

# Sixth Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, April 24, 2022, 11:00 am  
Second Sunday of Easter

*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 "Andantino in Gm" César Franck

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit "Now Is Christ Risen from the Dead" Frederick Frahm

Now is Christ risen from the dead,  
now are the powers of darkness fled,  
gone is the night of sin and gloom,  
Jesus is risen from the tomb.

Now is Christ risen from the dead,  
empty there lies His narrow bed,  
Christ and His cross have wone the day;  
come, see the grave in which He lay.

Now is Christ risen from the dead,  
He who His blood sinners shed,  
in Him who died to bear our sins,  
our resurrection life begins.

Now is Christ risen from the dead,  
risen and reigning as He said,  
Praise Him who light and life restored,  
Praise Him, our ever living Lord!

\*Call to Worship Psalm 150

Leader: Christ is risen! Celebrate God in this sacred space!

**All: Give praise for God's mighty deeds! Give praise for God's resurrecting power!**

Leader: Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

**All: Praise God with the harp and the cello!**

Leader: Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

**All: Praise God with flutes and guitars.**

**LET EVERYTHING WITH LIFE AND BREATH PRAISE GOD!**

\*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

All: God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and love again, forgive us and give us the power to show mercy. When we are afraid to stand up against misguided authority, join us with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with Your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace.

Silent Confession

Response

"Jesus, Remember Me"

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Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



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Assurance of Pardon

\*Response

"Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord"

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Peo - ples! Na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia!



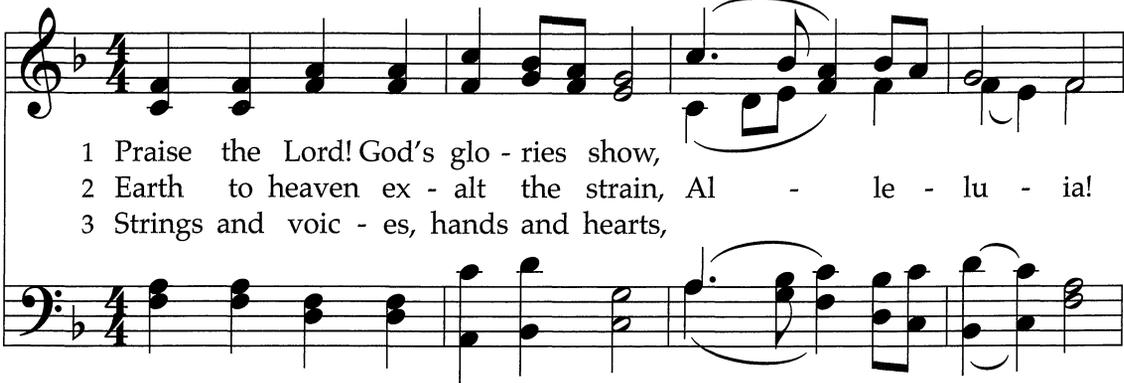
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# Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show 33

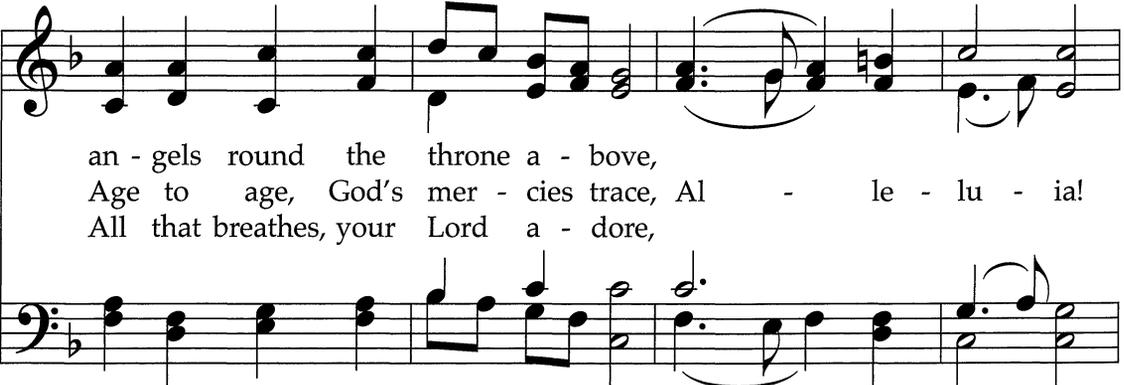
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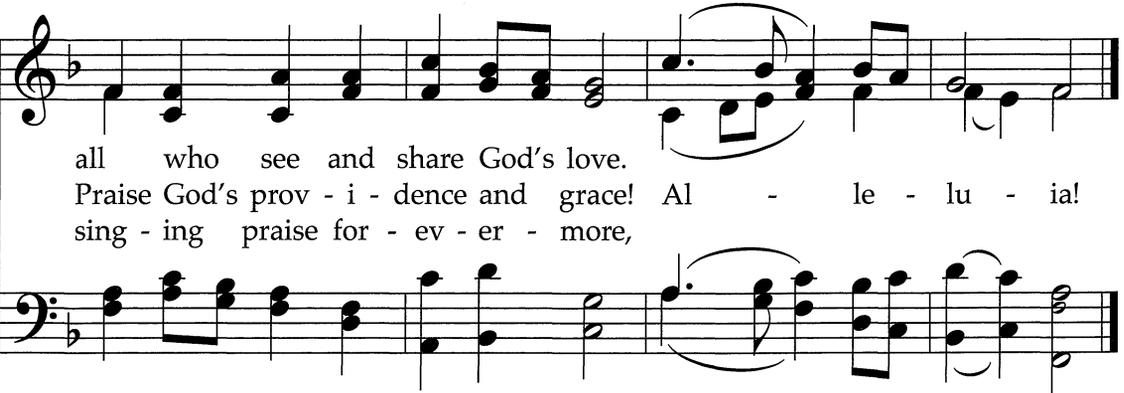
1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,  
2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,



saints with - in God's courts be - low,  
Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!  
in the con - cert, bear your parts,



an - gels round the throne a - bove,  
Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!  
All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,



all who see and share God's love.  
Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!  
sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

Originally cast as two eight-line stanzas, this 19th-century paraphrase of Psalm 150 was slightly shortened when it was set to the present tune with recurring Alleluias. The Welsh tune is actually older than the text and bears a name meaning "the church of St. Mary."

\*Exchange of Peace

*We ask that you please be mindful of the comfort levels and boundaries of those around you*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pass the peace of Jesus Christ.

Moment for Earth Day

April Clisura

Prayer for Illumination

**All: Living God, as the risen Christ came into the locked room of the first disciples, may Your Word enter into us, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, so that we who have not seen may yet believe. AMEN.**

New Testament Reading

Acts 5:27-32 (pg. 149)

New Testament Reading

Revelation 1:4-8 (pg. 297)

\*Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31 (pg. 141)

Sermon

"The Week After"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

\*Hymn

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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\*Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, 4.001

**All: Our only comfort, in life and death, is that we belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all our sins and has completely freed us from the dominion of the devil; that he protects us so well that without the will of our Father in heaven not a hair can fall from our heads; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for our salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures us of eternal life, and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Pastoral Prayer

**All: ...You are making all things new.**

The Lord's Prayer

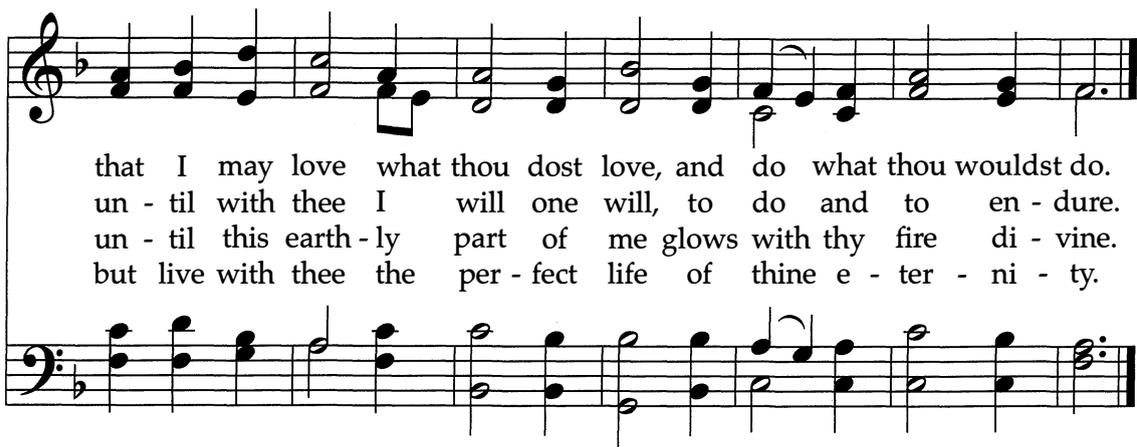
2019 Vatican Update

**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.**

## Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

**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

“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

Melchoir Vulpius  
setting by Ludwig Lenel

All praise to God, who reigns above.  
The God of all creation, the God of wonders, power, and love,  
The God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul God fills,  
The God who every sorrow stills  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made  
God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning dawn or evening shade  
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of God's might,  
Lo, all is just, and all is right  
To God all praise and glory!

\*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.**

\*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

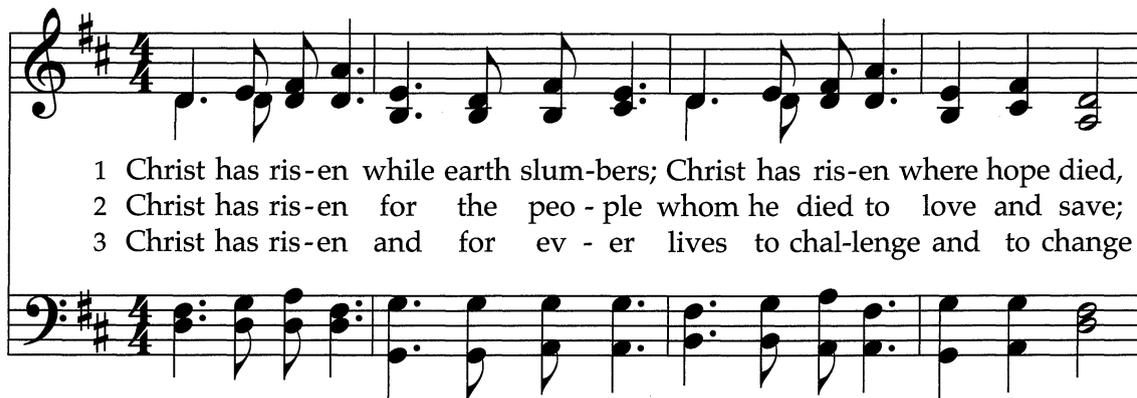
“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

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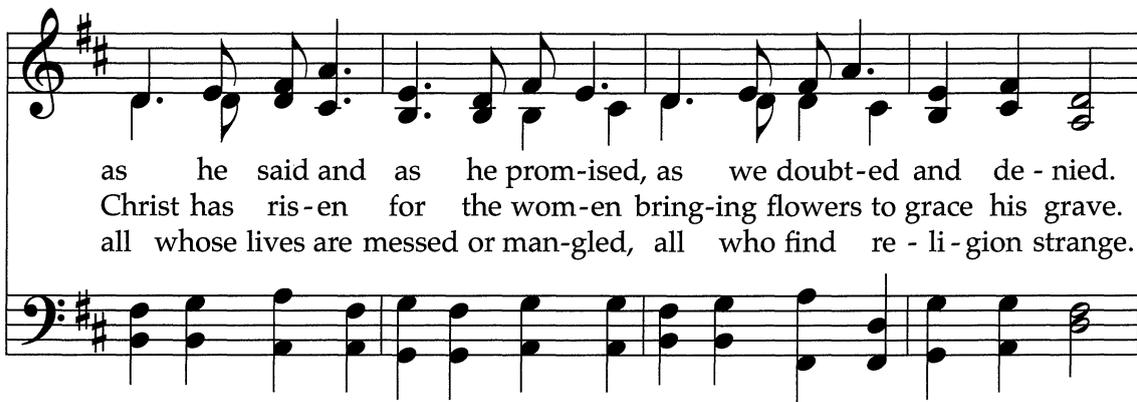
Congregational Meeting

\*Benediction

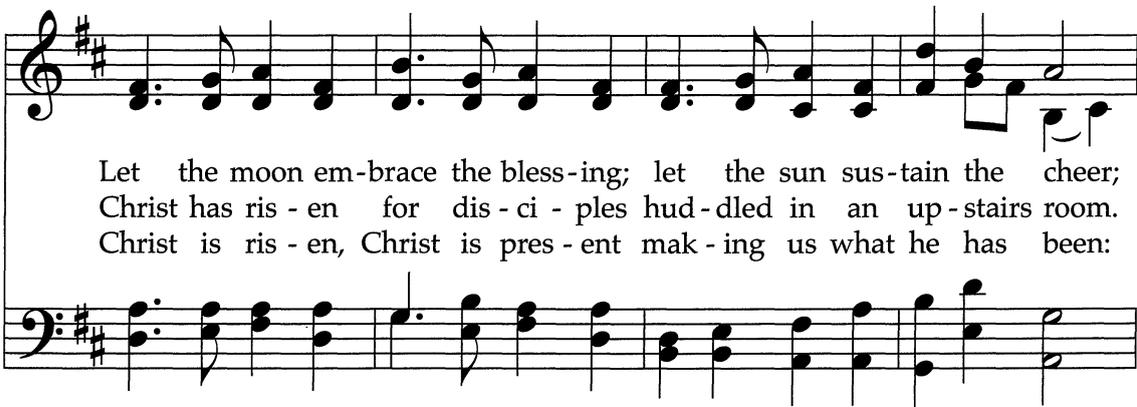
## Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231



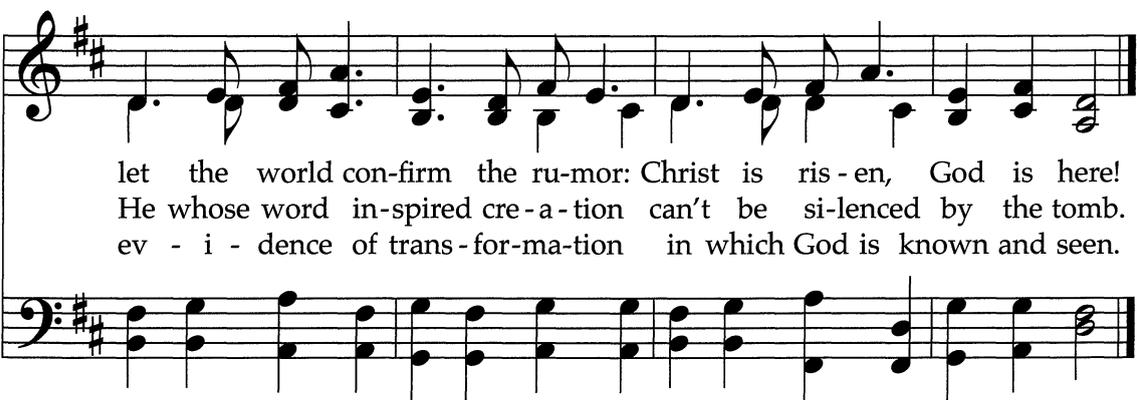
1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,  
2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;  
3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-enge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.  
Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.  
all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;  
Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.  
Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!  
He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.  
ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.

Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Postlude

"Christ lag in Todesbanden"  
"Christ ist erstanden"

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau  
Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer

*\*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:** Masks are welcome and recommended for worship, but not required. Should you forget a mask and want to wear one, masks will still be made available at the entrances to the sanctuary. Sunday School classrooms upstairs will continue to require masks.

**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 is held upstairs at 10 am for children in preschool through high school. Extended Session for children in preschool through third grade is held upstairs during worship following the Time for Children. 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 10:15 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:** Patty Halverson (liturgist); Greg Winner (livestreaming); Kirk Howe (organist); Pamela Twiss, Tom Twiss, Amy Whipple (ushers)

**Next Week:** Ruling Elder Kate Davoli preaching

**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.

**THANK YOU!!!** At the April 10 organ recital, we raised \$4200 toward reparations for Bethel AME!

**Take a Stand Against Gun Violence in Harrisburg:** The Gun Safety Committee invites all members of the congregation to join CeaseFirePA and their coalition of activists as we take a stand against gun violence at the State Capitol in Harrisburg on Tuesday, April 26th. We will be meeting with lawmakers, rallying on the front steps of the Capitol, and strengthening the gun violence prevention movement. It will be a powerful day of advocacy and action, and we hope that you can join us to help make the moral case for gun violence prevention. Contact Lori Swensson (lori.swensson@gmail.com) for more information and the link to RSVP.

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

### **Sunday, April 24**

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)  
Sunday School (10 am, in-person and Zoom)  
Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)  
Congregational Meeting (12:15 pm, in-person and Zoom)  
More Light (12:45 pm, Parlor)  
Worship/RTF (12:45 pm, Pastor's study)  
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

### **Monday, April 25**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Wednesday, April 27**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)  
Session (7 pm, Zoom)

### **Thursday, April 28**

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

### **Saturday, April 30**

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, May 1**

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, May 2**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Wednesday, May 4**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

### **Thursday, May 5**

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

### **Saturday, May 7**

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

### **Sunday, May 8**

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)

# Congregational Meeting Ballot

## Elders

- Peter Kaplan
- Barb Parees
- Marcus Robinson
- Peter Watt-Morse
  
- Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

## Deacons

- Linda Davoli
- Chuck Herrold
- Brenda Jordan
  
- Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominating Committee

- Nora Johnson
- Mary Radcliffe
- Amy Whipple
  
- Write-In \_\_\_\_\_