

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Third Lord's Day in Lent

BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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11.00 A.M.

March 24, 2019

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

First Organ Prelude

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

Litany for Lent

(Based on Isaiah 55)

Antiphonal

Leader: We gather to seek the LORD while he may yet
be found,

People: *And call upon him while he is near.*

Leader: Even though his thoughts are not our
thoughts, nor his ways our ways,

People: *The Holy One of Israel has glorified us*

Leader: In steadfast love, he makes an everlasting
covenant with us.

People: *We shall never be cut off.*

Leader: The Living Word that proceeds from God shall not return empty. He shall accomplish that which God purposes.

People: *Let us listen to him so that we may live.*

Leader: Let us turn to the LORD of mercy that he may lead us in peace,

People: *And send us out in joy.*

***Hymn**

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“Come, Ye People, Rise and Sing”

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

***Call to Confession**

Leader

The One who inhabits eternity and whose name is Holy dwells also with those who are contrite and humble of spirit. Let us therefore return to our God who will

abundantly pardon.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

Most merciful God, we are sometimes like the fig tree which appears lush yet bears no fruit. When we compare our lives to the potential you see for us, we realize that our thoughts are not your thoughts nor our ways your ways. Forgive us for being quick to see our neighbor's faults yet slow to behold our own. Have mercy on us when we demand that others repent yet ignore our own need to do so. Above all, forgive us our distraction which dissuades us from examining what discipleship really means for us personally and as members of your church. By the power of your Holy Spirit, enrich us to bear the good fruit of repentance for the sake of Christ Jesus in whose name we pray, saying: "Our Father.....Amen."

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Minister

The Lord does not accuse for he has seen our ways, and has healed them that we might bear fruit worthy of the gospel.

Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri**

#546

***The Peace**

The Offertory

- *Organ Response #552
- *The Prayer of Dedication
- *The Doxology #544
- *Hymn #241
“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer for Illumination Unison
Look upon us, O Lord, and let all the darkness of our souls vanish before the beams of your brightness. Fill us with holy love, and open to us the treasures of your wisdom. We seek your face; turn your face to us and show us your glory. Then shall our longing be satisfied, and our peace shall be perfect.
(Augustine)

First Reading Pew Bible pg. 685
Isaiah 55:1-9

Second Reading Pew Bible pg. 172
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Anthem

Gospel Reading Pew Bible pg. 76

Luke 13:1-9

Sermon

Rev. Walkup

“Uncertainty Principle”

Intercession for Lent

Responsive

Leader: O God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,

People: Have mercy on us

Leader: O God the Son, redeemer of the world,

People: Have mercy on us

Leader: O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

People: Have mercy on us

Leader: Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Receive our prayers, O Lord our God.

People: Hear us, good Lord.

Leader: Govern and direct your holy church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

People: Hear us, good Lord.

Leader: To all your people give grace to hear and receive your Word, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

People: Hear us, good Lord

Leader: Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities.

People: Hear us good Lord

Leader: Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern

us, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth.

People: *Hear us, good Lord*

Leader: To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give dignity, food, and shelter.

People: *Hear us, good Lord*

Leader: Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

People: *Hear us, good Lord*

Leader: Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble, and comfort the aged, the bereaved, and the lonely.

People: *Hear us, good Lord*

People: Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your Holy Word.

People: *Hear us, good Lord*

Leader: Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

People: *Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

People: Grant us peace.

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

*Hymn

#338

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

***Charge & Blessing**

Minister

***Response**

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*“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”
(Verses 1&2)*

***The Recessional**

****Please Stand if Able***

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This service has been adapted from the Book of Common Worship – Presbyterian Church (USA)

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

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

Bible Readings



- SUNDAY:** “Set Free” Romans 6:3-11
- MONDAY:** “God’s Rest” 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
- TUESDAY:** “Holding Fast” Jeremiah 29:10-13
- WEDNESDAY:** “Honesty In Prayer” Psalm 139:1-6
- THURSDAY:** “Berry Picking Time” Matthew 9:35-38
- FRIDAY:** “God’s Bottle Of Tears” Palm 56:8-13
- SATURDAY:** “Joy In God” Hebrews 4:13-16

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28 (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, Margaret Tissue, Myrna Trautvetter, Cheryl Harriett, Jean Beyer and Eloise Berglund.



Please join us during **LENT** and prepare yourself for **Easter**. The **Lenten Devotional Series** will be **“Forgiveness.”** Our speaker for the **Lenten Series** will be **Dr. Robert Walkup, Pastor**. Join us every **Wednesday** during **LENT** at **7:00 PM** at **Fellowship Hall**. **Refreshments will be served**. **All are welcome. Hope to see you there!**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: On **Wednesday, April 3rd**, Dr. Bob will be cooking A **Roast Beef Dinner**. Dinner will be served at **6:00 PM**. Following the dinner will be the **Lenten Devotional Series**. If you plan to attend please complete the registration form and place on the offering plate by **March 31st**. **Thank you.**

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL SERIES

The source material is from Marjorie Thompson’s Lenten study

Entitled: “FORGIVENESS.”

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| I. | March 13, 2019: | “Beginnings” |
| II. | March 20, 2019: | “Self-Examination and Honesty” |
| III. | March 27, 2019: | “Repentance” |
| IV. | April 3, 2019: | “Forgiving and Freedom” |
| V. | April 10, 2019: | “Hymn Sing” |

Due to Dr. Bob chairing Presbytery CPM Commission meeting on April 10, 2019, a hymn sing is suggested for April 10, 2019.



We are now accepting donations for the **Easter Lilies** in **memory or honor of a loved one**. If you would like to purchase an **Easter Lily**, please complete the registration enclosed with the bulletin and place the registration along with the **money** on the offering plate. **Thank you**.