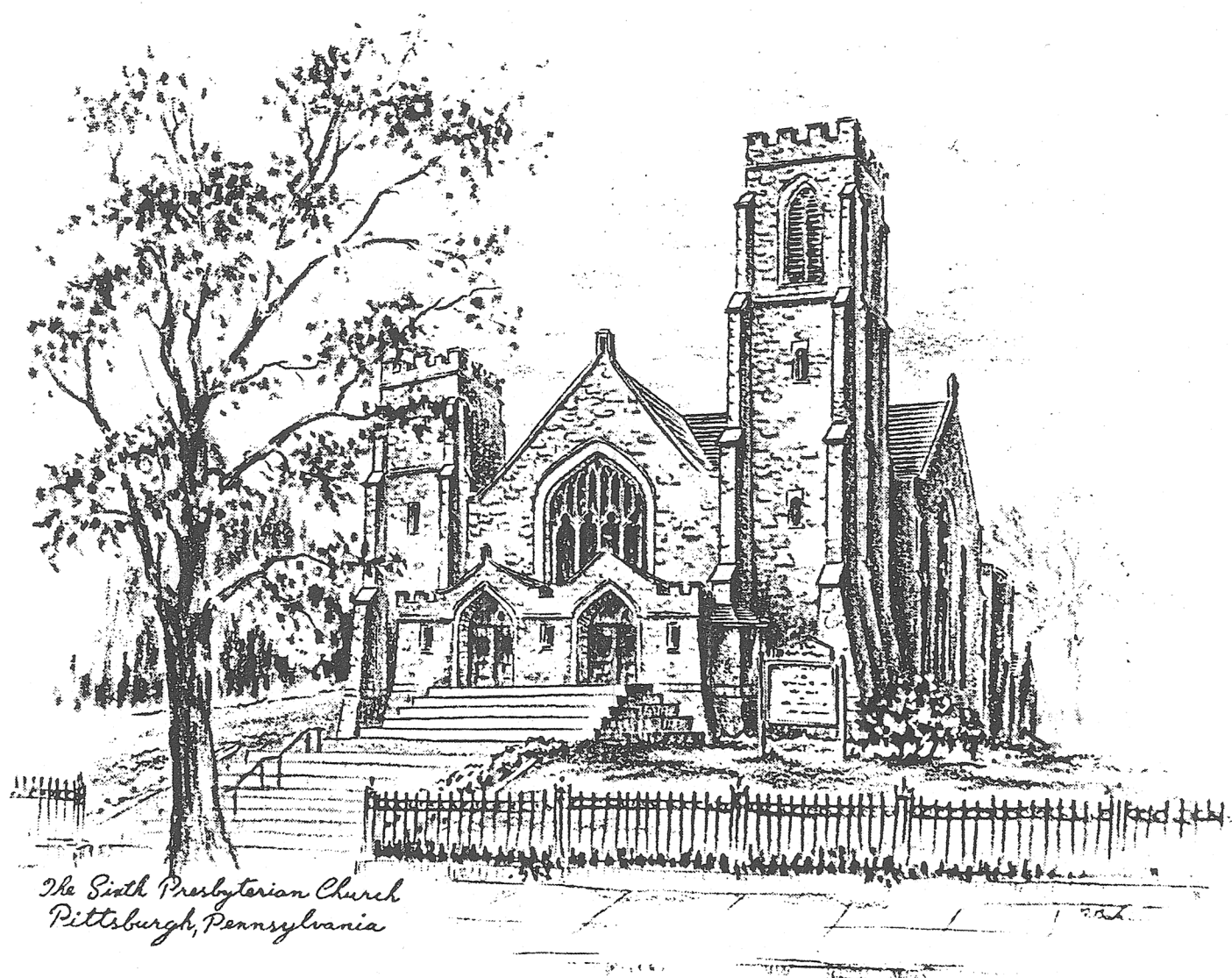


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**Sixth Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday, February 27, 2022, 11:00 am  
Transfiguration Sunday

*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	"Choral et Variations"	Rachel Laurin
	"Elevation"	George Walker
	"Prélude" (from <i>Suite Médiévale</i> , 1947)	Jean Langlais

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit	"Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come"	Healey Willan
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Arise, shine, for thy Light is come,  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.  
Alleluia!  
Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations,  
and laud Him, all ye people!  
For His kindness is great toward us,  
and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.  
Alleluia!

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship God, singing joyful songs of praise!

**All: For the glory of the Lord shines upon us, and calls us forth with thanksgiving.**

Leader: Let us turn to the mountaintop, and let us give God the glory.

**All: COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

*Hymn	"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"	191
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\*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

**All: Holy God, we confess that we do not always seek the light of Your way. We are satisfied to dwell in darkness, holding fast to the comforts of material fortune. We ignore the needs of others, and selfishly look the other way when our neighbors are oppressed. We continue to resort to war to settle our differences, rather than your more excellent way of reconciliation and peace. In Your merciful way, help us to establish Your equity in the world. Move us to protect creation and ensure equality, that all of our siblings may have a share of Your abundance and the safety of Your peace, and that the light of Your face may shine upon all creation.**

# We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding 191



1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and  
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows; splen - dor bathes the  
 3 Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our



ho - ly place, where we wait with hope and long - ing  
 flesh - joined Word; Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel  
 faith de - cline, we like Pe - ter find it tempt - ing



for some to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -  
 as the heaven - ly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with  
 to re - main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us



sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, search - ing like those  
 won - der how the law and proph - ets meet: Christ, with gar - ments  
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, that our dai - ly



first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.  
 drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.  
 lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Through this Transfiguration hymn runs an implicit comparison between the attitudes and assumptions of the three disciples on that mountain and the expectations of present-day Christians as they gather for worship. This event is reported in Matthew 17:1-9/Mark 9:2-9/Luke 9:28-36.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

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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

\*Response

"Dying You Destroyed Our Death"

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Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death; ris - ing you re - stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

Prayer for Illumination

**All: By Your Spirit, O God, enlighten our hearts, open our minds, fill our vision with Your radiance, and give us life, as we hear Your Word today. AMEN.**

Time for Children

Jenny Newman

Hebrew Reading

Exodus 34:29-35 (pg. 101)

Epistle Reading

II Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (pg. 219)

\*Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28-36 (pg. 82)

Sermon

"Dazzling Darkness"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

\*Hymn

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

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\*Affirmation of Faith

Declaration of Faith, 4.1

**All: Jesus, the long-expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on**

# Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

SATB, Congregation (opt.), and Organ

Jaroslav J. Vajda

*SILVER SPRING*  
Carl Schalk  
Setting by Carl Schalk



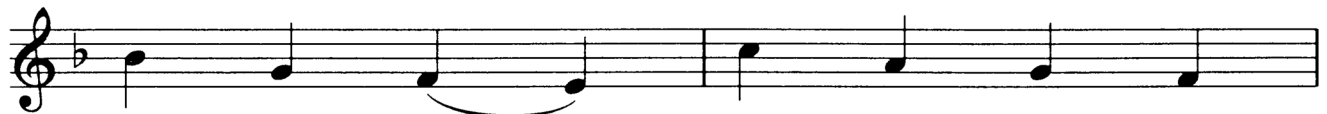
(Congr.) 1. Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,  
(Tenors and Basses) 3. What do you want us to hear there, that Your dear dis -  
(Congr.) 5. We who have be - held Your glo - ry, ris - en and as -



James, and John, we are daz - zled by Your glo - ry,  
ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the Voice from heav - en  
cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us  
says of the in - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,  
all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,



for the night \_\_\_\_\_ by the vi - sion  
ev - 'ry one, \_\_\_\_\_ This is my be -  
James, and John: \_\_\_\_\_ "You are God's be -



of \_\_\_\_\_ that sight.  
lov - ed Son!"  
lov - ed Son!"

(Choir) 2. What do You want us to see there,  
that Your close companions saw?  
Your divinity revealed there  
fills us with the selfsame awe.  
Clothed in flesh like ours You go  
matched to meet our deadliest Foe.

(Choir) 4. Take us to that other mountain  
where we see You glorified,  
where You shouted "It is finished!"  
where for all the world You died.  
Hear the stunned centurion:  
"Truly This was God's own Son!"

earth. We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God's self and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his birth, life, ministry, transfiguration, passion, and resurrection, Jesus brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

#### Pastoral Prayer

**All: ...Answer us with mercy.**

#### The Lord's Prayer

2019 Vatican Update

**All: 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 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Paul Manz

I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus,  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.  
I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father.

In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ,  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

**\*Doxology**  
**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.**

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**\*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** "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Amen** 571

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

**Postlude** "Carillon" Louis Vierne

*\*Those who can may stand*

## O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair 189

Capo 3: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (D) (Em)  
Cm B $\flat$  Cm E $\flat$  F Gm



1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair  
2 From age to age the tale de - clare,  
3 The law and proph - ets there have place,  
4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high

(Am) (Dm) (Am) (Em) (Am)  
Cm Fm Cm Gm Cm



of glo - ry that the church shall share,  
how with the three dis - ci - ples there,  
two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;  
Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day  
by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,

(G) (Dm) (Em) (G) (Am)  
B $\flat$  Fm Gm B $\flat$  Cm



which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah meet,  
the Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud  
what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
for which in joy - ful strains we raise

(Em) (Dm) (F) (G) (Am)  
Gm Fm A $\flat$  B $\flat$  Cm



where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.  
pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.  
who joy in God with per - fect love.  
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This translation of a 15th-century Latin devotional text is set here to a majestic 15th-century tune celebrating the victory of an English king; they combine to evoke the awe and wonder of that moment of revelation the three disciples experienced in Christ's Transfiguration.



## 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:** Children of all ages are invited to join Jenny Newman on Zoom to explore our weekly Sunday school lessons on Sundays at 10 am. 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 or the church office 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 are 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:** Kathi Robinson-Dassel (liturgist); Greg Winner (livestreaming); Barb Parees, Pamela Twiss, Tom Twiss (ushers)

**Next Week's Readings:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

**Next Week's Message:** "Unending Questions"

**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.

**Join Us for a Virtual Pancake Supper!:** Tuesday, March 1 is Shrove Tuesday—and that means the Pancake Supper! This year there will be the opportunity to Zoom in on the event from your own home at 6 pm. (Stay tuned for the Zoom link as the evening gets closer.)

To facilitate the food and festivities, Fellowship Committee will be making pancake mix (just add water!) and maple syrup (the real thing!) available—as well as supplies for a mask-making activity—starting after Worship on Sundays February 20 and 27. Each baggie will contain one cup of pancake mix: enough for six or seven four-inch pancakes. Take what you need for you and your family. There will also be mix available on March 1: if you cannot make it to church during office hours (9-2) to pick it up, there will be a bucket with baggies of pancake mix and mask supplies outside the Murray Avenue door. Plan on dressing up for the occasion! Get out your beads and bangles! Thanks—and we hope to see you and virtually dine with you on March 1!

**Ash Wednesday:** We will have an in-person Ash Wednesday service—with the imposition of ashes—March 2 at 7 pm.

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

### **Sunday, February 27**

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

### **Monday, February 28**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Tuesday, March 1**

Virtual Pancake Supper (6 pm, Zoom)

### **Wednesday, March 2**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)  
Ash Wednesday (7 pm, in-person and streaming)

### **Thursday, March 3**

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

### **Saturday, March 5**

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

### **Sunday, March 6**

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

### **Monday, March 7**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Wednesday, March 9**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

### **Thursday, March 10**

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

### **Saturday, March 12**

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, March 13**

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)  
Sunday School (10 am, in-person and 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

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Sharon Manley  
Kathi Robinson-Dassel  
Dana Thompson

### Class of 2022/2023

Kyle Esbin  
Lynn Kawaratani  
Eliot Kennedy  
Judy Schryer

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Patty Halverson  
Gwen Harcar

Vincent Kolb, *Pastor*

Jenny Newman, *Director of Children and Youth Ministry*

Douglas-Jayd Burn, *Director of Music*

Amy Whipple, *Office Manager*

Harry Kirk, *Building Administrator*

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