

# Sixth Presbyterian Church

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Sunday, June 28, 2026



**We gather as God's people for worship and to share the gifts, strengths, and talents of all who are here while respecting the beliefs, opinions and struggles of others as we strive to love one another as God loves us.**

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Sunday, June 28, 2026, 9:30 am  
5th Sunday after 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                      “Lieder ohne Worte Op. 38 No. 4: ‘Hope’”                      Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Call to Worship

We, of many backgrounds and identities, personalities, and ideas,  
gather collectively in shared pursuit of the Sacred.

**Together, we make up the body of Christ.**

Wherever one of us is in pain,

**our whole body aches.**

Whenever one of us is cut off,

**the whole body is wounded.**

Whoever is kept away by discriminatory policies or practices or prejudices,

**Our collective soul suffers the loss of their presence.**

We need one another in order to be whole,

**God make us the body of Christ as you envisioned.**

May we become your presence enfleshed, in service to the world and one another.

\*Hymn                      “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”                      475

\*Prayer of the Day

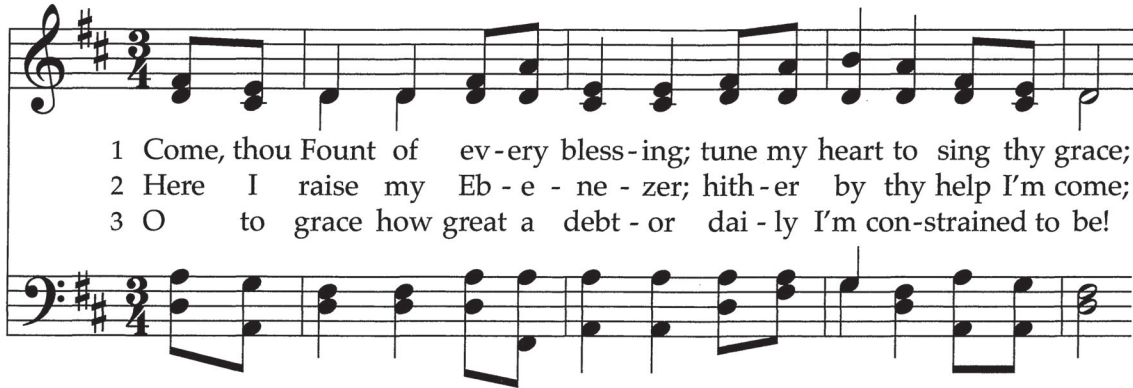
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

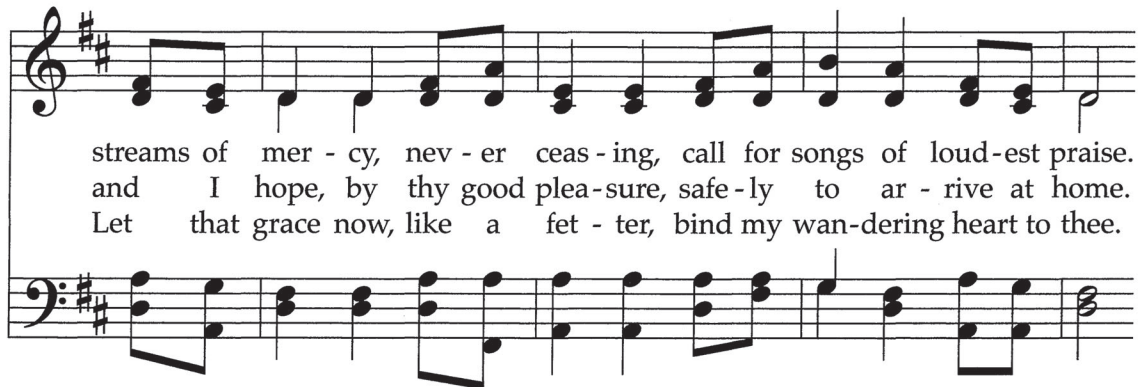
**Merciful God, we acknowledge our guilt, and seek your face and your forgiveness. For we have not offered steadfast love to you or each other. We have not moved forward in faith, but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear. Revive us, raise us up, that we might live before you, rejoicing in the knowledge of your love.**

Silent Confession

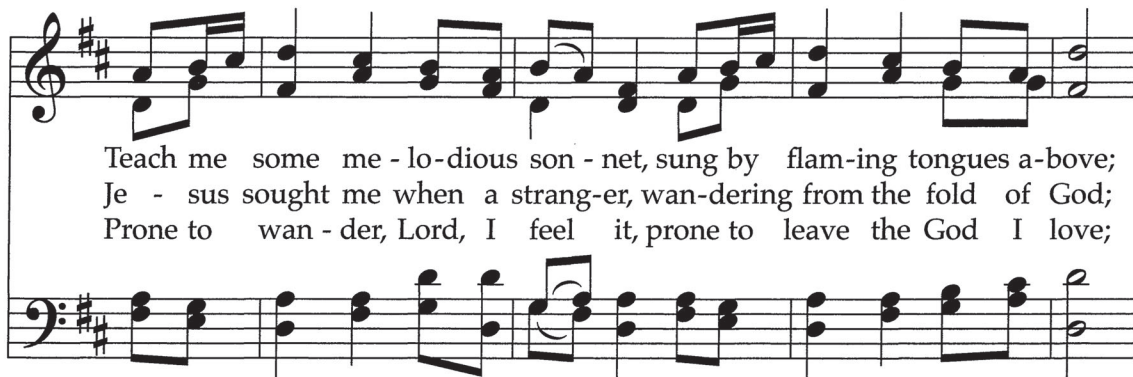
# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



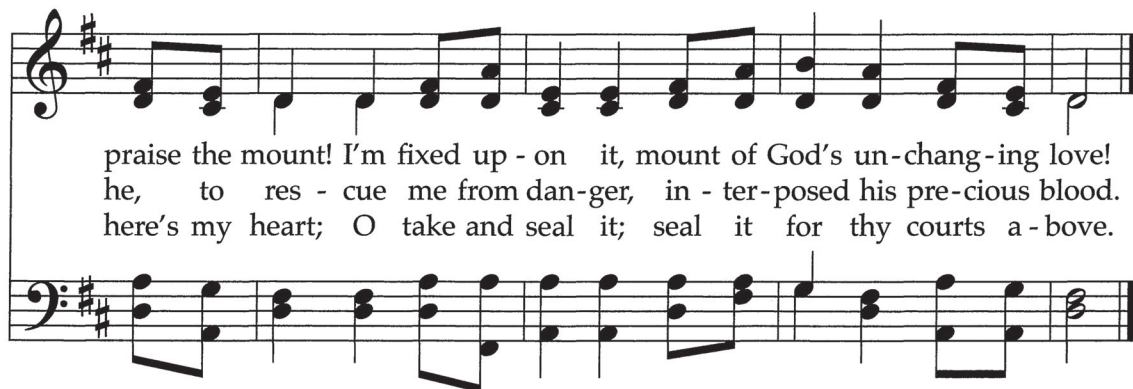
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

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

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria

582, vs. 1

Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

\*Exchange of Peace

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. **And also with you.**

## Prayer for Illumination

Holy Wisdom, come. We long for your truth that sets the captives free. **Bring us your Word that liberates.** Quiet all that turns us against ourselves, one another, or any of your creatures and creations. **Lead us in love that mends and restores. Amen.**

## First Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9, p. 894

## \*Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 10:40-42, p. 13

## Response to the Scripture Readings

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us, **thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Rev. Evan Clendenin

## \*Hymn

“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

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## \*Affirmation of Faith

*Adapted by C. Howe from A Brief Statement of Faith  
and The Confession of 1967*

**In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in God, who in sovereign love makes everyone equally in God’s image, to live as one community. We confess that the Holy Spirit creates the church as a place where all people are reconciled to God and to one another. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit sets us free to accept ourselves, binds us together with all believers, and empowers us to hear the voices of peoples long silenced. Therefore, we are sent into the world as God’s reconciling community. We rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*As led between petitions, all are invited to respond: God, in your mercy, hear our prayers.*

## 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.**

## Offertory Sentence

Romans 12:1

I appeal to you, brothers, sisters, siblings, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

*For our electronic giving option, scan QR code:*



# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)  
F Dm B $\flat$

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)  
F Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)  
B $\flat$  F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F $\sharp$ m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)  
Dm Am Dm B $\flat$  C F

to you, of - fering up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)  
Dm B $\flat$  F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

Offertory "Verse" anon., 17th century

\*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn "Together We Serve" 767

Benediction

\*Amen 601



Postlude "Fantasia" Johann Krebs

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

*\*Those who can may stand*

## Church Announcements

### ***Sixth Welcomes Reverend Evan Clendenin to the Pulpit***

Evan Clendenin co-labors with John Creasy on Wild Indigo Guild, a ministry that helps churches and communities renew God's calling to restore creation. A native of western PA, with Pittsburgh and central PA roots, he currently lives with his wife Amy, a clinical social worker, and their dog in Olympia, WA. As an Episcopal priest, he has served congregations in urban and small-town settings. He feels a particular calling to teaching and spiritual formation ministry, connecting with people who seek a more-grounded sense of being and faith thru working with their own hands. He enjoys cooking, gardening, walking, learning languages, fiddle and banjo, assorted arts, crafts and outdoor pursuits.



You can learn more about his ministry tinkering at: [www.boatandtable.org](http://www.boatandtable.org).

# Together We Serve

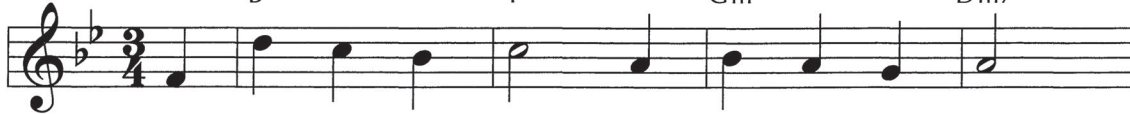
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Capo 3: (G)  
B $\flat$

(D)  
F

(Em)  
Gm

(Bm7)  
Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,  
2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,  
3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,  
4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C)  
E $\flat$

(G)  
B $\flat$

(Am7)  
Cm7

(Dsus) (D)  
Fsus F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.  
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.  
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G)  
B $\flat$

(D)  
F

(C)  
E $\flat$

(Bm)  
Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
We of - fer a home to those who will come,  
To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C)  
B $\flat$  E $\flat$

(G)  
B $\flat$

(Am)  
Cm

(D7) (G)  
F7 B $\flat$



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.  
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.  
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.  
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

## Today's Service:

Rev. Evan Clendenin (*guest preacher*); Kathi Robinson-Dassel (liturgist); Elizabeth McGuire (pastoral prayer); Greg Winner (livestream); Barb Parees, Pamela Twiss, Tom Twiss (ushers)

Liturgy resources this week, used by permission:

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## Coffee Hour Today

After service, join for refreshments in the chapel.

## Engagement Committee Meeting

Meet with the Engagement Committee in the parlor after worship.

## Created for Community– First Workshop Today at 11:30am!

Come to this afternoon's workshop, a time of learning and conversation about how the church can reflect God's hospitality by recognizing and understanding human diversity as part of God's creation.

**Advance registration was encouraged, but all are warmly invited to attend. We hope you'll join us for an engaging and meaningful time together– also, there's plenty of food!**

*Workshop #1: Today from 11:30am-1:30pm, Sixth Chapel*

*Topic: Accessibility Foundations*

## Assistant Treasurer Needed

The Finance Committee needs you! We are looking for someone to share the workload with Sixth Treasurer, Erik Fogt. Having a finance or accounting background would be helpful but a general knowledge of accounting is also fine. You will be trained on our accounting software and the Treasurer's responsibilities. **If interested, please reach out to Beth Hazlett, Finance Committee Chair**

## Christian Education Committee

As part of our new org. structure, the C.E. Committee is now a working subcommittee of the Spiritual Formation Committee. Join Jenny Newman, Director of C.E., for two gatherings this summer. These meetings will be a time to listen, share ideas, and plan for the upcoming church year. Zoom link is available upon request for those who prefer to join remotely.

LET'S TALK  
ABOUT  
**CHILDREN  
AND YOUTH**

6 p.m. Tuesday, June 30

LET'S TALK  
ABOUT  
**ADULT  
EDUCATION**

6 p.m. Tuesday, July 28

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

### Sunday, June 28 (after worship)

Coffee Hour (10:30-11:30am, Chapel)

Engagement Committee (10:30am-12pm, Parlor)

Created for Community Workshop (11:30-1:30pm, Parlor)

MCC (1:50-3:30pm, Parlor)

MCC Monthly Bday Party (3:30-6:30pm, Chapel & Kitchen)

NA- Keep Coming Back Men's Mtg (8-9pm)

### Tuesday, June 30

Christian Ed Committee Session (6-8pm, Chapel & Zoom)

### Wednesday, July 1

Pgh Bridges OCD Support (7-9pm, Parlor)

### Friday, July 3

Trilam (2-5pm, Parlor)

### Saturday, July 4

*Independence Day*

AA-Turning Point (5-6pm)

Pgh Bridges OCD Support (6-9pm, Parlor)

NA-Squirrel Hill Group (7:30-8:30pm)

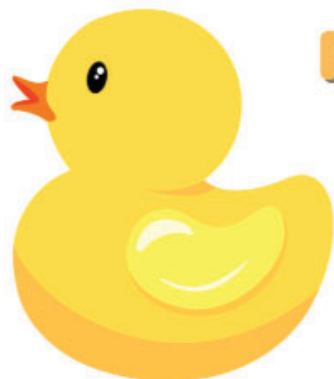
### Sunday, July 5

Worship (9:30-10:30am, in-person & streaming)

Coffee Hour (10:30-11:30am, Chapel)

MCC (1:50-3:30pm, Parlor)

NA- Keep Coming Back Men's Mtg (8-9pm)



## RUBBER DUCK CHALLENGE

WEEK 5: JUNE 28

**Check in on a neighbor**

Check in on a neighbor to offer a friendly connection and show you care. Maybe take a snack or gift or invite them to sit on the porch together. As you visit, strive to be a faithful presence in their life, praying for their health, safety, and overall well-being.

# MONTHLY HANGOUTS

*Drop in once in a while or every time!*

## **PUB THEOLOGY**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays – 7:30 PM – Location TBA

Starting August 4, 2026

Each month we'll have a theological topic to discuss and a book recommendation for those who want to read about it as well.

## **A WALK IN THE PARK**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays – 10:00 AM – Location TBA

Starting July 11, 2026

Each month we'll have a theological topic to discuss and a book to talk about for those who want to read about it as well.

## **MATCHA MONDAY**

3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays – 4-6 PM – Kyo Matcha (5864 Forbes Ave)

Starting July 20, 2026

Pop in and hang out for some matcha tea or ice cream!

## **COFFEE SHOP OFFICE HOURS**

Last Wednesdays – 8:30-10:15 AM ← \*new time\*

Commonplace Coffee

No CS hours in June or July, resumes in August.

Come have a cup of coffee and hang out.

Rev. Dr. Charissa Howe, *Pastor*  
Jenny Newman, *Director of Christian Education*  
Shay Carter McGraw, *Music Director*  
Harry Kirk, *Building Administrator*  
Kelly Johnson, *Office Administrator*  
John S. McCall, *Pastor Emeritus*

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