

# Sixth Presbyterian Church

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**Sixth Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday, January 9, 2022, 11:00 am  
Baptism of the Lord

*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 "Pastorale" Arcangelo Corelli

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

\*Call to Worship Psalm 29; Luke 3:21-22

Leader: The voice of the Lord resounds upon the water.

**All: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**

Leader: The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

**All: And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength

**All: LET US WORSHIP GOD IN HOLY SPLENDOR!**

\*Hymn "Sing Glory to the Name of God" 10

\*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

**All: In the waters of baptism, O God, You have cleansed us and claimed us. Forgive us for refusing Your grace and rejecting Your name. We have followed our own paths, and they have led us far from You. Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in You, for You have marked us as Your own, loving us without limit. Wash us with Your love again, that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus.**

Silent Confession

Response "Jesus Loves Me!" 188, refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

# 10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

(Psalm 29)

*Unison*

1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -  
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing  
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -  
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

*Harmony* *Unison*

broad. En - throned a - bove the  
 light. The wil - der - ness can -  
 y. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A se - cret wrapped in  
 cease: Let all the faith - ful

crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.  
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:  
 smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:  
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.

THE TRIUNE GOD

*Harmony*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

The Harmony section consists of two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,'.

*Unison*

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

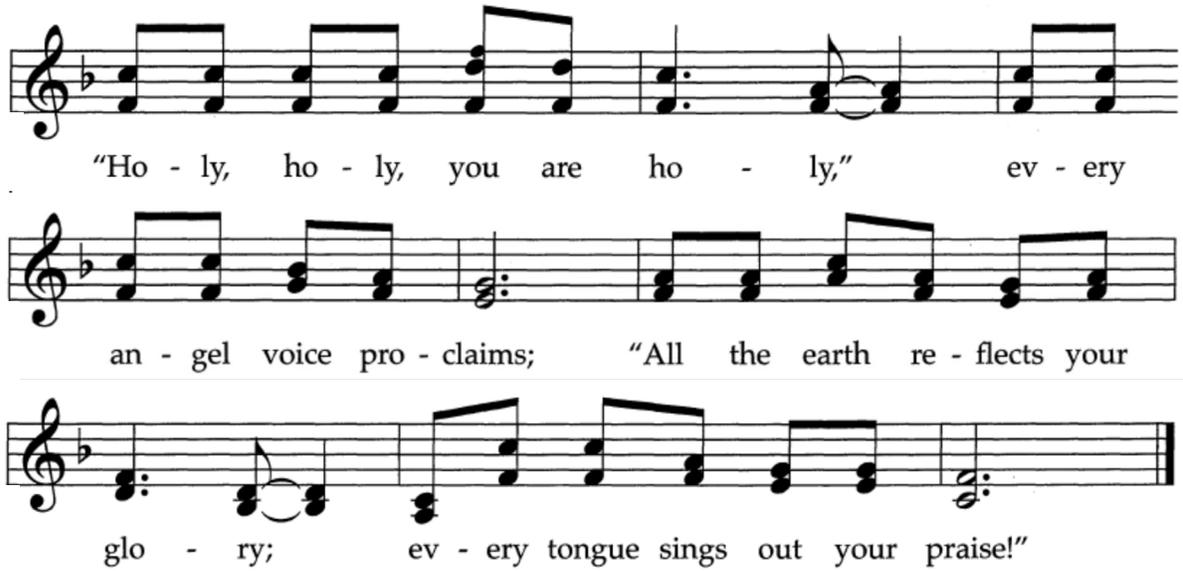
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Assurance of Pardon and Commitment to Pass the Peace

\*Response

"Heaven Opened to Isaiah"

68, refrain



The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, you are ho - ly," ev - ery an - gel voice pro - claims; "All the earth re - flects your glo - ry; ev - ery tongue sings out your praise!"

Prayer for Illumination

**All: Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for Your healing mission, the heavens opened and a voice blazed upon the waters. May Your Spirit so burn in us that we hear Your Word translated into deed and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. AMEN.**

Time for Children

Jenny Newman

Hebrew Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7 (pg. 822)

New Testament Reading

Acts 8:14-17 (pg. 153)

\*Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (pg. 73)

Sermon

"You Are My Child, the Beloved, My Servant"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

\*Hymn

"Down Galilee's Slow Roadways"

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\*Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967, 9.15

**All: God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

# Down Galilee's Slow Roadways 164

Capo 3: (A9) (D/A) (A9) (Dsus)(D)  
 C9 F/C C9 Fsus F

1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road-ways a strang - er trav - eled on  
 2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;  
 3 We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.

(A9) (D/A) (G) (F#m)  
 C9 F/C Bb Am

from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John.  
 it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.  
 We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.

(Bm) (F#m) (Gmaj7) (F#m7) (Em) (A/C#)(Bsus)(Bm)  
 Dm Am Bbmaj7 Am7 Gm C/E Dsus Dm

He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,  
 The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:  
 But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.

(G) (D/F#) (Em7) (G/A) (Asus)(A7) (D)  
 Bb F/A Gm7 Bb/C Csus C7 F

but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.  
 "You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."  
 "You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

When reviewing baptismal resources with other members of the United Church of Canada's Working Unit on Worship, the author was struck by how few hymns had been written for adult baptism. This meditative text on the Baptism of Jesus is an effort to remedy that situation.



## 463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

A - men, a - men.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Postlude

"Recercada"

Marcantonio Cavazzoni

*\*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.

**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 week 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:** Students of all ages are invited to join Jenny Newman on Zoom to explore our weekly Sunday school lessons on Sundays at 10 am. 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, and we ask that—in order to maintain everyone's safety—you accompany your child while lighting candles.

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

**Today's Service:** Peter Gilmore (liturgist); Noah Twiss (livestreaming); Mary Radcliffe (singer)

**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:** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

**Next Week's Message:** "Blessed Agnostic"

**Honoring Gail Luley:** "We are creating a video montage (or "Tribute") for Gail Luley, whose service as Director of Music at Sixth Presbyterian Church has meant so much to all of us. To do so, click on the link below and follow the instructions. To prompt your thinking about

what to say in your video, ponder these two questions: What do you appreciate most about Gail Luley? What is your favorite memory of Gail Luley?

Please help us express our collective love and appreciation for Gail and all that she has done for the music ministry of our church.

If video is not your preferred medium, please email your sentiments to the office (office@sixthchurch.org) or mail them to the church, and we will make sure she gets your note.

<https://www.tribute.co/gail-luley/?>

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

### **Sunday, January 9**

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

### **Monday, January 10**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Wednesday, January 12**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

### **Thursday, January 13**

Youth Group (6 pm, Zoom)

### **Saturday, January 15**

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, January 16**

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

### **Monday, January 17**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Tuesday, January 18**

Earth Care Committee (7 pm, Zoom)

### **Wednesday, January 19**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)  
Budget Construction Meeting (6 pm, Zoom)  
Deacons (7 pm, Zoom)

### **Thursday, January 20**

Youth Group (6 pm, Zoom)

### **Saturday, January 22**

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, January 23**

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)  
Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)  
Worship (11 am, 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*