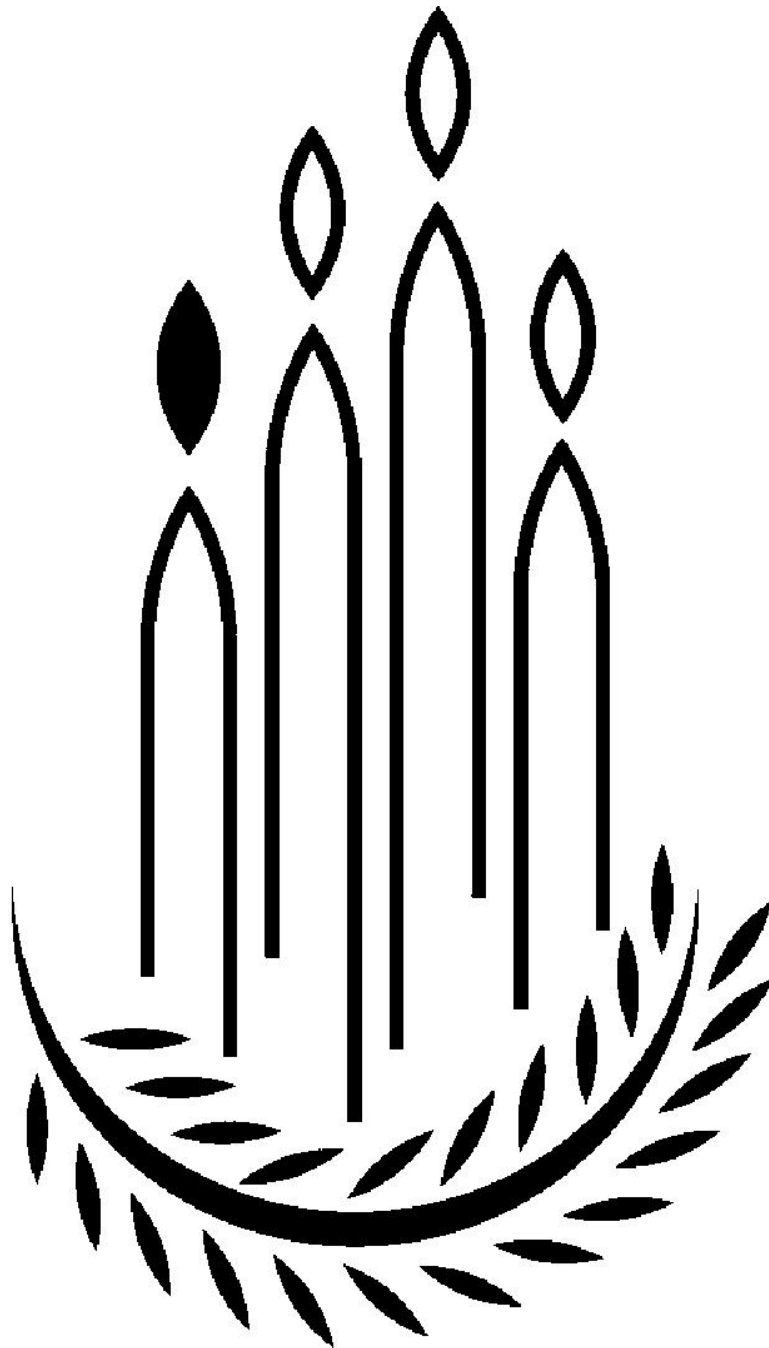


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Sunday, November 27, 2022, 11:00 am
First Sunday of Advent

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 "Chant de Paix" Jean Langlais

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Introit "To Thee My Heart I Offer" Ralph C. Schultz

To Thee my heart I offer,
Oh Christ Child sweet and dear.
Upon Thy love relying,
Oh, be Thou ever near.
Take Thou my hand and give me Thine,
And let it be forever mine.
O Jesus Child, My Savior meek and mild!

What brought Thee to the manger,
Oh Christ Child sweet and dear?
Thy love for me, a stranger;
Oh, be Thou ever near.
Oh Lord, how great is this Thy love
That reaches down from heav'n above,
Thy love for us, by sin defiled,
That made Thee, God, a child!

Let me be Thine forever,
Oh Christ Child sweet and dear.
Uphold me with Thy mercy,
And be Thou ever near.
From Thee I gladly all receive,
And what is mine to Thee I give.
My Heart, my soul, and all I own,
Let these be Thine alone.

*Call to Worship Psalm 122, Isaiah 2

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

All: Come let us go to the mountain of the Lord,

Leader: That we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths.

All: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

COME, LET US WALK IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD! LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

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*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

All: God of night and day, there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from You and no secret that You will not bring to light. For our reveling and drunkenness, forgive us, O God. For our debauchery and licentiousness, forgive us, O God. For our quarrelling and jealousy, forgive us, O God. O God, forgive us our many sins, renew us in love, and teach us to live in a way that brings honor and glory to Your name, through Jesus Christ, the coming Prince of Peace.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

"Wait for the Lord" (Psalm 27)

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Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Assurance of Pardon

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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| <p>5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heavenly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> | <p>6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> |
| <p>7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart and mind;
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> | |

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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.

Prayer for Illumination

All: O God of our people and Lord of every nation, let Your Word ring out from the mountains and Your Spirit shine forth in all the earth, so that we may all hear Your teaching, and all may do Your will; through Jesus Christ our peace. AMEN.

Hebrew Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5 (pg. 773)

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:11-14 (pg. 197)

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:29-31, 36-44 (pg. 33)

Sermon

"Pleading For the Future "

Rev. Vincent Kolb

*Hymn

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

*Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967, 9.27

All: God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, whom God chose to be a covenant people, to serve God in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God, Jesus of Nazareth, in whom God's purpose would be realized.

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

Offertory Anthem

"The Truth from Above"

English traditional carol
arranged by R. Vaughan Williams

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love,
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all both rich and poor.

And at that season of the year
Our blest Redeemer did appear;
He here did live, and here did preach,
And many thousands He did teach.

Thus He in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way,
Be pleased to hear what He did say.

**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

"I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light"

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*Benediction

*Amen

"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

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Feel free to sit and enjoy the Postlude or quietly leave as you wish

Postlude

"Liturgical Improvisation no. 3"

George Oldroyd

VERBUM SUPERNUM PRODIENS

Pour light upon us from above,
And fire our hearts with thy strong love.

Praise to the Father and the Son,
Through all the ages as they run;
And to the holy Paraclete
Be praise with them and worship meet.
Amen.

**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 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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson

HOUSTON
Kathleen Thomerson



Choir: 1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
Choir: 2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
All: 3. I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we



star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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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); Kate Kennedy (liturgist); Liam Greenley (livestreaming); Barb Parees, Pamela Twiss, Tom Twiss (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.

Sunday School Christmas Pageant Rehearsal: Thursday, December 1 and 8, 6 pm

Carols on the Steps: Everyone is invited to kick off the Advent Season and join us for outside to sing carols and holiday songs together at 6:30 pm, Friday, December 2. Caroling will be followed by moving into the Chapel for hot chocolate, cookies, and ornament-making for our family Advent tree.

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>

Family Advent Tree: Beginning next Sunday, a Christmas tree will be placed in the sanctuary. All church members and families are invited to bring an ornament to decorate the

tree. Make an ornament together or bring in a family favorite. If you are not attending in-person worship, feel free to send us an ornament or drop one off (please make sure they are marked somewhere with your name). We are looking forward to seeing our tree come to life!

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 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)

pm, Sanctuary)

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)

Monday, December 5

NA — Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, December 7

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Pittsburgh Bridges OCD Support Group (7 pm)

Thursday, December 8

Presbytery (1 pm)

Sunday School pageant rehearsal (6 pm)

Choir rehearsal (7 pm)

Thursday, December 1

Sunday School pageant rehearsal (6 pm)

Choir rehearsal (7 pm)

Saturday, December 10

AA — Turning Point (5 pm)

NA — Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Saturday, December 3

InterGroup Dialogue (10 am)

AA — Turning Point (5 pm)

NA — Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, December 11

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)

Sunday School (10 am)

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)

NA — Men's Meeting (8 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



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. 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

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

Poinsettia Memorials

We offer two options for honoring our loved ones at Christmastime:

1. You can buy a poinsettia for \$8 and have a name placed in the Memorial Booklet in honor or memory of a loved one. You can then take your flower home after the Christmas Eve service.
2. The second option will be to have a loved one's name placed in the Memorial Booklet as before but instead of buying a flower, you will be donating \$8 or more to the Deacons Fund.

We realize that there may be fewer flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas, but we feel that some of the money can be used for another cause and you will still have the opportunity to honor your loved ones.



Please complete this form and return it to the church office.

Checks should be made payable to "Sixth Presbyterian Church" with "Poinsettia Memorial" or "Deacons' Fund" written in the memo field. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia **and** donate to the Deacons Fund as well, please write separate checks.



I wish to order _____ poinsettias at \$8 each

I wish to donate _____ to the Deacons Fund

My check for \$_____ is enclosed.

Your name (please print) _____

Phone/email _____

Name(s) to be remembered:

☐ In Memory of ☐ In Honor of _____

☐ In Memory of ☐ In Honor of _____

☐ In Memory of ☐ In Honor of _____

☐ In Memory of ☐ In Honor of _____

☐ In Memory of ☐ In Honor of _____

The deadline for ordering poinsettias is Sunday, December 11

LAMP Statement on Club Q (11/22/22)

We are heartbroken to hear of the shooting at Club Q in Colorado Springs.

Club Q is a place which should have been safe - made by and for queer folks, to go out, have fun, and relax. But minutes before midnight, before the clock turned to national Transgender Remembrance Day, that safety was violated.

We grieve with those who lost loved ones, those who survived with injuries in more than their bodies, and with the whole community who has to process yet another attack on their basic human rights.

There is no such thing as a mass shooting that makes sense.

Yet in the minds of some people, such violence can appear justified. And it is no secret why: we recognize the role of the Church in supporting, platforming, and perpetuating violence against queer folks. We condemn the Church's complicity in this horrific act. And we work and pray for the day when God's queer children flourish. Receiving only blessings and treatment that honors their inherent beauty, worth, and dignity.

Yet we have hope. Though all forms of church have at times been complicit, God never has. The core of our faith affirms that all queer individuals were created in the image of God, and do not have to change a thing to be sustained, supported, and wrapped in divine love.

In solidarity with the queer community, who is us, and our loved ones, we pray.

Amen

From the Board Members of the LGBTQIA+ Affirming Ministries of Pittsburgh, including:

Katherine Davoli, Chair (Member, Sixth Presbyterian Church); Kristin Horner (Elder, The Open Door Presbyterian Church); Rev. Erin Jones (Pastor, Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community); Wil Forrest (Member and Staff, East Liberty Presbyterian Church); Rev. Caitlin Werth (Pastor, Waverly Presbyterian Church); Rev. Steven Werth (Pastor, Riverview United Presbyterian Church and The Community House Church); Carol Chonoska (Elder, East Liberty Presbyterian Church)

