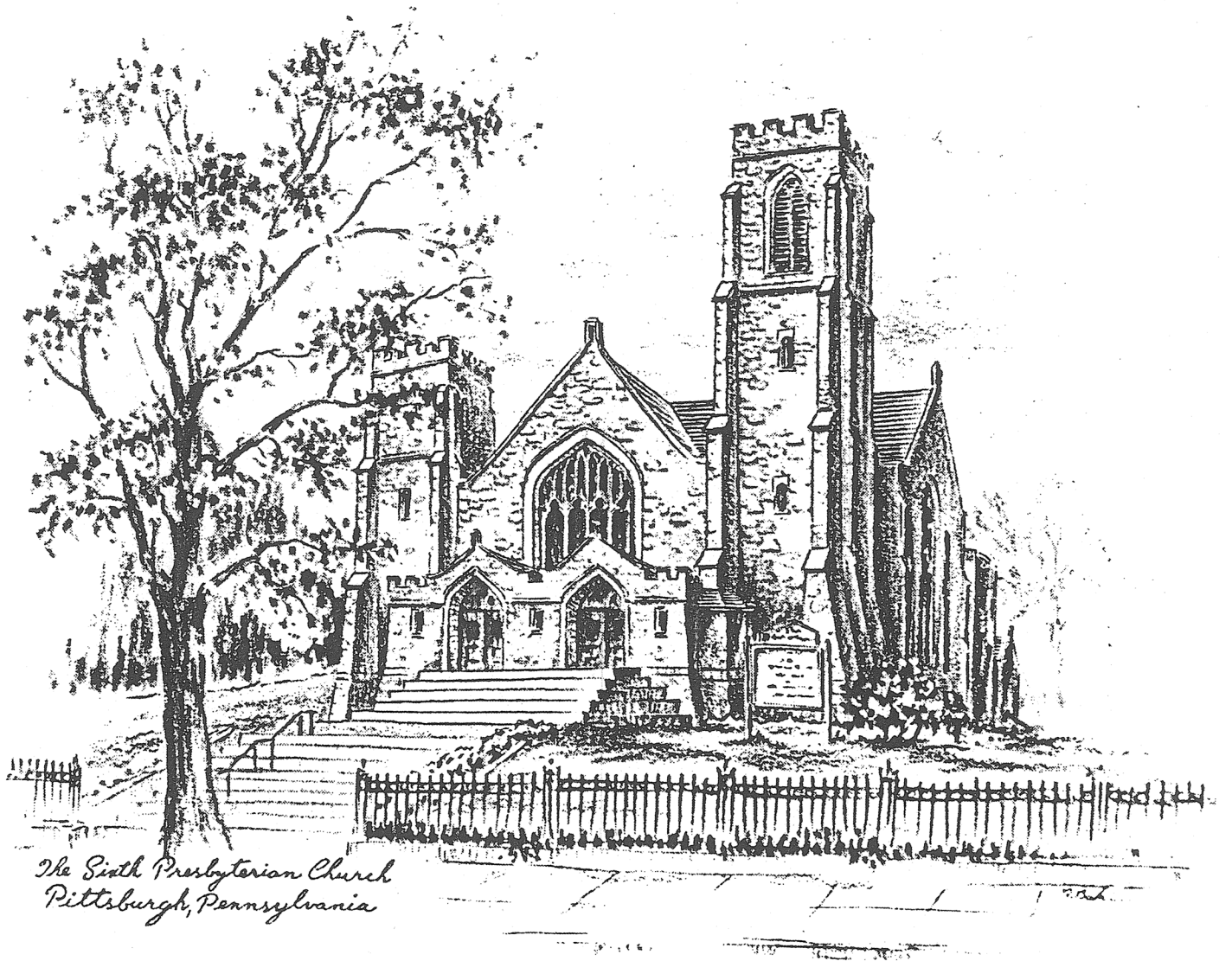


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Sunday, January 2, 2022, 11:00 am
Second Sunday after Christmas Day / Epiphany

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 "What Star is This, with Beams So Bright" K. S. Howe

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

*Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine; for Your light has come!

All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Come, worship the Lord of glory.

All: Proclaim God's praise among the nations.

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn "As with Gladness Men of Old" 150

*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, You have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust You in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. AMEN.

Silent Confession

Hymn (seated) "From Heaven Above" 111, v. 1

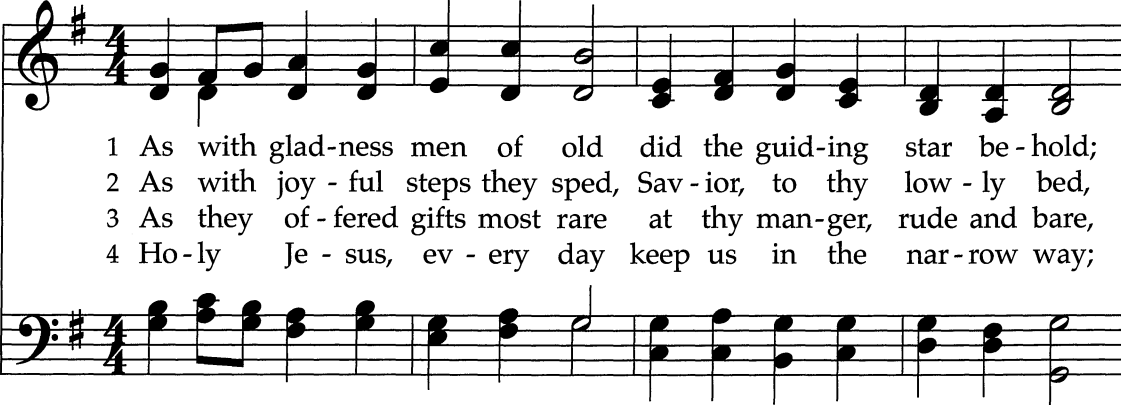
From heaven above to earth I come to bring good news to everyone!
Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all the world, and gladly sing

Assurance of Pardon and Commitment to Pass the Peace

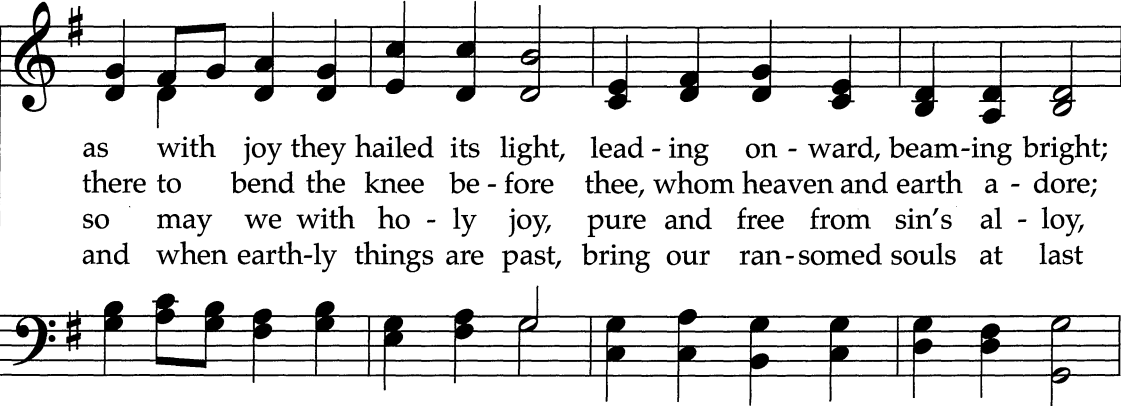
*Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" 119, v. 1

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king
"Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

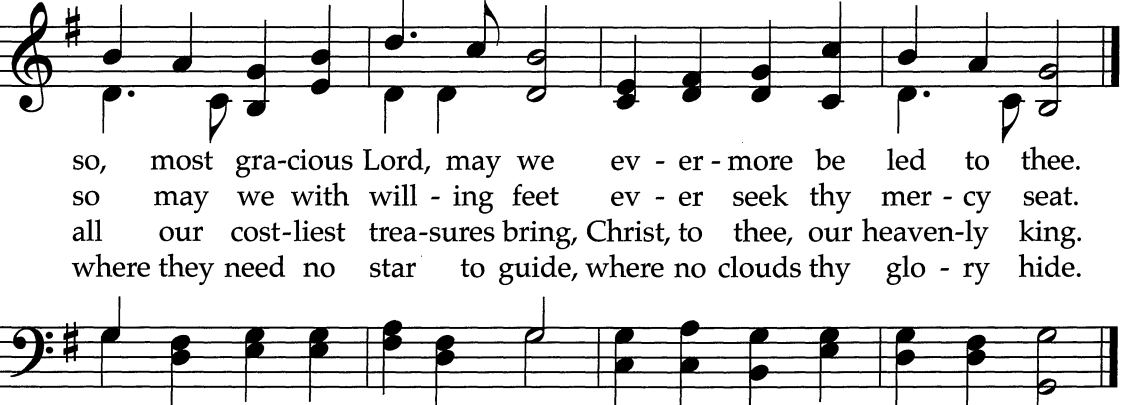
As with Gladness Men of Old 150



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heaven and earth a-dore;
 so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heaven-ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

The first three stanzas here use an as/so structure to draw parallels between the coming of the Magi and the spiritual lives of the singers, summed up in the prayer of the fourth stanza. Even though this adapted German tune was named for him, the author did not care for it.

Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Prayer for Illumination

All: Spirit of God, in the proclamation of Your Word, reveal to us the hidden mystery of Your love in Christ, and strengthen our faith that we may approach You with boldness. AMEN.

Hebrew Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6 (pg. 844)

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12 (pg. 235)

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. 2)

Sermon

"Finding Jesus in the World"

Rev. Charissa Howe

*Hymn

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

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*Affirmation of Faith

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Pastoral Prayer

...Glorious Light, hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

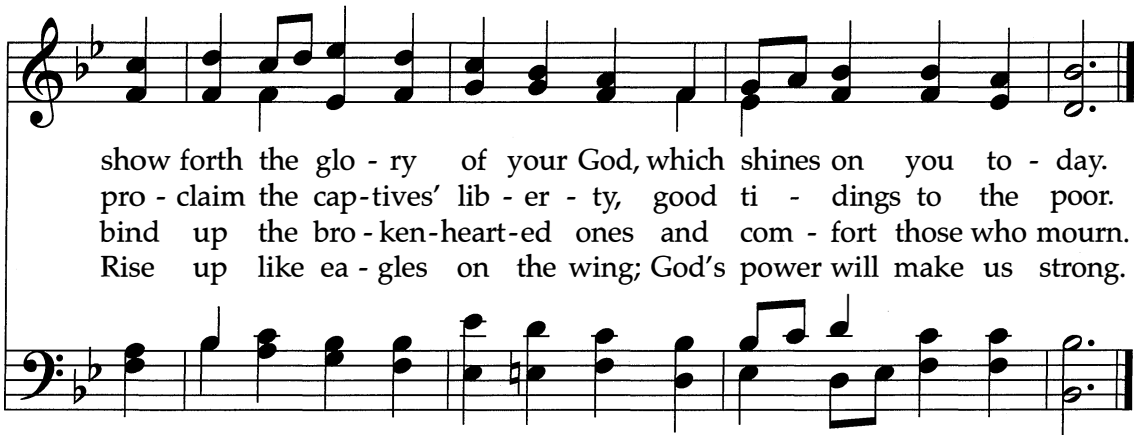
2019 Vatican Update

**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.**

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
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 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

Offertory Sentence

Offertory "Noel sur les Flutes" Louis Claude Daquin

*Doxology "O Come All Ye Faithful" 133 v. 3

**Sing, choirs of angels;
sing in exultation;
sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

*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 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" 151

*Benediction

*Hymn "From Heaven Above" 111, vs. 4

"Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto us the Christ has given."
With angels sing the Savior's birth,
A glad new year to all the earth.

Postlude "Noel, Suisse" Louis Claude Daquin

**Those who can may stand*

151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

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: EVERYONE, vaccinated or not, is asked to wear a mask while inside the building.

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: There will be no nursery care today. It will resume on Sunday, January 9.

Sunday School and Extended Session: There will be no Sunday school or Extended Session today. Those offerings will resume January 9.

Virtual Sunday School: There will be no virtual Sunday school December 26, 30 or January 2. Thursday classes will resume January 6 and Sunday classes on January 9.

Youth Group: There will be no youth group December 30. Meetings will resume January 6.

Adult Sunday School: Bill Guy's class meets Sundays at 9:30 am over Zoom. Contact Bill 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 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: Peter Gilmore (liturgist); Liam Greenley (livestreaming); Sara Berg, Mary Lang, Amy Whipple (ushers)

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.

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Next Week's Message: "You Are My Child"

Stewardship Campaign Update: The Stewardship Committee extends enormous gratitude for all the pledges we have received for 2022. We are currently at 94% of our Campaign Goal of \$347,609. If you have not already submitted your pledge, please e-mail Amy (office@sixthchurch.org) with your 2022 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. Thank you for being On This Road Together.

Fulfilling 2021 Pledges: The Stewardship Committee extends additional enormous gratitude for everyone who fulfilled their 2021 pledge. If you are unsure of your balance, please contact Amy (office@sixthchurch.org). End-of-year statements will be sent no later than Tuesday, January 11.

Upcoming Meetings and Events in (and around) the Church

Sunday, January 2

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, December 27

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Thursday, December 30

Choir rehearsal (7:30 pm)

Saturday, January 1

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, January 2

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, January 10

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, January 12

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Thursday, January 13

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

Saturday, January 15

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, January 16

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)
Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
NA – Men's Meeting (8 pm)

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