

# Sixth Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 20, 2022, 11:00 am  
Christ the King 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 "VI. Antienne" from *Hommage à Frescobaldi* Jean Langlais

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit "In Paradisum" from *Requiem, op. 48* Gabriel Fauré

In Paradisum deducant te Angeli  
In tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres  
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.  
Chorus Angelorum te suscipiant  
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere  
aeternam habeas requiem.

Mary the angels leads you into paradise;  
may the martyrs greet you at your arrival  
and lead you into the holy City of Jerusalem.  
May the choir of Angels greet you  
and like Lazarus, who once was a poor man,  
may you have eternal rest.

\*Call to Worship Luke 1:68

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them.

**All: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has called us God's own beloved, and called each of us by name.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

**All: For God has blessed God's creation and called us to worship.**

**LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

\*Hymn "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" 267

\*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

**All: Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model of our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ, but we are**

# 267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;  
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

slow in doing the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness, yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, deed, and in spirit.

### Silent Confession

#### Kyrie

*Sung twice*

SM1



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

*optional repeat*

### Assurance of Pardon

#### \*Gloria

583

*Sung once in unison and twice in canon: Lectern side leads in round; Pulpit side joins after two measures.*



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### Time for Children

Jenny Newman

*Children remain seated with their families during the Time for Children; children third grade and younger are invited to go upstairs for Extended Session after the Exchange of Peace*

#### \*Exchange of Peace

Leader: Remembering that some of our church family is watching the livestream, let us first turn to the cameras and say, "Peace be with you!" (*Turn and offer the peace.*) 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.**

### Moment for PCUSA Mission

Chenoa Stock

Prayer for Illumination

**All: Holy God, through the generations You have spoken to us. You have sent voices crying out in the wilderness. You have sent the words of an overjoyed new father and an expectant mother. You have sent the assurance of redemption from a condemned person on a cross. Quiet in us any voice but Your own, that, by the power of Your Spirit, we might hear the word You speak to us today. AMEN.**

Hebrew Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (pg. 887)

\*Gospel Reading

Luke 23:32-43 (pg. 108)

Sermon

"Nobody Deserved It"

Rev. Charissa Howe

\*Hymn

"Jesus, Remember Me"

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*Sung four times*

\*Affirmation of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

**All: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

Pastoral Prayer

**All: ...God of mercy, 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



After one moment when I bowed my head  
 And the whole world turned over and came upright,  
 And I came out where the old road shone white.  
 I walked the ways and heard what all so;ls said,  
 Forest of tongues, like autumn leaves unshed,  
 Being not unlovable but strange and light;  
 Old riddles and new creeds, not in despite  
 But softly, as some smile about the dead

The sages have a hundred maps to give  
 That traces their crawling cosmos like a tree,  
 They rattle reason out through many a sieve  
 That stores the sand and lets the gold go free:  
 And all these things are less than dust to me  
 Because my name is Lazarus and I live.

\*Doxology

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**All: 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

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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\*Benediction

\*Amen

SM6

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

Postlude

"Prelude in E-flat major, BWV 552"

J.S. Bach

\*Those who can may stand

# Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways  
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down-ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

## 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 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.

**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. Our teachers and staff are vaccinated.

**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.

**Coffee Hour:** We will be having Coffee Hour after worship on the first Sunday of each month

**Today's Service:** Bentley Harcar, Lilly Harcar (acolyte and water pourer); Rev. Charissa Howe (guest preacher); Kate Kennedy (liturgist); Liam Greenley (livestreaming); Bill Beggs, Carol Beggs, Ray Dittner (ushers)

**Next Week's Readings:** Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

**Next Week's Message:** "The End of Trouble"

**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.

**Chenoa Stock's Presentation:** Following worship today, Chenoa will present in the Chapel to share more deeply about serving in Peru with the accompaniment program, PERUSA. She will present on the country context, past and present, as well as the ongoing ministries of our partners, as they look toward post-pandemic times.

**Midterms Post-Mortem with Mary:** Join our own Dr. Mary Radcliffe from FiveThirtyEight for a review of what was learned and what was missed by the pre-election polling and punditry on Tuesday, December 6, at 7 pm via Zoom. Sponsored by the Justice Team of Sixth, Mary would prefer to design the class in direct response to your questions about the 2022 election. Submit as many questions as you like by 12/1 through this link: <https://forms.gle/QGnAx6EjjRihnbb67>

**Love Will Win:** Thank you to everyone who has made their Stewardship pledge for 2023! We are currently at 72% of our Campaign Goal of \$358,037. If you have not already submitted your pledge, please either mail in your pledge card, fill out the form on the church's website,

or e-mail Amy (office@sixthchurch.org) with your 2023 Stewardship pledge amount. Please remember that if you make your contributions by e-Give, we still need to know your pledge amount, since e-Give does not notify us. – The Stewardship Committee.

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

### **Sunday, November 20**

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)

Sunday School (10 am)

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)

Chenoa Stock (12 pm, Chapel)

NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

### **Monday, November 21**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Wednesday, November 23**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

### **Thursday, November 24**

Office Closed

### **Friday, November 25**

Office Closed

### **Saturday, November 26**

AA – Turning Point (5 pm)

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, November 27**

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)

Sunday School (10 am)

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)

NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

### **Monday, November 28**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Wednesday, November 30**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Condo association (4 pm)

Session (7 pm, Zoom)

### **Thursday, December 1**

Sunday School pageant rehearsal (6 pm)

Choir rehearsal (7 pm)

### **Saturday, December 3**

InterGroup Dialogue (10 am)

AA – Turning Point (5 pm)

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, December 4**

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)

Sunday School (10 am)

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)

Chamber Orchestra of Pittsburgh Concert (3 pm, Sanctuary)

NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)



The Chamber Orchestra of Pittsburgh will host the return of the Joy Ike for two performances: Saturday, December 3, 7:30pm at Rodef Shalom and Sunday, December 4, 3:00pm at Sixth Presbyterian.

A highly gifted pianist as well as a composer, Ike will perform from her repertoire that has been featured on NPR, which celebrated her as “a truly compelling” performer. The program will also include Edvard Grieg’s *Holberg Suite* and George Gershwin’s *Lullaby for Strings*.

Ike’s recent work includes a project to spread the joy of Mr. Rogers’s “Won’t You Be My Neighbor” as well as the reflective composition “Wearing Love.” “Wearing Love is my response to 2020,” says Ike. “In the blackhole of identity politics, social media wars, and our country’s polarizing responses to racial injustice, this song is a response and a challenge to come up higher and do better, to wear love better than we wear our pride, or our political affiliations.”

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for students, and are available online at [www.copgh.org](http://www.copgh.org). These performances have been made possible in part through the generous support of the Small Arts Initiative of the Heinz Endowments and the Hillman Foundation.

For more information:

The Chamber Orchestra of Pittsburgh: <http://www.copgh.org/>

Joy Ike: <https://www.joyike.com/>

Joy Ike, “Wearing Love”: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_na7ByjxMT8&t=23s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_na7ByjxMT8&t=23s)

Joy Ike, “Won’t You Be My Neighbor”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eU9Au3cVTk0>