

# Sixth Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 31, 2021, 11:00 am  
Reformation Sunday

*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 "If Ye Love Me" Thomas Tallis

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Which of the commandments is first of all?

**All: The Lord is our God. The Lord is one!**

Leader: And the second is this:

**All: love your neighbor as yourself.**

Leader: As we gather to worship God, let us remember:

**All: there is no other commandments greater than these.**

**LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

\*Hymn "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" 624

\*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

**All: O God, You have been faithful, yet we have not loved You with our whole hearts. You showed us how to love our fellow human beings, yet we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Turn us back to You, O God, that we may follow Your commandments, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Confession

## I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,  
 2 Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,  
 3 Thou art the life, by which a - lone we live,  
 4 Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness;  
 5 Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee;

my on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,  
 reign - ing om - ni - po - tent in ev - ery place:  
 and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;  
 no harsh - ness hast thou and no bit - ter - ness.  
 our faith is built up - on thy prom - ise free;

who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;  
 so come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;  
 sus - tain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,  
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
 and give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.  
 that we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.  
 that in thy strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.



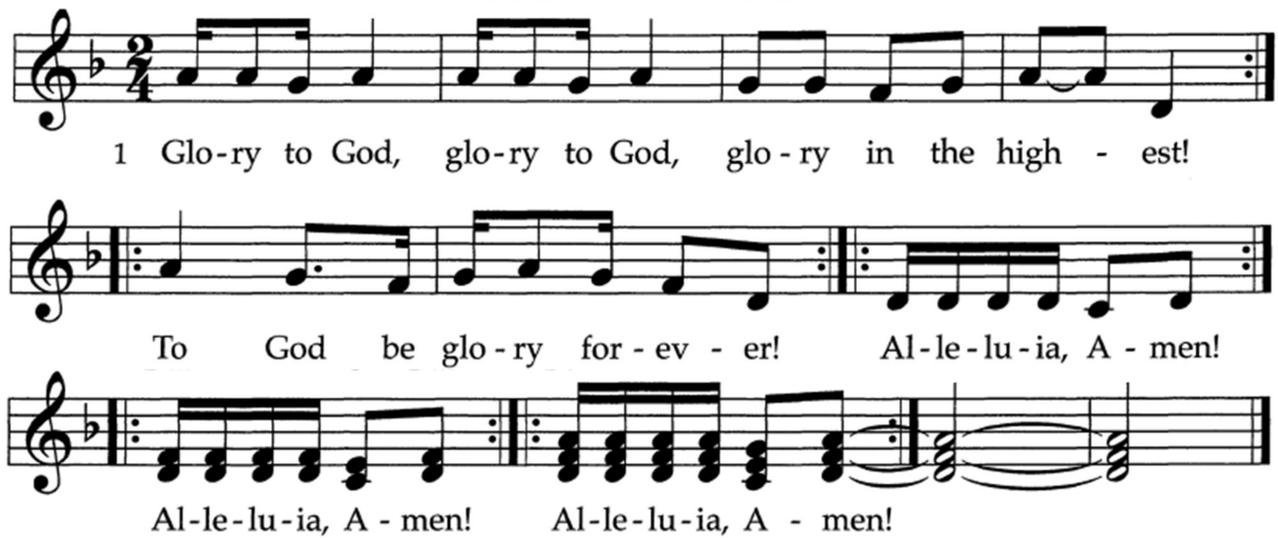
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Assurance of Pardon and Commitment To Pass the Peace

\*Gloria

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(Cantor sings a phrase, congregation repeats)



1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!  
To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!  
Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!

Prayer for Illumination

**All: O Lord, You are our God. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, teach us through Your Word to follow after You. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.**

Time for Children

Jenny Newman

Hebrew Reading

Ruth 1:1-18 (pg. 299)

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 9:11-14 (pg. 271)

\*Gospel Reading

Mark 12:28-34 (pg. 60)

Sermon

"Not Far"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

\*Hymn

"What Is the World Like"

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# What Is the World Like 771

Capo 1: (G) (Em7) (C) (D)  
A<sup>b</sup> Fm7 D<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

1 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,

(Em) (C) (Am) (B7)  
Fm D<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m C7

Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:  
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;  
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;  
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,  
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.

(Em) (Am) (D) (G)  
Fm B<sup>b</sup>m E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>

roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.  
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.  
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.  
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.  
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,

(C) (Em7) (Am7) (D) (G)  
D<sup>b</sup> Fm7 B<sup>b</sup>m7 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>

This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.  
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.  
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.  
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.  
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text and tune were written to conclude a hymn festival at the 2009 Annual Conference of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. Four parables framed both the festival and the hymn: the Mustard Seed, the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and the Ten Bridesmaids.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**All: Jesus lived a truly human life. Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society troubled by the common problems of the world. His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of rejection. Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way. Jesus was what we should be. He served God with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be. He exposes our failure to live as he lived. He demonstrates the new humanity God promises to give us through him. Jesus was what we are. Jesus was what we should be. Jesus-like is what we can become!**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**...God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

**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 Anthem**

**"Prayer"**

Lloyd Pfautsch

**\*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.**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Leader: Let us give thanks, for God is good and God's Love is everlasting!  
All: Thanks be to God - whose love creates us!  
Thanks be to God - whose mercy redeems us!  
Thanks be to God - whose grace leads us into the future!**

\*Benediction

\*Amen

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A - men, a - men, a - men!

A - men, a - men, a - men!

Postlude

*\*Those who can may stand*

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

#### Sunday, October 31

- Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
- Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)
- Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
- NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

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#### Monday, November 1

- NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

#### Monday, November 8

- NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

#### Wednesday, November 3

- Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

#### Wednesday, November 10

- Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

#### Thursday, November 4

- Sunday School (6 pm, Zoom)
- Youth Group (6:30 pm, Zoom)
- Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

#### Thursday, November 11

- Sunday School (6 pm, Zoom)
- Youth Group (6:30 pm, Zoom)
- Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

#### Saturday, November 6

- NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

#### Saturday, November 13

- NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

#### Sunday, November 7

- Stewardship Dedication Sunday
- Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
- Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)

#### Sunday, November 14

- 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)

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and contains a vocal line with lyrics. The bottom staff is in bass clef and contains a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The music concludes with a double bar line.

Introit

"If Ye Love Me"

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

Offertory Anthem

"Prayer"

Lloyd Pfautsch

Have mercy Upon us. Have mercy upon our efforts  
That we before Thee, in love and in faith,  
Righteousness and humility,  
May follow Thee,  
With self-denial, and courage  
And meet Thee In the silence.

Give us A pure heart  
That we may see Thee,  
A humble heart that we may hear Thee,  
A heart of love  
That we may serve Thee,  
A heart of faith  
That we may live Thee.

Thou whom I do not know but whose I am,  
Thou whom I do not comprehend  
But who has dedicated me  
To my fate.  
Thou.

*Dag Hammarskjöld*

## Church Information and Announcements

*We are an open and affirming community of faith in Jesus Christ. At home in an urban neighborhood of many faiths, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. In worship, study, and fellowship, we celebrate our Presbyterian roots and find joy in our diversity. We strive for the grace to love one another as we seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit, working for justice and serving as stewards of God's wondrous creation.*

**Sixth is a More Light Church:** A network of people seeking and affirming the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

**Inclusive Language:** Words matter. Jesus Christ, the living Word, reached out to all people to bring them into God's fold. The kingdom of God includes all people; therefore our language should reflect the inclusivity and equality among the people of God. To that end, when possible, we seek to eliminate the inherent bias of the English language toward the masculine gender without altering passages that reflect the historical situation of ancient patriarchal culture, out of which the Bible originated.

**Masks:** EVERYONE, vaccinated or not, is asked to wear a mask while inside the building.

**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:** Patty Halverson (liturgist); Kirk Howe (livestreaming); Carol Emerson, Beth Hazlett, Judy Schryer (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.

**Next Week's Readings:** Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 and Psalm 127 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

**Next Week's Message:** "For the Common Good"

**On This Road Together:** By now, you should have received your 2022 Stewardship Campaign packet. Please bring your Stewardship Pledge Card to worship on November 7 for Stewardship Dedication Sunday. If you are not able to join us in person for worship that Sunday, please mail your card back before November 7. You can also contact Amy Whipple (office@sixthchurch.org / 412-421-2752) with your 2022 pledge amount. If you have not received your Stewardship packet, please reach out to Amy. Thank you, the Stewardship Committee.