

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, Bidwell Street United Presbyterian Church is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and, in honor of this milestone, will hold a special service for the congregation on Sunday, October 26, 2014; and*

***WHEREAS**, on October 25, 1914, sixteen people from Allen Chapel A.M.E. felt called to start a new place of worship which would “receive all those who might desire the light of the gospel and thus receive for themselves the benefits of His right promises;” the members of this small, yet dedicated group were the founders of Bidwell Presbyterian Church; and*

***WHEREAS**, the church first worshipped at a building owned by an A.M.E. congregation in Manchester, and the first sermon was given by Mrs. Rebecca Aldridge; the church called its first pastor, Rev. Mount Albert Dyer, in December 1914; and*

***WHEREAS**, Bidwell Presbyterian Church has benefited from the leadership of numerous pastors throughout its history, including: Rev. Benjamin F. Glasco, Rev. Samuel G. Stevens, Rev. Virgil P. Moccia, Rev. William E. Johnson, Rev. James J. Robinson, Rev. Ronald R. Peters, and Rev. John C. Welch; today, the congregation is served by Rev. B. DeNeice Welch and*

***WHEREAS**, Bidwell Presbyterian Church has truly benefited from Rev. Welch’s scholarly teaching and service; the church has been a light to the community through its outreach work with the Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network, ministries for men and women, and Girl Scout and Boy Scout programs.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Bidwell Street United Presbyterian Church, its pastoral staff, and congregation on its 100th anniversary!*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 26th day of October, 2014.*

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