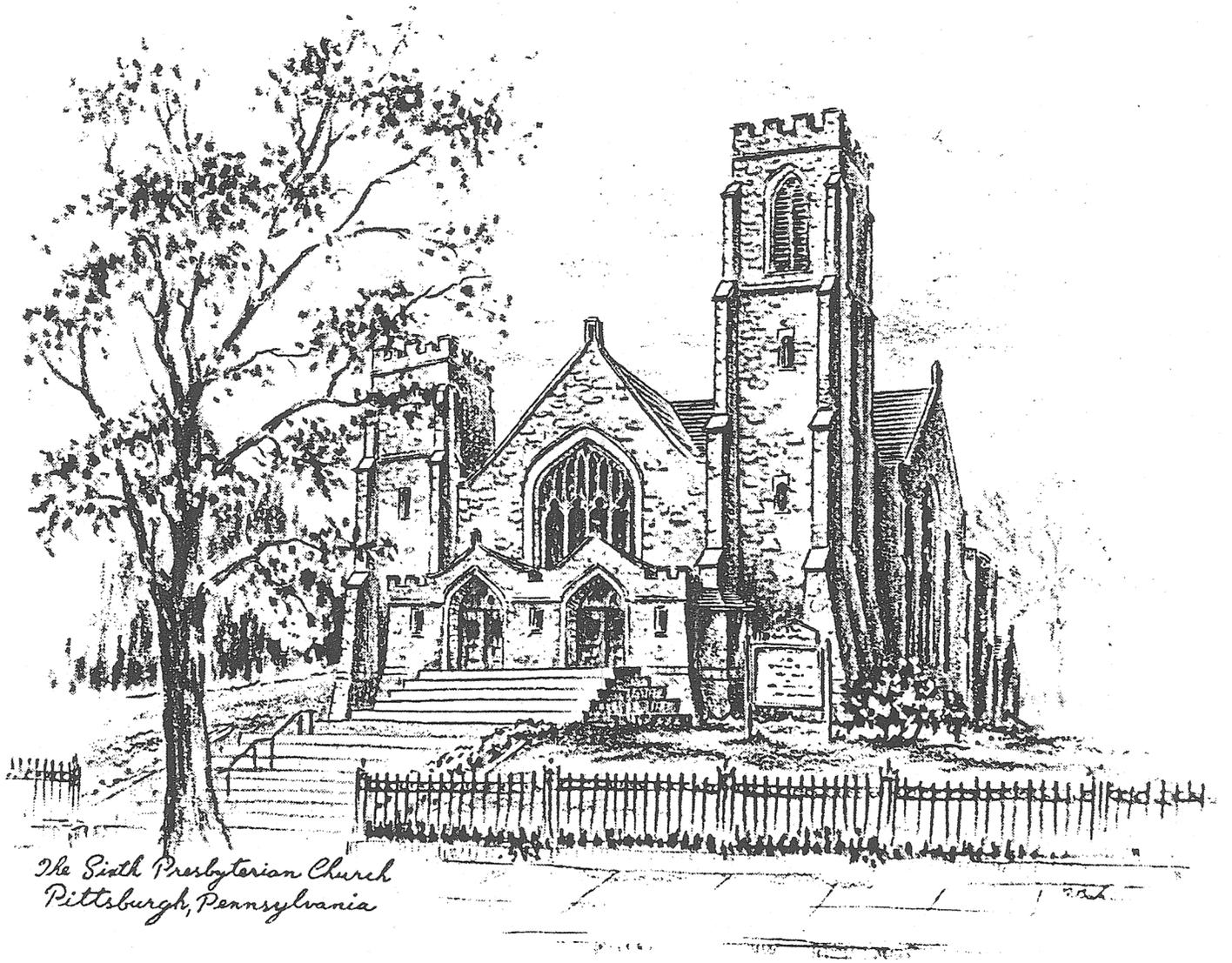


# Sixth Presbyterian Church

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**Sixth Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday, November 21, 2021, 11:00 am  
Christ the King 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 "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" Richard Hillert

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Grace to you and peace from the One who is and who was and who is to come,  
**All: And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

**All: The whole earth is full of God's glory.**

**LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

\*Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" 263

\*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

**All: Holy Jesus, we dare to call You King, but yield to You only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay Your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve You with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to Your call. In Your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives.**

Silent Confession

## Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

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Descant

4 Re-joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
 2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
 4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

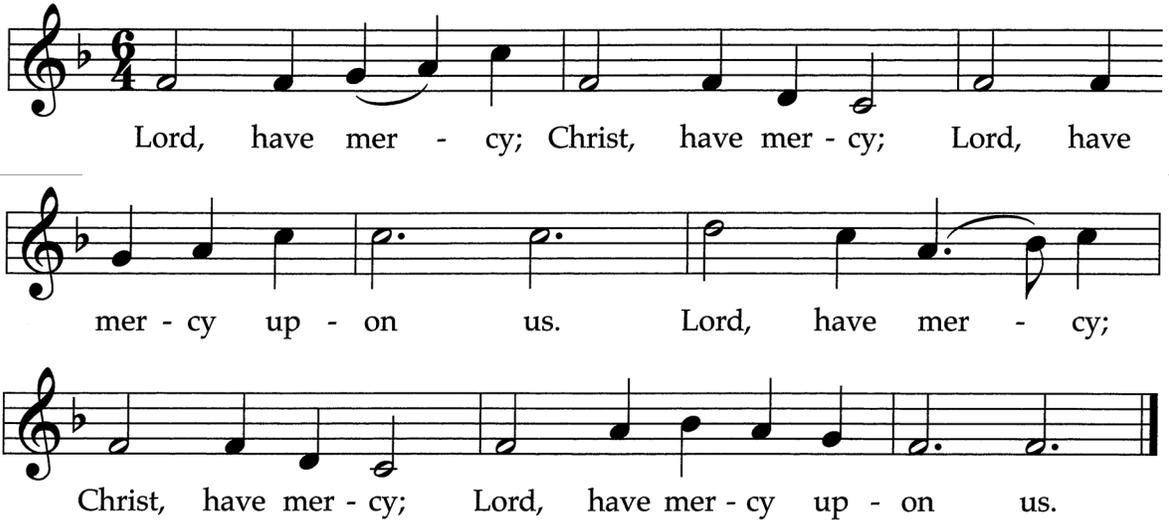
and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.  
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.  
 and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re-joyce!

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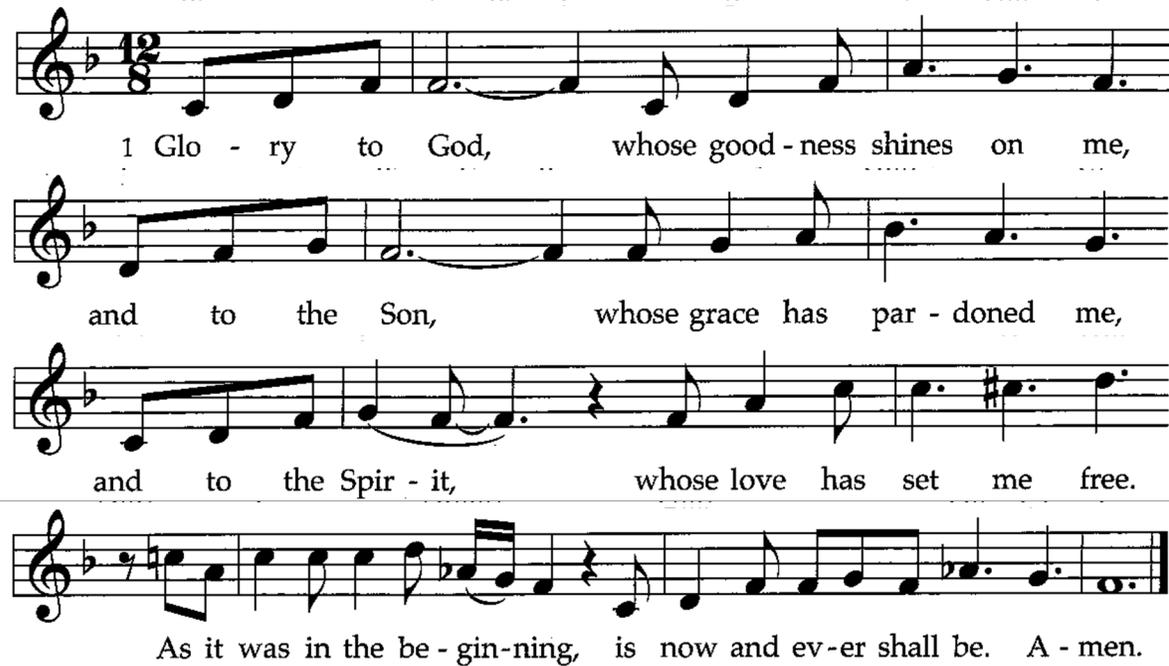
Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.



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.

Moment for Transgender Remembrance Day

Rev. Myra Kazanjian

Prayer for Illumination

**All: Spirit of Truth, move now in ancient words and cluttered hearts that we might hear Your voice and live, for we long to be glad servants of Your hidden, holy reign. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. AMEN.**

Time for Children

Jenny Newman

Epistle Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8 (pg. 297)

\*Gospel Reading

John 18:33-37 (pg. 138)

Hebrew Reading

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 (pg. 1015)

Sermon

"The New Human Being"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

\*Hymn

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

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\*Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, 4.031

**All: Jesus Christ is ordained by God the Father and anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, fully revealing to us the secret purpose and will of God concerning our redemption; to be our only High Priest, having redeemed us by the one sacrifice of his body and ever interceding for us with the Father; and to be our eternal King, governing us by his Word and Spirit, and defending and sustaining us in the redemption he has won for us.**

Pastoral Prayer

**...God of resurrection, bring hope where life has died.**

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

"Ride On, King Jesus"

Spiritual

Arr. Alice Parker, Robert Shaw

\*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.**

# 418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*  
 watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11-32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.

\*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!**

\*Hymn "At the Name of Jesus" 264

\*Benediction

\*Amen 564



Postlude

\**Those who can may stand*

## 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.

## 364 Lift Up the Gates Eternal

(Psalm 24)

Refrain



Lift up the gates e - ter - nal; lift up your voic - es;



the King of glo - ry comes; the na - tion re - joic - es.



- 1 See, all the earth is God's, its peo - ple and na - tions;
- 2 Who can go up this moun - tain, who stand in prais - ing?
- 3 Come, lift your voic - es high; be lift - ed to glo - ry;
- 4 Who is this glo - rious one, for whom we are wait - ing?
- 5 Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tow - er;
- 6 Who is this King of glo - ry of whom we're sing - ing?



God built it on the deeps and laid its foun - da - tions.  
 Those who are pure, who come with clean hands up - rais - ing. (R)  
 the Lord our God ap - proach - es; come, shout the sto - ry.  
 We wait the might - y Lord, our God cel - e - brat - ing. (R)  
 the King of glo - ry comes in full might and pow - er.  
 Our God, the Lord of Hosts, the vic - tory is bring - ing. (R)

*Gradually increasing tempo can heighten the sense of joy and power in this psalm.*

**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:** Beth Hazlett (liturgist); Greg Winner (livestreaming); Bill Beggs, Carol Beggs, Ray Dittner (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:** Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

**Next Week's Message:** "Will You Wait for Me?"

**Stewardship Campaign Update:** We are currently at 72% of our Campaign Goal of \$347,609. If you have not already submitted your pledge, please either mail in your pledge card, fill out the form on the church's website, or e-mail Amy (office@sixthchurch.org) with your 2022 Stewardship Pledge amount. Please remember that if you make your contributions by e-Give, we still need to know your pledge amount, since e-Give does not notify us. Thank you for being On This Road Together.

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

### **Sunday, November 21**

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)

### **Monday, November 22**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Wednesday, November 24**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

### **Thursday, November 25**

Thanksgiving / Office Closed

### **Friday, November 26**

Office Closed

### **Saturday, November 27**

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, November 28**

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)

### **Monday, November 29**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Tuesday, November 30**

Justice Team (7 pm, Zoom)

### **Wednesday, December 1**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

### **Thursday, December 2**

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

### **Saturday, December 4**

IDG (10 am)  
NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, December 5**

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)

Introit

"Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain"

Richard Hillert

Climb to the top of the highest mountain,  
you who will bring the good news to Zion.

Lift up your voices and boldly proclaim:

"See the Lord God! He comes in power!"

Write down the vision, inscribe it on tablets,

ready for a herald to carry it swiftly,

Soon, very soon he will come to you.

Live by faith, my righteous ones!

*Is. 40:9-10; Heb. 2:3; Heb. 10: 39*

Offertory Anthem

"Ride On, King Jesus"

Spiritual

Arr. Alice Parker, Robert Shaw

Ride on, King Jesus, No man can hinder me.

King Jesus rides on a milk-white horse,

The river of Jordan He did cross.

If you want to find your way to God,

The gospel highway must be trod.

## **Session Members**

### Class of 2021/2022

Kit Ayars  
Carol Emerson  
Linda May  
Jan Myers-Newbury  
Phyllis Rupert

### Class of 2022/2023

Larry Chan  
Frank Davoli  
Beth Hazlett  
Pam Howe  
Mary Lang

### Class of 2023/2024

Joe Ashenden  
Lori King  
Tom Juring  
Greg Winner

## **Deacons**

### Class of 2021/2022

Brenda Flores  
Sharon Manley  
Kathi Robinson-Dassel  
Dana Thompson

### Class of 2022/2023

Kyle Esbin  
Lynn Kawaratani  
Eliot Kennedy  
Judy Schryer

### Class of 2023/2024

Martha Funderburgh  
Patty Halverson  
Gwen Harcar

Vincent Kolb, *Pastor*

Jenny Newman, *Director of Children and Youth Ministry*

Gail Luley, *Music Director*

Amy Whipple, *Office Manager*

Harry Kirk, *Building Administrator*

Myra Kazanjian, *Parish Associate*

John S. McCall, *Pastor Emeritus*