



*He asked them,
"But who do you say that I am?"
Peter answered him,
"You are the Messiah."*

Mark 8.29

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THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Twenty-Fourth Lord's Day in Ordinary Time

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Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walkup, Pastor
Mrs. Grace Shearer, Organist & Choir Director

11.00 A.M.

September 16, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

(Please be seated in silence)

First Organ Prelude

Gabriel

"On Higher Ground"

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

Smith

"For He Is Lord"

Call to Worship

Antiphonal

Leader: Holy God, as we gather this morning, if we are
distracted,

People: Grant us focus.

Leader: If our minds are racing with worries,

People: Grant us peace by slowing us down.

Leader: If our lives are cluttered,

People: Grant us space.

Leader: If our hands are clinging to so many things,

People: *Loosen our grip.*

Leader: May we release the many things of this world
as we seek the one thing—

People: *Your eternal kingdom. Amen.*

***Hymn**

Hymnal Flyleaf

“How Great Thou Art”

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: God of mercy: Help us to forgive, as you have forgiven us. Help us to trust you, even when hope is failing. Help us to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus 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**

Leader

Repentance is the grateful turning of the mind and will away from self and toward God. Let us therefore bring our prayers before the God who hears and reaches out to save us.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

Dear Lord, forgive that so much of my religion is concerned with myself. I want harmony with you. I want peace of mind. I want health of body – and so I pray. Forgive me if I have made you the means and myself the end. Help me to wean myself from this terrible self-concern, for hell can be nothing else but a life in which self is the center. My salvation can come only from you, O Lord. Make me truly yours in utter commitment to your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, as we pray in the words he gave to us , saying: “Our Father.....Amen.”

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Minister

There is therefore now no condemnation for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri**

#546

***The Peace**

The Offertory

Birchwood

“For This We Pray”

***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

Lord, all your treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ. You reveal them through words spoken in his name. May we understand and obey; for his sake. Amen.

First Reading

Pew Bible pg. 584

Proverbs 1:20-33

Second Reading

Pew Bible pg. 230

James 3:1-12

Gospel Reading

Pew Bible pg. 43

Mark 8:27-38

Sermon

Rev. Walkup

“Dragon Taming”

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles’ Creed

Hymnal pg. 12; using “Holy Spirit”

Prayers of the People

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

INSERT

***Charge & Blessing**

Minister

***The Recessional**

“Song Of Rejoicing”

Thygeron

****Please Stand if Able***

WORSHIP TEAM TODAY: Jean Lindberg, Diane McGreevy, Vince Wisbar

WORSHIP TEAM NEXT WEEK: Nancy Brown, Jeri Stoehr, GinessMumba

Bible Readings



SUNDAY: "Where We Are" Jeremiah 29:12-14

MONDAY: "Playlist" Psalm 32:6-11

TUESDAY: "Powerful Words" James 3:3-13

WEDNESDAY: "A New Friend" Luke 12:6-7

THURSDAY: "Daily Blessings" Numbers 6:22-27

FRIDAY: "Many Ways" Matthew 25:14-30

SATURDAY: "Rejection" Galatians 6:7-10

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"Let us grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. Galatians 6:8 (NRSV)*

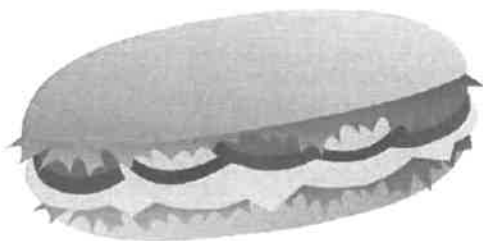
Please continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Also pray for Jay Torrance, Charles Leuthold, Dorothy Williams, Norman Coliane, Patty Kulpa, Bob Knight, Charlotte Maegle, Nancy Torrance, Tom Shearer, Mary Ellen Shenkle, Sherri Rodgers, Twila Weixel, Frank Mascherma and Gene Marnell.



Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of **Charlotte Clarke** who passed away **Friday morning**. Please keep them in your **thoughts and prayers** at this difficult time. A funeral service will be on **Monday, September 17 at 11:00 AM**.

PER CAPITA:

PLEASE NOTE: The 2018 Per Capita is due by the end of **October 2018**. The apportionment due for each member is **\$34.00**. Thank you.



The **Deacons' fall hoagie sale is underway.** They will be selling **Italian and Turkey.** The price is **\$7.00.** Pick-up is **Saturday, September 29** from **10:00 AM to Noon.** **Deadline for orders is Sunday, September 23.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Bible Study will resume on **Wednesday, September 19** at **7:00 PM** at **Baldwin UP Church.**

Congregational Meeting **September 30** to **adopt by-laws.**



Obituary for Charlotte E. Clarke

On Thursday, September 13, 2018, Charlotte E. (Stitt), age 85, of Whitehall, passed away at Jefferson Hospital after a short illness. Beloved wife of the late William G. "Bill" Clarke for 58 years; mother of Denise (John) Chester, of Belleville, Bill (Shirley) Clarke, of Northville, MI, and Michael (Lisa) Clarke, of Castle Shannon; grandmother of Matthew & Jonathon Chester, and Grant, Gavin, Jude, Sidney, and Theodore Clarke; sister of Carl Stitt, William Stitt and the late Mabel Cunningham, Maxine Barr, Louise Miller and infant brother Earl Stitt; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Charlotte was a longtime and dedicated member of Baldwin United Presbyterian Church, participating in Bible study and as a deacon. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, "Mema." She was a woman of great faith and demonstrated that faith in her daily life. "... but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Friends received Sunday 2-4 & 6-8 pm at the GRIFFITH FUNERAL HOME, INC., 5636 Brownsville Road, (at 6th St.), South Park Twp. (412) 655-4600. Funeral Prayer Monday 10:30 a.m at the funeral home, followed by services in the Baldwin United Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Charlotte's memory to the Baldwin United Presbyterian Church. Condolences may be offered for the family at www.GriffithFH.com