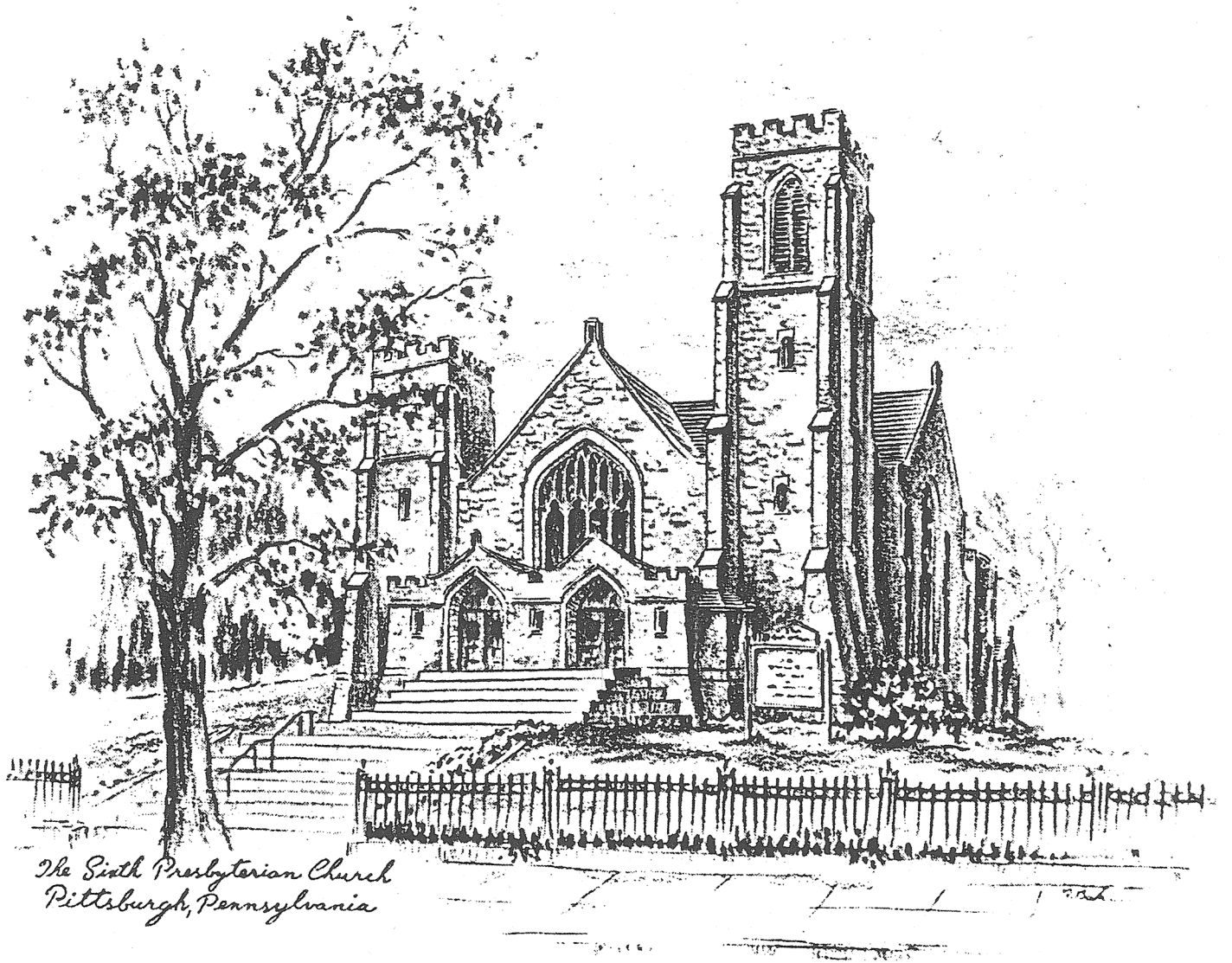


# Sixth Presbyterian Church

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**Sixth Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday, November 28, 2021, 11:00 am  
First Sunday of Advent

*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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent One

Blessed are you Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:

To you be praise and glory forever!

You called the patriarchs to live the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your  
promised fulfilment.

May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to  
our feet and a light to our path;

For you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

\*Call to Worship

Leader: When will God's promise be fulfilled? When will all that is wrong be made right?  
How will we know when our redemption will take place?

**All: The days are surely coming when a branch from David shall come forth to execute  
justice and righteousness in the land, and all will live in peace and safety.**

Leader: What shall the branch from David be called?

**All: The Lord is our righteousness.**

**LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

\*Hymn

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

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\*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

**All: Coming Christ, you may not find us as You hoped. We've looked away from signs we  
do not wish to see. We've stopped listening to distress we do not wish to hear. We are  
numb to inconvenient truths. Keep us alert, O God, to the needs of our neighbors. Revive  
our hearts laden with compassion fatigue. Sharpen our minds clouded by worries. Sober  
our lives addicted to privilege. Show us the signs of Your coming, that we may stand  
before You, the Son of Man, in whose name we pray.**

## 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge  
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come,  
 and open wide our heavenly home;  
 make safe the way that leads on high,  
 and close the path to misery.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
 our spirits by thine advent here;  
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
 all peoples in one heart and mind;  
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

*One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:*

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

1 Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Assurance of Pardon and Commitment to Pass the Peace

\*Gloria 583

*Sung once in unison and twice in canon: Lectern side leads in round; Pulpit side joins after two measures.*

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer for Illumination

**All: God of our salvation, there is wisdom, peace, and joy for those who keep Your Word. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, lead us in the truth and teach us to do Your will; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

Time for Children Jenny Newman

Hebrew Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 (pg. 903)

Epistle Reading I Thessalonians 3:9-13 (pg. 249)

\*Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36 (pg. 104)

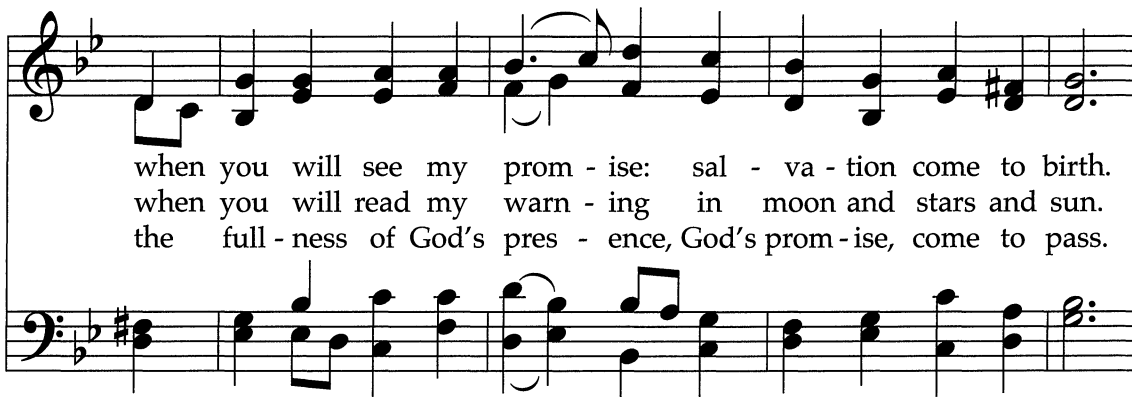
Sermon "Will You Wait For Me?" Rev. Vincent Kolb

\*Hymn "The Days Are Surely Coming" 357

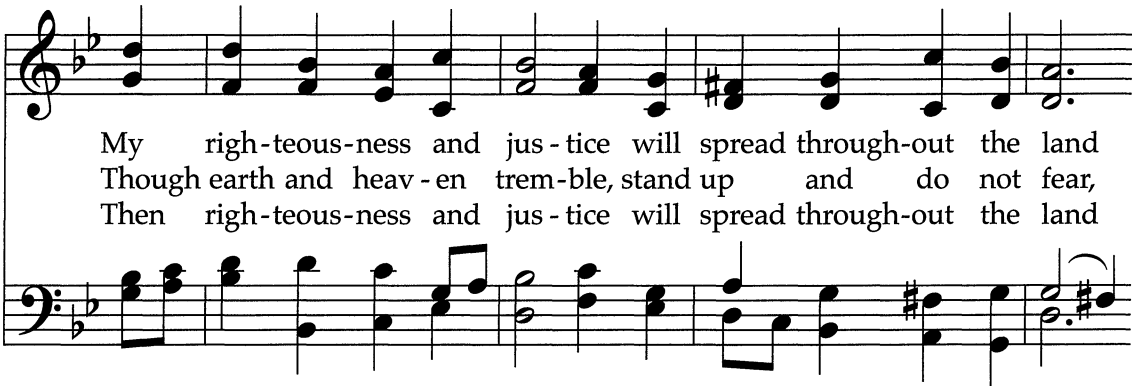
# The Days Are Surely Coming 357



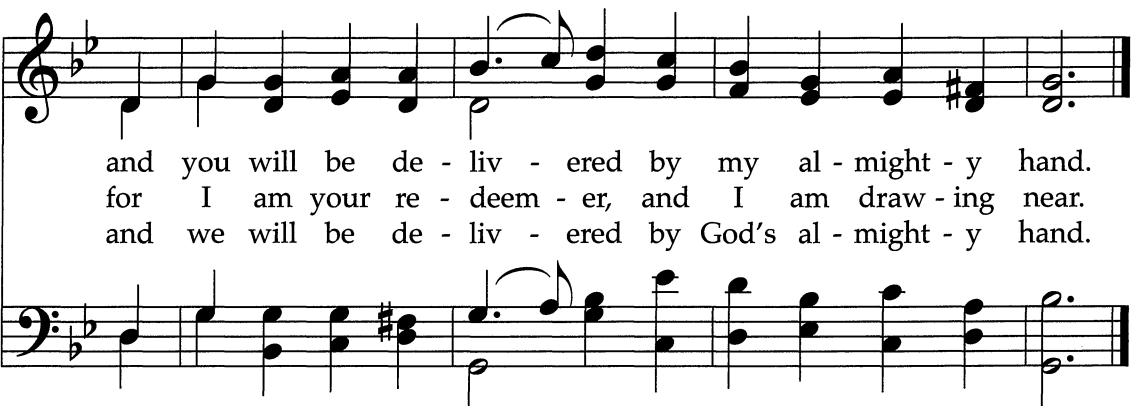
1 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says God to all the earth,  
 2 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says Christ, the prom - ised one,  
 3 The days are sure - ly com - ing when we will know at last



when you will see my prom - ise: sal - va - tion come to birth.  
 when you will read my warn - ing in moon and stars and sun.  
 the full - ness of God's pres - ence, God's prom - ise, come to pass.



My righ - teous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land  
 Though earth and heav - en trem - ble, stand up and do not fear,  
 Then righ - teous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land



and you will be de - liv - ered by my al - might - y hand.  
 for I am your re - deem - er, and I am draw - ing near.  
 and we will be de - liv - ered by God's al - might - y hand.

This text uses imagery from Jeremiah 33:14–16 and Matthew 24:29–36/Mark 13:24–32/Luke 21:25–36. These passages are especially associated with the beginning of Advent, a season that looks forward to Christ's second coming while also preparing us to remember his first coming.

**All: God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve God in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose would be realized.**

Pastoral Prayer

**...In Your mercy, O God, 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 Anthem

"Thy Kingdom Come"

Irish Folk Song  
Arr. David N. Johnson

Thy kingdom come! On bended knee the passing ages pray;  
And faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong;  
And for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear;  
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near;

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad;  
The day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.

Frederick Lucian Hosmer

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!**

\*Hymn

"Christ Is Coming!"

\*Benediction

\*Amen



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.

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## Christ Is Coming!

1 Christ is com - ing! Let cre - a - tion from its groans and  
 2 Earth can now but tell the sto - ry of your bit - ter  
 3 With that bless - ed hope be - fore us, flutes are tuned and  
 4 Long your ex - iles have been pin - ing for your prom - ised

la - bor cease; let the glo - rious proc - la - ma - tion  
 cross and pain; we shall yet be - hold your glo - ry,  
 harps are strung; let the might - y ad - vent cho - rus  
 rest and home, but in heaven - ly glo - ry shin - ing,

hope re - store and faith in - crease: Christ is com - ing!  
 Lord, when you re - turn to reign: Christ is com - ing!  
 on - ward roll from tongue to tongue: Christ is com - ing!  
 soon the ris - en Christ shall come. Christ is com - ing!

Christ is com - ing! Come, O bless - ed Prince of peace.  
 Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the strain.  
 Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the song.  
 Christ is com - ing! Joy - ful, shout the vic - tory psalm.

This hymn by a 19th-century Scottish pastor is specifically based on Revelation 1:7 and 22:20, with allusions to several other New Testament passages. Unlike medieval hymns that focused on judgment, this text understands the Second Coming as an occasion of triumph and joy.



**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:** Peter Gilmore (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.

**Next Week's Readings:** Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-18

**Next Week's Message:** "Metanoia"

**Stewardship Campaign Update:** We are currently at 84% 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 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)  
Director of Music Search Committee (12 pm)  
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

### **Monday, December 6**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Wednesday, December 8**

Bible Study (10:30, Zoom)

### **Thursday, December 9**

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

### **Saturday, December 11**

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, December 12**

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)

## **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*