

**THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
*Transfiguration Sunday*

**BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**201 KNOEDLER ROAD**  
**PITTSBURGH, PA 15236**

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walkup, Pastor  
Mrs. Grace Shearer, Organist  
Mr. Tom Yousko, Liturgist  
Rev. Dr. James K. Smith, Sr., Pastor Emeritus

11.00 A.M.

February 23, 2020

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

**First Organ Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Second Organ Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**Antiphonal**

Leader: The Lord, the Eternal God, has spoken and summons the whole earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**People: God shines forth in glory.**

Leader: The same God who in the beginning said, "*Let there be light,*" and revealed himself to Moses face to face, has shown his glory to the world in the shining face of his Son Jesus Christ.

**People: Light of love and light of delight.**

Leader: We delight in the transforming Light of God's love which shines forth from the shadows.

**People: *Light that transforms doubters into followers.***

Leader: O merciful God of grace, as we celebrate today the holy light that illuminated and transfigured your Son, the Beloved,

**People: *Illumine and inspire us to listen to him always.***

## **THE BODY IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT**

**\*Hymn**

**# 85**

*"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: O God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek you with a sincere heart you reveal the beauty of your face. Strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transfiguring power; that, we may walk the path of discipleship as followers of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

## HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

### **\*Call to Confession**

Just as Moses and the disciples of Jesus were changed by their experiences, so too are we transformed by the mercy of God. Let us therefore draw near to God and open ourselves to God's transformative grace.

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

**Unison**

*O God, you know how our days are spent between light and darkness; the heights of our dreams and the valleys of our fears. We confess that we fall far short of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, as we seek desperately to secure ourselves instead of dwelling in your peace. We thrill at the mountaintop experience yet lose our vision when we return to the plains. We are not ready for your glory; prepare us. By your grace, banish our darkness and enlighten us today. Increase our vision and lift us up from the pits of our insecurities so that our lives may declare your praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying: "Our Father.....Amen."*

### **\*Silent Prayer**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

In Jesus Christ, the veil of God's glory is lifted, and for his sake we are forgiven and transformed from one degree of glory into another.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Gloria Patri** #546  
**The Peace**  
**Offertory**

\***Organ Response** #552

\***Prayer of Dedication**

\***Doxology** #544

\***Hymn** #238

*“Seal Us, O Holy Spirit”*

**HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION**

**Prayer of Illumination** **Unison**  
*Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of your divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of your Gospel. Amen.*

**First Reading** Pew Bible pg. 70  
*Exodus 24:12-18*

**Second Reading** Pew Bible pg. 236  
*2 Peter 1:16-21*

**Gospel Reading** Pew Bible pg. 18  
*Matthew 17:1-9*

**Sermon** **Rev. Walkup**  
*“Cloud of Unknowing”*

**Affirmation of Faith** **Apostles’ Creed**  
*Hymnal pg. 12; using “Holy Spirit”*

**Prayers of the People**

**WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS**

**\*Hymn**

**#411**

*"Take the Name of Jesus With You"*

**\*Charge & Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

***\*Please Stand if Able***

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

**WORSHIP & COMMUNION TEAM NEXT WEEK: Jim Palmer, Darlene Degenhardt, Diane McGreevy, Giness Mumba**

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***Bible Readings***



**SUNDAY:** "Confidence For The Future" Matthew 6:25-34

**MONDAY:** "Service And Shoelaces" Luke 22:24-30

**TUESDAY:** "I Still Love You" Titus 3:1-7

**WEDNESDAY:** "Trash To Treasure" Psalm 34:17-22

**THURSDAY:** "Without Fail" I John 5:13-15

**FRIDAY:** "God Is Merciful" Proverbs 3:1-10

**SATURDAY:** "Always Grateful" I Thessalonians 5:12-18

***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "This is love: not that we loved GOD, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." 1 John 4:10 (NIV)***

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**Please continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Pray for Jay Torrance, Dorothy Williams, Mary Ellen Shenkle, Brenda Torrance, George Briggs, Cheryl Harriet, Jock Murphy, Shirley Hahn, Lynne Smith, Sarah Harriett, Vince Wisbar, Teresa Fox and Eloise Berglund.**

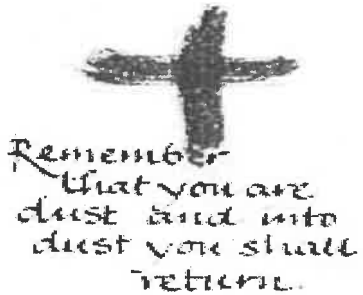


**Please keep Grace Shearer, our organist, in your prayers. She was hospitalized and is now discharged. She is now at home.**

**Please keep Nancy Brown in your prayers. She is at Jefferson Hospital for a hip replacement.**



**If you have favorite hymns that you would like Grace Shearer to play at a church service, write the hymns on the form provided on the hall table and place in the office. Thank you.**



**Ash Wednesday is February 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Communion Service and distribution of ashes, The service begins at 7:30 PM. This is the beginning of Lent. Hope to see you there!**

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR:**

There will be a **Lenten Dinner on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM** sponsored by the **Deacons**. The dinner will consist of **fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, green beans and rolls and drinks**. If a few people could bring a dessert, that would be appreciated. The cost is **\$8.00**. A sign-up form is enclosed in the bulletin. Please complete and place on the offering plate. **Thank you.**

**SOUP AND SANDWICH:**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The **Deacons** will be preparing **soup to-go** instead of a **soup and sandwich luncheon on Sunday, March 1**. The cost per jar is **\$5.00** and the soups are **Beef Vegetable and Chicken Soup**. A **sign-up sheet** is on the hall table for your orders. **Thank you.**