

# Sixth Presbyterian Church

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Large Print Bulletin



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**Sixth Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday, September 26, 2021, 11:00 am  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*The Sanctuary is a sacred space. The choral chimes will ring three times to let you know it is time to quiet your hearts, minds, and voices to prepare for worship.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit "Make Your Face to Shine" Jay Weldon Wilkey

\*Call to Worship Psalm 124

Leader: If it had not been for God, who was on our side, we would have fallen prey to those seeking to harm us; we would have been swept away by sadness and fear.

**All: Blessed be God, our protector! God has broken the snare that took away our freedom. OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH. LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

\*Hymn "Our Help Is in the Name of God" 330

\*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

**All: God, our strength and savior, You know our great transgressions, our hidden faults, our secret sins. With our hands we grasp at power; with our feet we stumble into evil; with our eyes we look out only for ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and lead us in Your holy way of life and love and peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our friend and liberator.**

Silent Confession

## Our Help Is in the Name of God 330

(Psalm 124)

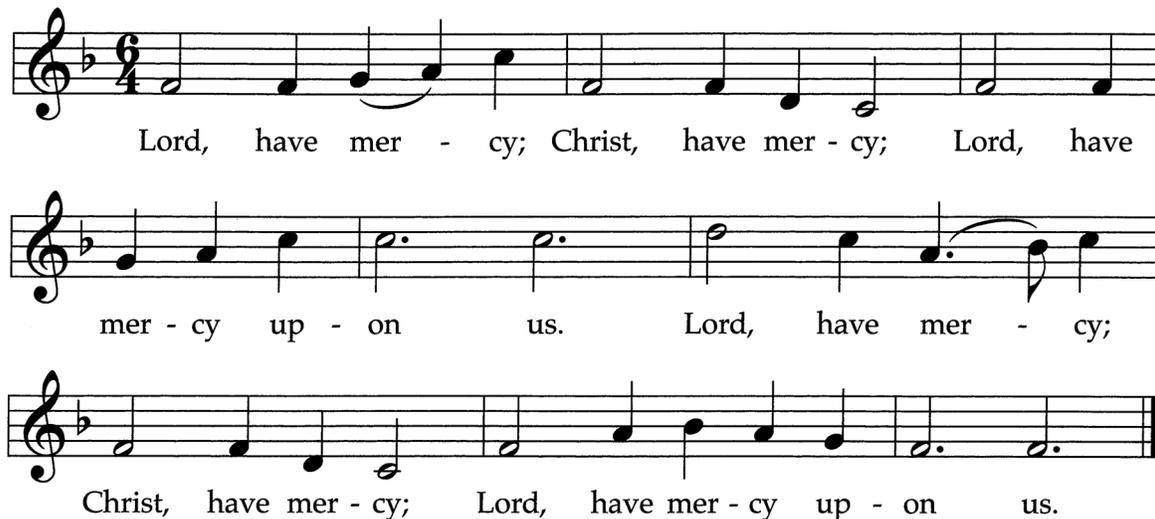
1 Our help is in the name of God the Lord, the One who  
 2 When e - vil seems to have the up - per hand, call on God's  
 3 Praise God the Lord who hears the cap - tives' prayer. Like birds es -

made the heav - ens with a word, cre - a - tor of the  
 name: the Lord, the great "I AM." When trou - bles rise and  
 cap - ing from the fowl - er's snare we are set free; our

world, each liv - ing thing. Come, bless the Lord, lift up your  
 all a - round gives way, re - mem - ber God stays with us  
 prais - es now as - cend: "Blessed be the Lord: Cre - a - tor,

hearts and sing: "Our help is in the name of God the Lord."  
 night and day. Our help is in the name of God the Lord.  
 Sav - ior, Friend. Our help is in the name of God the Lord."

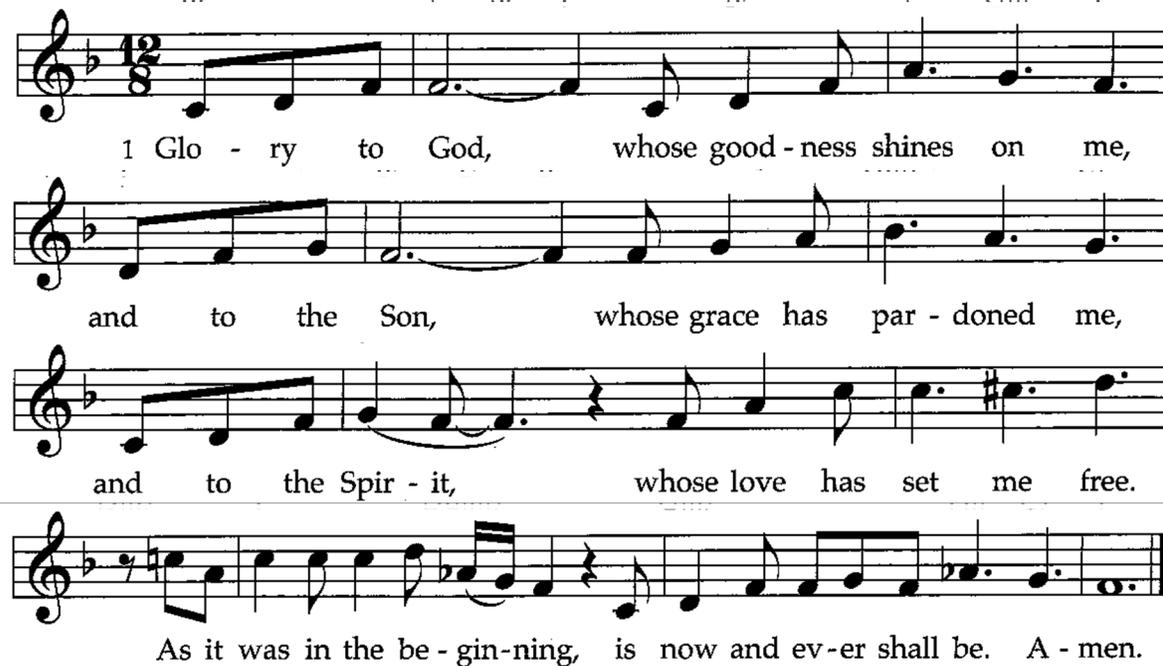
As a means of fostering the continuity of Reformed tradition, this paraphrase of Psalm 124 has been created to fit the tune that was used for the French paraphrase of Psalm 124 in the 1551 Genevan Psalter. The early psalters in English generally avoided such longer poetic forms.



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have  
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;  
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Assurance of Pardon and Commitment To Pass the Peace

## \*Gloria



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

## Prayer for Illumination

**All: God of all, by the power of Your Spirit, enlighten our eyes, instruct our minds, rejoice our hearts, and revive our souls, so that our lips and our lives may bear witness to Your Word. AMEN.**

Time for Children

Jenny Newman

Hebrew Reading

Esther 7:1-6,9-10; 9:20-22 (pg. 554)

Epistle Reading

James 5:13-20 (pg. 281)

\*Gospel Reading

Mark 9:42-50 (pg. 55)

Sermon

"Shock Therapy"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

\*Hymn

"Deep in the Shadows of the Past"

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\*Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967

**All: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of the new life that God intends for all. In our life together we are to display the new reality that sin is forgiven, reconciliation accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility torn down. As the living Body of Christ, the church is called to proclaim the good news of salvation, to present the claims of the gospel on people's lives, and to demonstrate Christ's love in service to the world. We are called to undertake this mission even at the risk of life, trusting God in all things. In faith we embrace a new openness to what God is doing in our time, a renewed obedience to reflecting the love of Christ, and a new joy in our common worship and work.**

Pastoral Prayer

**...Pour out Your healing grace, O God; send forth Your Spirit to save us.**

The Lord's Prayer

2019 Vatican Update

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
do not let us fall into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

"When God Delivered Israel"

Norman L. Warren

\*Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures high and low,  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known,  
Creator, Word and Spirit One. Amen.**

## Deep in the Shadows of the Past 50



1 Deep in the shad-ows of the past, far out from set - tled lands,  
 2 While oth-ers bowed to change-less gods, they met a mys - ter - y,  
 3 From Ex - o - dus to Pen - te - cost the prom-ise changed and grew,  
 4 For all the writ-ings that sur-vived, for lead - ers, long a - go,



some no - mads trav-eled with their God a - cross the des - ert sands.  
 in - vis - i - ble, with-out a name: "I AM WHAT I WILL BE";  
 while some, re - mem - ber - ing the past, re - cord - ed what they knew,  
 who sift - ed, cop - ied, and pre - served the Bi - ble that we know,



The dawn - ing hope of hu - man - kind by them was sensed and shown:  
 and by their tents, a - round their fires in sto - ry, song, and law,  
 or with their let - ters and la - ments, their proph - e - cy and praise,  
 give thanks, and find its sto - ry yet our prom - ise, strength, and call,



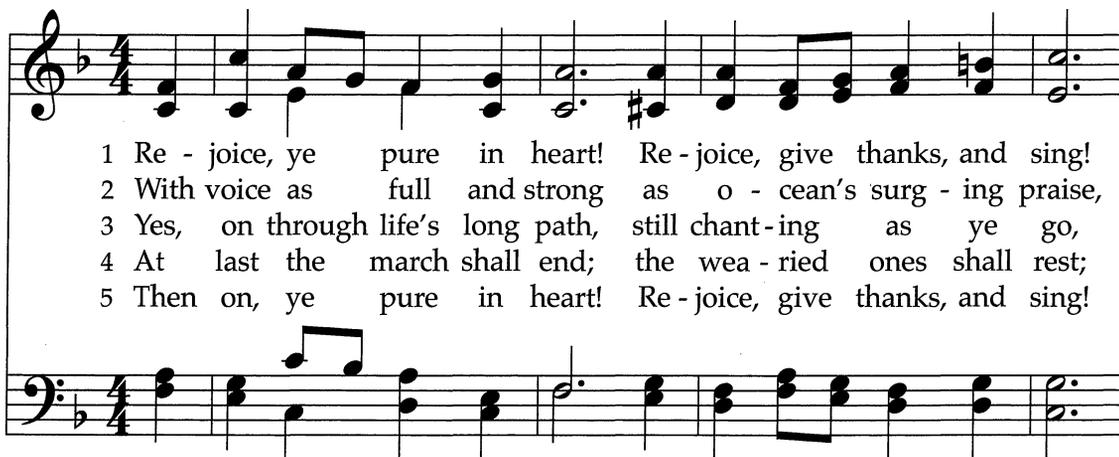
a prom - ise call - ing them a - head, a fu - ture yet un - known.  
 they praised, re - mem - bered, hand - ed on a past that prom - ised more.  
 re - cov - ered, kin - dled, and ex - pressed new hope for chang - ing days.  
 the mod - el of e - merg - ing faith, a - live with hope for all.



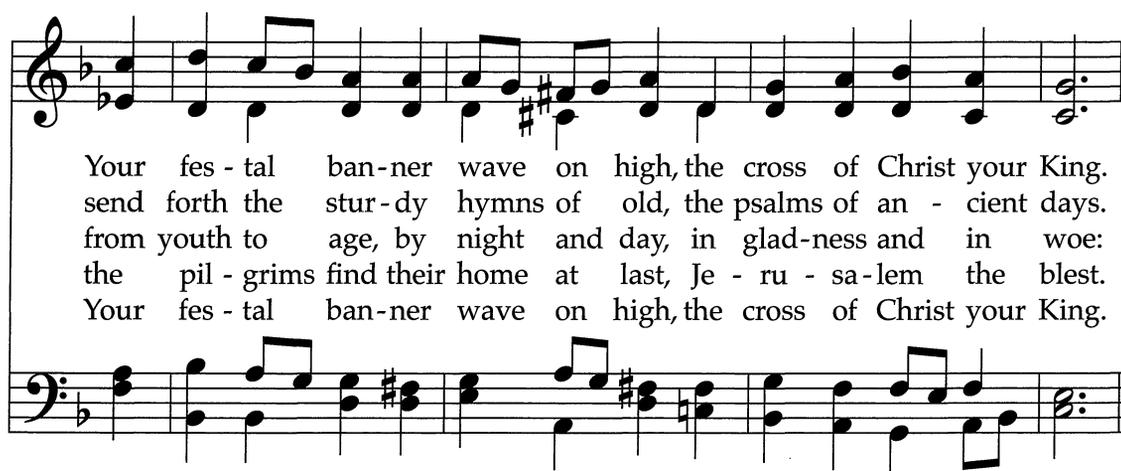
This vivid text reminds us of two truths we often forget: how deeply our faith is rooted in God's enduring covenant with the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and how much we can learn from their story. The tune began life as the setting for a family Christmas card.



## 804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!  
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,  
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;  
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:  
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.  
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

*Refrain*


Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!  
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

**Prayer Cards:** If you would like to have a person named and prayed for during the pastoral prayer, please fill out one of the white cards by the bulletins/ushers and give it to Vincent prior to the service.

**Recording Notice:** This service is being livestreamed and is available online in perpetuity

**Seating:** While distancing is not required, we do encourage people to leave space as attendance allows and to be mindful of people's continued need for distance

**Registration:** We are glad for all who have come! Please fill out the friendship pad and leave it in the pew. We will use that information for contact tracing as needed.

**COVID Exposure:** If you test positive for COVID and you have been in the building within the two weeks prior, please contact the office immediately so that we can conduct contact tracing

**Church Nursery:** Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available during the worship service. Our childcare staff are required to be vaccinated and masked.

**Sunday School and Extended Session:** Sunday school for children in preschool through third grade is held during Extended Session each week during worship. Masks are required for all participants and our teachers and staff are vaccinated.

**Virtual Sunday School:** There are two options for virtual Sunday School. Students of all ages are invited to join Jenny Newman on Zoom to explore our weekly Sunday school lessons on Sundays at 10 am and Thursdays at 6 pm. Lessons will last about 30 minutes and links to the Zoom sessions will be sent weekly via email.

**Adult Sunday School:** Bill Guy's class meets Sundays at 9:30 am over Zoom. Contact Bill to receive the Zoom link and to be added to his email list.

**Water of Baptism:** Each Sunday we pour water into our baptismal font to reaffirm the covenant that God makes through this community of faith

**Candles for Peace, Justice and Personal Prayers:** You welcome to come forward to light a candle anytime during worship when words are not being spoken. Please maintain physical distance while waiting your turn.

**Children and Candles:** We love having children participate in the service, but we ask that—in order to maintain everyone's safety—children not go forward to light candles at this time.

**Fellowship:** We are not providing coffee or other refreshments after worship at this time

**Today's Service:** Martha Funderburgh (liturgist); Kirk Howe (livestreaming); Barb Parees, Pamela Twiss, Tom Twiss (ushers)

**Bible Study:** Pastor Vincent's weekly Bible study of the lectionary texts meets Wednesdays at 10:30 am over Zoom. Contact the office to be added to the email update list and to receive the Zoom link.

**Next Week's Readings:** Job 1:1, 2:1-10 and Psalm 26; Genesis 2:18-24 and Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

**Next Week's Message:** "Til Death Do Us Part"

## Upcoming Meetings and Events in (and around) the Church

### **Sunday, September 26**

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)

Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)

Worship Committee (12 pm, Parlor)

NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

### **Monday, September 27**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Wednesday, September 29**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Session (7 pm, Zoom)

### **Thursday, September 30**

Sunday School (6 pm, Zoom)

Youth Group (6:30 pm, Zoom)

Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

### **Saturday, October 2**

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, October 3**

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)

Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)

Gun Safety Committee (12 pm, Parlor)

NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

### **Monday, October 4**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Wednesday, October 6**

Bible Study (10:30, Zoom)

### **Thursday, October 7**

Sunday School (6 pm, Zoom)

Youth Group (6:30 pm, Zoom)

Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

### **Saturday, October 9**

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, October 10**

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)

Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)

CROP Walk (2 pm, South Avenue UMC)

NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Introit

"Make Your Face to Shine"

Jay Weldon Wilkey

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your lovingkindness save me.

But as for me, I trust in you, O Lord.

I have said "You are my God. My times are in your hand, O God.

You delivered me."

*Psalm 31*

Offertory Anthem

"When God Delivered Israel"

Norman L. Warren

1. When God delivered Israel from bondage long ago,  
they thought that they were dreaming, but soon they turned to laughing  
and sang the song of joy, and sang the song of joy.

2. The godless nations round them could not deny that power;  
they cried, "O see this marvel!" "God's work," replied the people,  
and so they sang for joy, and so they sang for joy.

3. O God, restore our nation; come, irrigate dry souls,  
that those who sow in sadness may reap their sheaves with gladness  
and sing the song of joy, and sing the song of joy.

*Psalm 126, Michael A. Saward*

# CROP Hunger Walk



**We walk  
because  
they walk.**

Paul Jeffrey/ACT-CWS

**Pittsburgh Walk: Sunday, Oct. 10, 2:00 pm**  
***Support our team by walking & donating!***

**<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/sixth-presbyterian-church-of-pittsburgh>**

## HOPING FOR PEACE

A dusty camp is home for more than 20,000 people displaced by the violence in the arid Darfur region of western Sudan. Homes destroyed and family members killed, they've fled to the camp for a measure of security. A CWS-supported community center inside the camp is enabling people to help each other overcome their traumatic experiences.

"The whole community is suffering," Amina says. She and her extended family came to the camp after their village was attacked. A mother of four, Amina works as a volunteer at the center. "The center brings people together. People can talk to each other and forget the difficulties they have gone through."

The center offers livelihood activities for women such as weaving grass mats, sewing, and making pasta. The men are involved in heavier work — building beds, for example. These projects allow people to earn money to buy food and other essential items for themselves. CWS supports community centers in 11 camps in Darfur, providing for the basic needs of uprooted families in the region.

## A Little Help Can Make a Big Difference

**\$25** — can provide blankets to a family of 5 displaced by violence or natural disaster

**\$50** — can provide oral rehydration therapy for 55 children suffering from diarrhea — a deadly disease to children in the developing world

**\$100** — can provide a micro-credit loan to a woman trying to start a business to support her family

**\$200** — can provide a water buffalo to a farming family struggling to increase their farm production

**Together, we can make a difference!**  
**Join the CROP Hunger Walk or contribute to a Walker.**



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