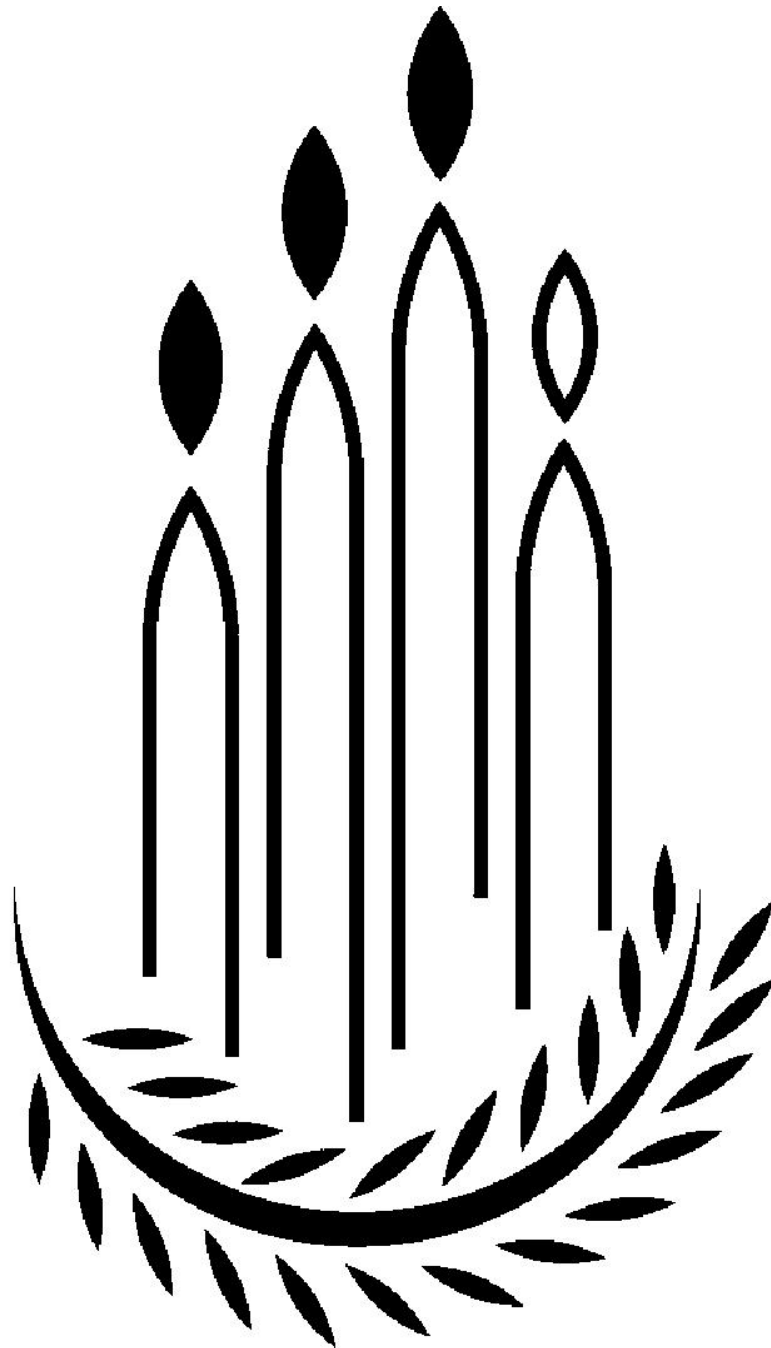


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**Sixth Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday, December 11, 2022, 11:00 am  
Third Sunday of Advent, Lessons and Carols

*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 "Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen" Johannes Brahms

Lighting of the Advent Candles Malakai Whipple

Welcome and Announcements

\*Exchange of Peace Aleskey Chesnavich, Eli Chesnacivh, Ethan Greenley

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.**

\*Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" 133

\*A Bidding Prayer Elise Bertolet

Leader: ...And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ has taught us, saying:

**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.**

First Lesson Isaiah 9: 2, 6, 7 (pg. 780) Calvin Tantalo

*Christ's birth and rule of peace and justice are foretold by Isaiah.*

...Thanks be to God.

# O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come  
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,  
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -  
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all  
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

*Refrain*

born the King of an - gels!  
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let  
 glo - ry in the high - est!  
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

Hymn	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	88
Second Lesson	Luke 1: 26-35, 38 (pg. 69) <i>The Angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will be the mother of Jesus</i>	Louis DeLucia
...Thanks be to God.		
Hymn	"Lo, How a Rose E'r Blooming"	129
Third Lesson	Matthew 1: 18-23 (pg. 1) <i>Saint Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus</i>	Rohan Vaux
...Thanks be to God.		
Hymn	"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"	132
Fourth Lesson	Luke 2: 8-16 (pg. 71) <i>The shepherds go to Bethlehem</i>	Ethan Greenley
...Thanks be to God.		
Hymn	"Away in a Manger"	114
Hymn	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	113
Fifth Lesson	Matthew 2: 1-11 (pg. 2) <i>The wise men are led by the star to Jesus</i>	Sadie DeLucia
...Thanks be to God.		
Hymn	"The First Nowell"	147
Offertory Sentence		Aurien Vaux
Offertory Hymn	"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"	128
*Doxology		607
<b>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.</b>		
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		Thoren Vaux
Leader: Let us give thanks, for God is good and God's Love is everlasting!		

## 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

## Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming 129

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;  
3 This flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,

of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, by faith - ful proph - ets sung.  
with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.  
dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where.

It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of  
To show God's love a - right she bore for us a  
En - fleshed, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he

win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.  
saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.

Although the early copies of this 15th-century German text include many more stanzas than are printed here, this simpler, shorter form has much to commend it. This early 17th-century harmonization of the traditional chorale melody invites and rewards singing in parts.

# 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.  
 He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.

# 113 Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,  
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some ti - dings be which in - spire your heaven - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - - -

This French carol probably dates from the 1700s, though it was not printed until the following century. Because it uses a vernacular language for the narrative stanzas and Latin for the refrain, it belongs to a special category called "macaronic" or mixed-language texts.



- - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

## Away in a Manger

114

Capo 5: (C) (Am) (C) (Dm)

F Dm F Gm

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,

2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(F) (G) (C) (Dm) (F) (G)

B<sup>b</sup> C F Gm B<sup>b</sup> C

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.

but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.  
close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(C) (Dm)

F Gm

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,

I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)

C F Gm C F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.

and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is night.  
and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

This anonymous carol probably originated among Pennsylvania Lutherans in the late 19th century, giving rise to a mistaken assertion that it had been written by Martin Luther. This tune is also by an American but has become the one usually used in Canada and Great Britain.

# 147 The First Nowell

1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor  
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the  
 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men  
 4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth - le -

shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing  
 east be - yond them far; and to the earth it gave  
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their  
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop

their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
 great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

Refrain

Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

"Nowell" is the English form of the French "noel," a shout of joy formerly used at Christmas (as in Chaucer's "Franklin's Tale"), a clue that the word is older than its first printing. It may have Latin and French roots related to "born" (*natus / nê*) as well to "news" (*nova / nouvelle*).

The image shows a musical score for the lyrics "born is the King of Is - ra - el." The score is written on two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble clef staff. The music consists of a series of chords and single notes, with some notes beamed together. The piece ends with a double bar line.

- 5 Then entered in those wise men three, 6 Then let us all with one accord  
 full reverently upon their knee, sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
 and offered there in his presence that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
 their gold, and myrrh, and and with his blood our life hath bought.  
 frankincense. *Refrain*

# 128 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat-tle stall;  
 2 Flocks were sleep-ing; shep-herds keep-ing vig-il till the morn-ing new

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know-ing Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
 saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, ti - dings of the gos-pel true.

Swift are wing-ing an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring-ing, ti-dings bring-ing:  
 Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais-es voic-ing greet the mor - row:

Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!  
 Christ the babe was born for you! Christ the babe was born for you!

The English text of this 13th- or 14th-century Polish carol does not try to tell a story but to offer verbal snapshots of the well-known Nativity narrative of Luke 2:6-20. The tune name quotes the opening of the Polish text and means "He lies in a cradle" or "In manger lying."



# 134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

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:** In lieu of the annual all-church dinner, there will be a reception following the service today

**Today's Service:** Kirk Howe (livestreaming); Bill Beggs, Carol Beggs, Ray Dittner (ushers); Elly Bertolet, Aleksey Chesnavich, Eli Chesnavich, Alan Clark, Maria Clark, Sadie DeLucia, Jesse DeLucia, Louis DeLucia, Kaelan Fogt, Ethan Greenley, Evelyn Guyette, Charlotte Harcar, Bentley Harcar, Lillian Harcar, Robin Mull, River Mull, Jillian Patton, Calvin Tantalo, Beatrice Tantalo, Aurien Vaux, Thoren Vaux, Rohan Vaux, Malakai Whipple (youth participants)

**Next Week's Readings:** Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

**Next Week's Message:** "God in the Ordinary"

**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.

**Plastics Recycling Carshare:** Do you have plastics that aren't recyclable curbside building up in your home? Did you know that Michael's Brothers takes all plastic numbers 1-7? April Clisura has volunteered to bring a load of plastics from our church on Sunday December 20th. If you would like your plastics to be included, please bring them on the 20th or arrange with April by email at [april.clisura@gmail.com](mailto:april.clisura@gmail.com). Please message April ahead of time so that she knows how much plastic you have for her.

Separate your plastics as follows: Number one plastics in their own bag. Number two plastics in their own bag. All other plastics, 3-7, can be combined in the same container. Please put your plastics in paper bags or cardboard boxes and clearly label them with your name and what kind of plastic it is. If you'd like to take a turn hauling plastics to Michael's Brothers, talk to anyone in Earth Care or email Cosy at [cosyknitsliterally@gmail.com](mailto:cosyknitsliterally@gmail.com).

**Love Will Win:** Thank you to everyone who has made their Stewardship pledge for 2023! We are currently at 93% 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](mailto: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, 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)

### **Monday, December 12**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Wednesday, December 14**

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

### **Thursday, December 15**

Choir rehearsal (7 pm)

### **Saturday, December 17**

AA – Turning Point (5 pm)

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, December 18**

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, December 19**

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

### **Tuesday, December 20**

Earth Care Committee (7 pm, Zoom)

### **Wednesday, December 21**

Deacons (7 pm, Zoom)

### **Thursday, December 22**

Choir rehearsal (7 pm)

### **Saturday, December 24**

AA – Turning Point (5 pm)

Christmas Eve service (7 pm, in-person and streaming)

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

### **Sunday, December 25**

Worship (11 am, streaming only)

NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)



# 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*

## **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*