

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

BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
201 KNOEDLER ROAD
PITTSBURGH, PA 15236

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

11.00 A.M.

September 23, 2018

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

First Organ Prelude

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (Meditation on Psalm 1/Mk. 9:33-37) **Antiphonal**

Leader: We rejoice and praise your holy Name O
LORD, and delight to walk in the light of Christ.

People: *Your living Word is our hope.*

Leader: You invite us to worship you as beloved
children made in your image,

People: *Who bear the likeness of Christ.*

Leader: Like trees planted beside flowing streams, you plant us on the banks of hope, watered by rivers of grace and joy,

People: *That we might bear good fruit.*

Leader: Open our hearts and minds, and lead us in paths of humble service;

People: *That our lives might declare your praise*

***Hymn**

#132

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: God and Father of all, you have willed that the last shall be first, and you have made a little child the measure of your kingdom. Give us that wisdom which is from above, so we may understand that, in your sight, the one who serves is the greatest of all. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

***Call to Confession**

Leader

The grace of God overflows for us through Jesus Christ who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our faults.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

Holy and merciful God, we humbly come, eager for the forgiveness and healing that can only come through you. You alone know how often we have wandered from your ways, wasted your gifts and forgotten your love. We confess that we have not consistently practiced holiness. We confess that we have let the world divide us rather than allowing the cross to unite us. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, as we pray in the words he gave us, saying: "Our Father.....Amen."

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Minister

When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with forgiveness and renewed blessing.
Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri**

#546

***The Peace**

The Offertory

*Organ Response	#552
*The Prayer of Dedication	
*The Doxology	#544
*Hymn	#

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer for Illumination **Unison**
Almighty God, you are the fountain of everlasting light and life, and we ask you to seal us in your truth by pouring out upon us your Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading **Pew Bible pg. 584**

Proverbs 1:20-33

Second Reading **Pew Bible pg. 230**

James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a

Gospel Reading **Pew Bible pg. 45**

Mark 9:30-37

Sermon **Rev. Walkup**

“Defining the Impossible”

***Affirmation of Faith** **Apostles’ Creed**

Hymnal pg. 12; using “Holy Spirit”

Prayers of the People

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn**

#300

"Take Time to Be Holy"

***Charge & Blessing**

Minister

***The Recessional**

****Please Stand if Able***

WORSHIP TEAM TODAY: Nancy Brown, Jeri Stoehr, Giness Mumba

WORSHIP TEAM NEXT WEEK: Bob David, Dorothy Fisher, Cheryl David

Bible Readings



SUNDAY: "Sacred Silence" 1 Kings 19:11-13
MONDAY: "Nudges From God" Proverbs 3:27-29
TUESDAY: "Drops Of Paint" Titus 2:11-14
WEDNESDAY: "Baskets Of Blessings" Psalm 100:3-5
THURSDAY: "An Inspiring Visit" Acts 2:42-47
FRIDAY: "God's Faithful Provision" Philippians 4:18-20
SATURDAY: "One Day At A Time" Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)

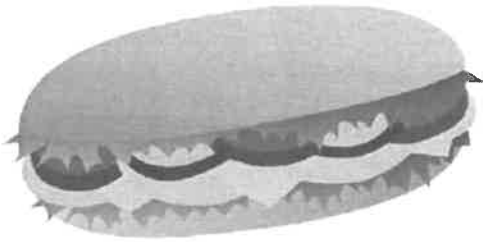
Please continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Also pray for Jay Torrance, Charles Leuthold, Dorothy Williams, Norman Coliane, Patty Kulpa, Bob Knight, Charlotte Maegle, Nancy Torrance, Tom Shearer, Mary Ellen Shenkle, Sherri Rodgers, Twila Weixel, Frank Mascherma and Gene Marnell.



The Wittmer/Kolenda family wishes to thank Baldwin United Presbyterian Church for the cards prayers and sympathetic words received on the death of Mary J. Wittmer. May God continue to bless the Baldwin United Presbyterian Church in carrying on God's work.

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.



Today is the deadline for ordering hoagies. The price is \$7.00. Pick-up is **Saturday, September 29** from 10:00 AM to Noon. Sin-up sheets are on the hall table.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Congregational Meeting September 30 to adopt by-laws.

The Soup and Sandwich luncheon will be changed to the last Sunday of the month instead of the first Sunday of the month. The first Soup and Sandwich luncheon is Sunday, October 28th. The cost is \$5.00 for a jar of soup and \$6.00 for a jar of soup and sandwich. The money collected will go towards the Christian education program and the new floor and lighting fund.