

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
First Lord's Day in Christmas

BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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PITTSBURGH, PA 15236

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11.00 A.M.

December 30, 2018

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

First Organ Prelude

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Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

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Call to Worship

Antiphonal

Leader: Glory to you, almighty God, for you sent your
only-begotten Son,

People: *that we might have new life.*

Leader: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for you
became flesh and dwelt among us,

People: *that we might become your people.*

Leader: Glory to you, Holy Spirit,

People: *for you direct and rule our lives.*

Leader: Glory to you, almighty God, and to your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: *Amen.*

***Hymn**

#163

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord who, together with the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns with you, one God forever and ever. *Amen.*

(Adapted From a Christmas Prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson)

HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

***Call to Confession**

Leader

For our failures to see that the continuing miracle of Christmas involves our participation in the life of God through Jesus Christ, let us pray to the LORD.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

Loving God, even as the light of the incarnation has entered our lives, the shadows of our past disappointments and weaknesses still linger. We have joined the angels' song yet been afraid to speak of you. We have shared the shepherd's awe yet failed to recognize you. We have knelt at the manger yet have not truly served you. We have called you one with us yet ignored our brothers and sisters when they needed us most. In your grace, lead us from the darkness of our fears and failures. Lift our eyes heavenwards and keep our feet firmly on the ground so that we might know and share your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, as we pray saying: "Our Father.....Amen."

(Adapted from a prayer by T. Kemp, Church of Scotland)

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Minister

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and in Jesus Christ the God who promised never to leave or forsake us has come to heal all our infirmities.

Thanks be to God!

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

***The Peace**

The Offertory

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

***The Prayer of Dedication**

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

***Hymn** **#176**

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer for Illumination **Unison**
Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord, and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain you with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen.

First Reading **Pew Bible pg. 246**

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Second Reading **Pew Bible pg. 201**

Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel Reading **Pew Bible pg. 59**

Luke 2:41-52

Sermon **Rev. Walkup**

“His Parents Wonder as Jesus Wanders”

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal pg. 12; using "Holy Spirit"

Prayer of the People

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn**

#173

"Ah, Dearest Jesus, Holy Child"

***Charge & Blessing**

Minister

***Response**

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

***Postlude**

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****Please Stand if Able***

**WORSHIP TEAM TODAY: Jean Lindberg, Diane McGreevy,
VinceWisbar**

WORSHIP TEAM NEXT WEEK: Nancy Brown, Jeri Stoehr, Giness Mumba

Bible Readings



- SUNDAY:** "God's Glory" Psalm 16:1-11
MONDAY: "Celebrating God" Acts 2:41-47
TUESDAY: "New Year's Resolution" Psalm 67:1-7
WEDNESDAY: "Where Is The New?" 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
THURSDAY: "God's Tree Climbers" Luke 19:1-10
FRIDAY: "Comfort After Loss" Jeremiah 31:12-14
SATURDAY: "Good News Carriers" Romans 10:12-18

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4 (NIV)*

Please continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Also pray for Jay Torrance, Dorothy Williams, Norman Coliane, Bob Knight, Charlotte Maegle, Tom Shearer, Mary Ellen Shenkle, Sherri Rodgers, Eloise Berglund, Dave Martin, Brenda Torrance and Rose Marie Neill.



The annual Congregational Meeting for the ordination/installation of officers will be **Sunday January 20, 2019**. All end of the year reports are due in the office by **January 10, 2019**. You can email the report to marqiebupc@verizon.net.

There will be an officer's Training meeting on **Saturday, January 26th** from **9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon** for new and current officers.



The office will be closed on December 31 and January 1. Margie, the Secretary will be out of the office on December 27 and December 28. If you need to talk to someone, leave a message and someone will call you back. Thank you.



The **Super Bowl Hoagie Sale** is underway. **February 2** will be the pick-up date. **Italian and turkey** will be sold. Sign-up sheets will be on the hall table or call the office to place your order. **Deadline for orders is January 27.** Thank you.

**Happy
New Year!**

***MAY EVERYONE HAVE A
BLESSED AND PEACFUL NEW
YEAR!***