our deaths in victory.

People: *Blessed are we to be called in our Lord Jesus Christ;*

Leader: Whose love is the power and wisdom of God surpassing all knowledge;

People: *And who fills us with the fullness of God.*

***Hymn**

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“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your Word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that, believing in the One whom you have sent, we may know him to be the true bread of heaven and food of eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be glory and honor forever and ever. *Amen.*

HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

***Call to Confession**

Leader

We know that there are moments in our lives when our failures and our harmful ways are exposed for all to see. Yet, God is faithful, and sustains us in our weakness. Let us therefore open our lives to God's mercy and forgiveness.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

Saving God, we do not always display your grace to the world. We are your voices yet choose to remain silent. We are your hands and feet but walk a different road. We are your children yet fail to live in peace. Forgive us for ignoring your love, and for trusting our own wisdom. Disturb the habits of our sin and empower us to worship you in spirit and in truth, so that we glorify your name through our words and deeds, for the sake of your Wisdom made flesh for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whom we pray, saying: "Our Father...Amen."

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Minister

To him, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through whom our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

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

***The Peace**

The Offertory **Graham**

“Where He Leads Me”

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

***The Prayer of Dedication**

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

***Hymn** **INSERT**

“Wonderful Words of Life”

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer for Illumination **Unison**
Gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, intelligence to understand you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading **Pew Bible pg. 324**
1 Kings 17:8-16

Gospel Reading **Pew Bible pg. 14**
Matthew 13:1-23

Sermon

Rev. Bomely

“Seed-Faith (Part 1)”

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

Hymnal pg. 12; using “Holy Spirit”

Prayers of the People

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn**

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“We Have Heard the Joyful Sound”

***Charge & Blessing**

Minister

***Postlude**

Grieg

“Trumphal March”

****Please Stand if Able***

WORSHIP TEAM TODAY:

**Rose Marie Neill, Karen McKain
Darlene Degenhardt**

WORSHIP & COMMUNION TEAM NEXT WEEK:

**Sean Frey, Colleen Frey
Craig Frey**

Bible Readings



- SUNDAY:** "Never Lonely" John 14:15-19
- MONDAY:** "I Am Not Alone" Isaiah 43:1-3
- TUESDAY:** "Compassionate Father" Psalm 103:1-14
- WEDNESDAY:** "Focused Thinking" Romans 11:33-12:2
- THURSDAY:** "Can't Stop Praising" Psalm 145:1-2
- FRIDAY:** "When The Brook Dries Up" 1 Kings 17:1-9
- SATURDAY:** "New Life" Isaiah 11:1-10

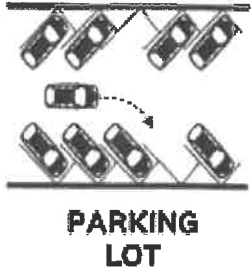
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"The LORD said, "You will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:12-13 (NIV)*



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.



Cheryl and Bob David left for their mission trip to Texas, July 22 – 28, 2018. It's organized through Old Union Presbyterian Church, and operates under the auspices of Coastal Bend Recovery and Presbyterian Disaster Relief. They will be rehabbing homes destroyed by Hurricane Harvey. They are requesting prayers for physical and spiritual strength, patience and understanding, and safe travel for all the volunteers. If members of the congregation want to follow their progress, they can follow the group at: <https://oldunion2018.blogspot.com>



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