

# Sixth Presbyterian Church

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Large Print Bulletin



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Sunday, September 4, 2022, 10:00 am  
Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

*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 and Fugue in Em, BWV 533" J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

\*Call to Worship Psalm 1

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked

**All: their delight is in the law of the LORD.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water. In all that they do, they prosper.

**All: The LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

\*Hymn "Come Sing O Church In Joy" 305

\*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

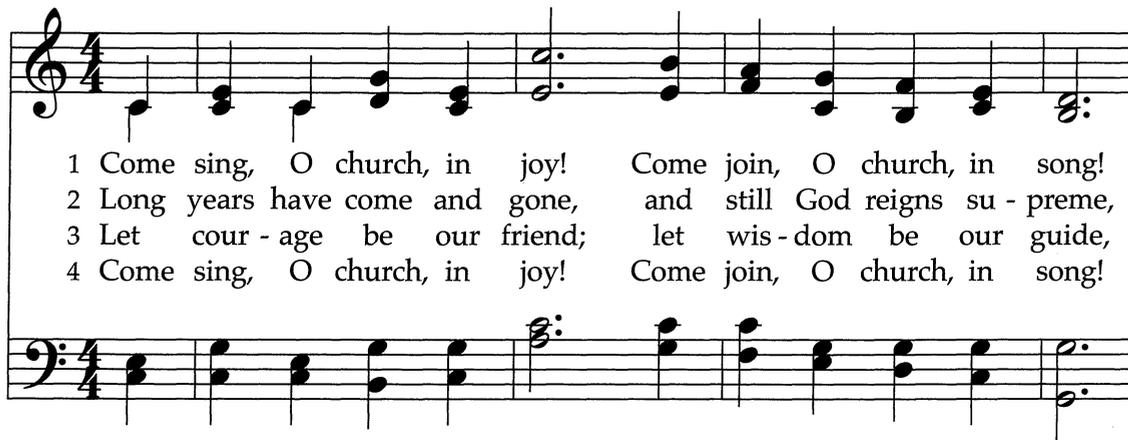
**All: Jesus Christ, being your disciple is impossible. We have not taken up our own cross and followed you. We have not given up all our possessions. Instead we have given up. Forgive us. Help us to trust in your saving word, and invite us once more to follow you. In Jesus' name we pray.**

Silent Confession

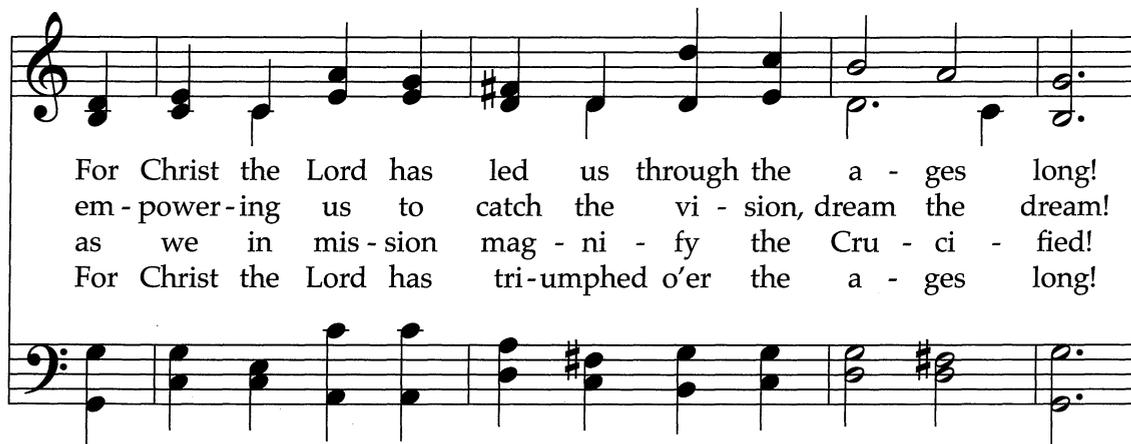
*Kyrie* 575

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,  
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,  
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



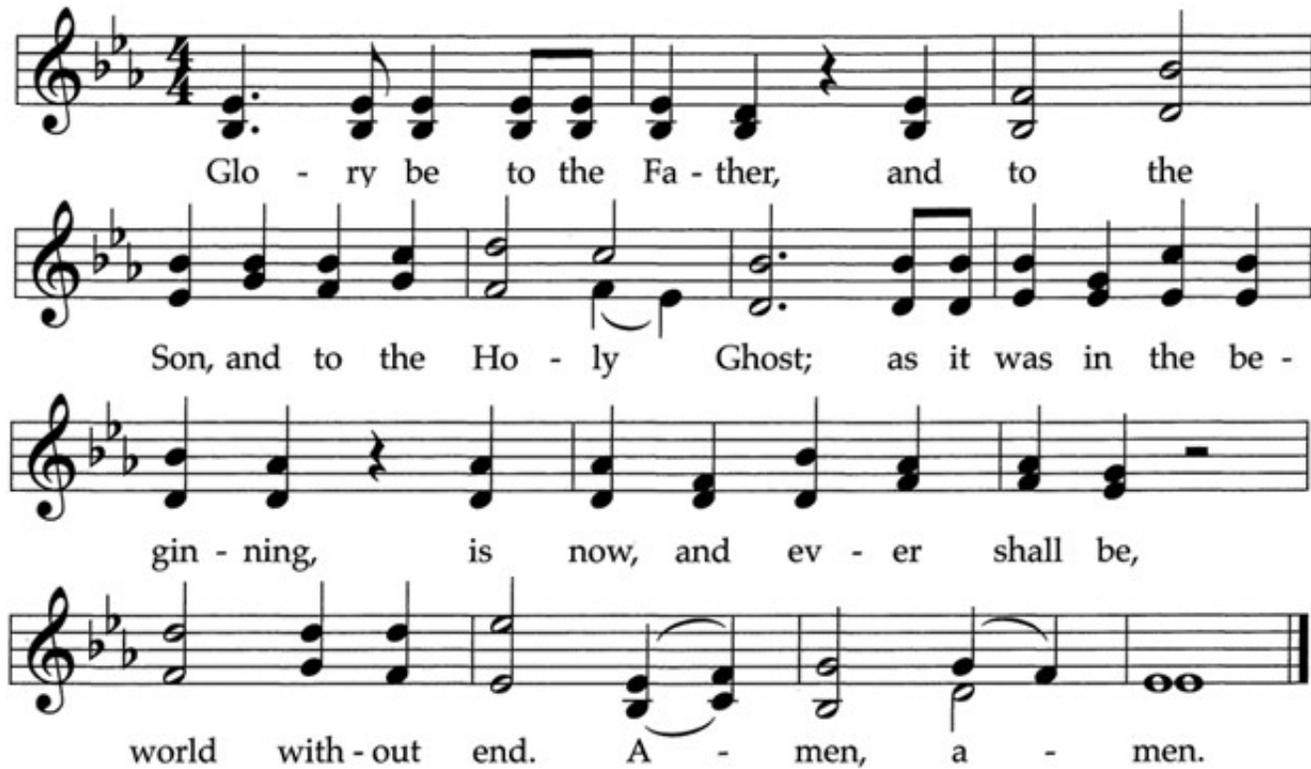
For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!  
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!  
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!  
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

\*Gloria



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the  
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -  
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Time for Children

Jenny Newman

\*Exchange of Peace

Leader: Being mindful of the comfort levels and boundaries of those around us, let us pass the peace of Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

**All: Holy Spirit, pour out the sweet honey of wisdom upon us, that our souls may feast on it. Amen.**

Hebrew Reading

Proverbs 24: 3-6, 10-14 (pg. 744)

\*Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33 (pg. 94)

Sermon

"Nothing to Lose"

Ruling Elder Kate Davoli

\*Hymn

"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

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\*Affirmation of Faith

Book of Order, G-3.0200.0401

**All: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ. A sign in the world today of the new life that God intends for all. In our life together, we are to display the new reality**

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth- ing less than Je- sus' blood and  
 2 When dark- ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When he shall come with trum- pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous- ness; I dare not trust the sweet- est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm- ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*

whol- ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth- er ground is sink- ing sand; all oth- er ground is sink- ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27/Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

that sin is forgiven, reconciliation accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility torn down. As the living body of Christ, the church is called to proclaim the good news of salvation, to present the claims of the gospel on people's lives, and to demonstrate Christ's love in service to the world. We are called to undertake this mission even at the risk of life, trusting God in all things.

Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

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

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Dale Wood

\*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

"Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples"

757

\*Benediction

# 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.



Postlude

“Prelude and Fugue in Bb, BWV 560”

attr. J. S. Bach

*\*Those who can may stand*

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

### **Sunday, September 4**

Worship (10 am, in-person and streaming)  
NA – Men’s Meeting (8 pm)

### **Monday, September 5**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Wednesday, September 7**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)  
Sunday school teachers and staff training (6 pm)

### **Thursday, September 8**

Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

### **Saturday, September 10**

AA – Turning Point (5 pm)  
NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, September 11**

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

### **Monday, September 12**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Tuesday, September 13**

C&C (7 pm, Zoom)

### **Wednesday, September 14**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

### **Thursday, September 15**

Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

### **Saturday, September 17**

Memorial Service for Maggie Ritchey (11 am, in-person and streaming)  
AA – Turning Point (5 pm)  
NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, September 18**

Adult Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)  
Sunday School (10 am)  
Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)  
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:** Masks are required in the building while Allegheny County is in a "medium" or "high" CDC community risk designation; N95 or similar masks are preferred while in "high." Masks are welcome and recommended while in "low."

**Assistive Hearing Devices:** Assistive Hearing Devices – compatible only with hearing aids equipped with a T-Coil – are available at the Murray Avenue entrance

**Large Print Bulletins:** If you would like a large print bulletin, please see an usher for a paper copy or, if you would like to use your personal device, for guidance on how to find a digital copy on our website.

**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

**Church Nursery:** Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available during the worship service. Our childcare staff are required to be vaccinated and masked.

**Extended Session:** 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.

**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:** Beth Hazlett (liturgist); Jenny Newman (livestreaming); Kirk Howe (organist); Mary Lang, Amy Whipple (ushers)

**Next Week’s Readings:** Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14; Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

**Next Week’s Message:** “Citizenship”

**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.

**Garfield Community Farm Work Day:** Join us for a tour and a couple hours of work on September 10th, from 10-12:30.

Garfield Community Farm provides fresh produce and educational opportunities with their neighbors and volunteers, and seeks to demonstrate God's restoration of creation through urban agriculture in the Garfield community.

For this first work day, we are focusing on families with children. If that is not you but your are interested, please let us know. If there’s extra space we will have other folks join us. If you are interested, email Cosy at [cosyknitsliterally@gmail.com](mailto:cosyknitsliterally@gmail.com)

**Sunday School Returns:** Sunday school starts next Sunday, September 11, at 10 am for preschool and up

## **Session Members**

### Class of 2023

Larry Chan  
Frank Davoli  
Beth Hazlett  
Pam Howe  
Mary Lang

### Class of 2024

Joe Ashenden  
Lori King  
Tom Juring  
Greg Winner

### Class of 2025

Peter Kaplan  
Barb Parees  
Marcus Robinson  
Peter Watt-Morse

## **Deacons**

### Class of 2023

Kyle Esbin  
Lynn Kawaratani  
Eliot Kennedy  
Judy Schryer

### Class of 2024

Martha Funderburgh  
Patty Halverson  
Gwen Harcar

### Class of 2025

Linda Davoli  
Chuck Herrold  
Brenda Jordan

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*

Myra Kazanjian, *Parish Associate*

John S. McCall, *Pastor Emeritus*