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Sixth Presbyterian Church Sunday, January 30, 2022, 11:00 am Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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	"Prelude in Gm"	Elsa Barraine		
Welcome and Announcement	S			
Peace Candle				
Introit	"Though I May Speak"	Hal Hopson		
*Call to Worship Leader: From the very beginning, God calls us. All: God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose. Leader: We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid. All: But God reassures us in many and various ways through the course of our days. Leader: Even when a bridge unexpectedly collapses, All: God is with us and sustains us. LET US WORSHIP GOD!				
*Hymn	"O God, Who Gives Us Life"	53		

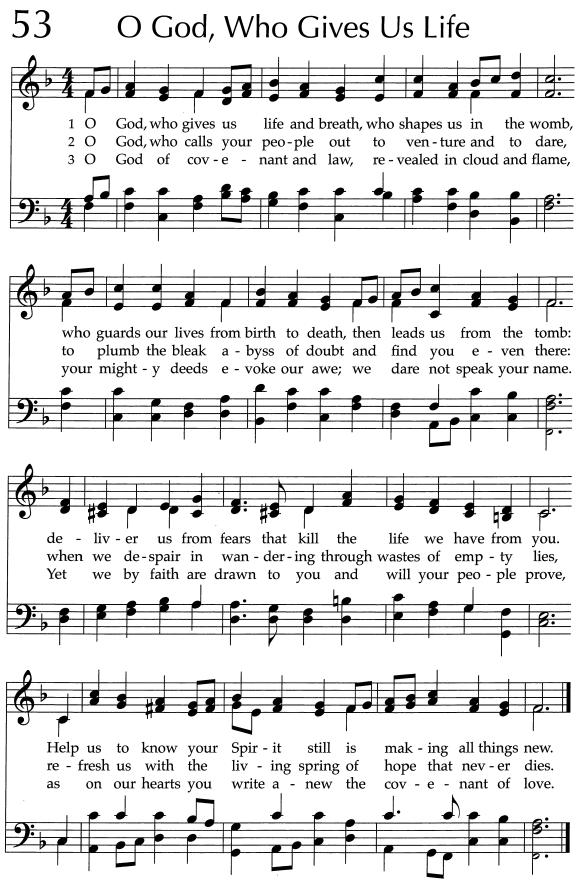
*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

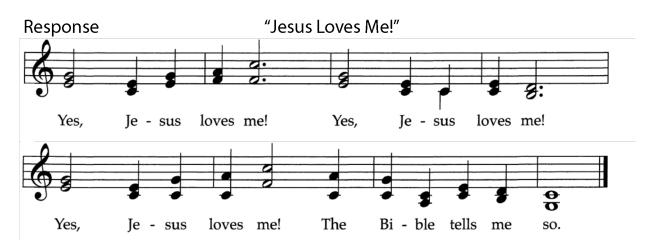
All: God, our Deliverer, we confess that we are reluctant to speak and to live according to Your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, condoning injustice. We have lost patience and been rude; we have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We find it easier to pluck and pull down, to destroy and overthrow, then to build and to plant. Forgive us, O God. Empty us of fear and shame and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind. We pray in the name of the One who humbled himself, Jesus the Christ.

Silent Confession

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL



Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31–34).



Assurance of Pardon and Commitment to Pass the Peace



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Prayer for Illumination

All: Spirit of Life, open our hearts and enter in, that hearing Your Word of love, we may become Your love for others. AMEN.

Time for Children		Jenny Newman
Hebrew Reading		Jeremiah 1:4-10 (pg. 854)
Epistle Reading		l Corinthians 13:1-13 (pg. 212)
*Gospel Reading		Luke 13:1-9 (pg. 92)
Sermon	"Wake Up Call"	Rev. Vincent Kolb
*Hymn	"Lord, When I Came into This Life"	691



Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.

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*Affirmation of Faith Foundations of Presbyterian Polity, 1.03 Book of Order All: The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life. The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation. The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down. The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

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All: ...O God of all creation, be our hope and trust.

The Lord's Prayer2019 Vatican UpdateOur Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.5Give 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.5For thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.5

Anthem
"A Winter Carol"
Traditional English Melody; arr. Fred Gramann

*Hymn
"Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak"
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*Benediction
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DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION



Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

*Those who can may stand

Upcoming Meetings and Events in (and around) the Church

Sunday, January 30

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom) Sunday School (10 am, Zoom) Worship (11 am, streaming) Congregational Meeting (12 pm, Zoom) NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, January 31 NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, February 2 Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Thursday, February 3 Youth Group (6 pm, Zoom)

Saturday, February 5 IDG (10 am) NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, February 6 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, February 7 NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, February 9 Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Thursday, February 10 Youth Group (6 pm, Zoom) Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Saturday, February 12 NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, February 13 Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom) Sunday School (10 am, Zoom) Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming) Gun Safety meeting (12 pm, parlor) Nominating Committee (12:15 pm, Zoom) NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

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); Leslie Kaplan and Peter Kaplan (singers)

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 6:1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Next Week's Message: "The Maintenance of Divine Worship"

Congregational Meeting: There will be a congregational meeting directly after worship today. The Zoom link is in your email.

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. We ask that you submit your tribute by January 31.

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/?

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