

Sixth Presbyterian Church

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Sunday, July 12, 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, July 12, 2026, 9:30 am
7th 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 "Prelude No. 8" Alan Gray

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Call to Worship *Adapted from Ps 145:8-9*

Let us worship our gracious and merciful God

Let us worship our God who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

God is good to us all,

God's compassion is over all that God has made.

*Hymn "Sing Glory to the Name of God" 10

*Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we are quick to say,

"We didn't know."

"We didn't mean to."

"We didn't expect that to happen."

But we have not tended the soil of our lives.

We let it stay shallow and rocky

by not learning from the experience of others.

We let it be riddled with thorns

by succumbing to our own prejudices.

Life-giving God,

Help us to tend our soil.

Open us to being challenged,

enable us to learn,

so that your word will take root

and bear good fruit in our lives.

Silent Confession

10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

(Psalm 29)

Unison



1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er



Harmony *Unison*



broad.
 light.
 y.
 cease:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

En - throned a - bove the
 The wil - der - ness can -
 A se - cret wrapped in
 Let all the faith - ful




crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
 smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:



This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.

Harmony

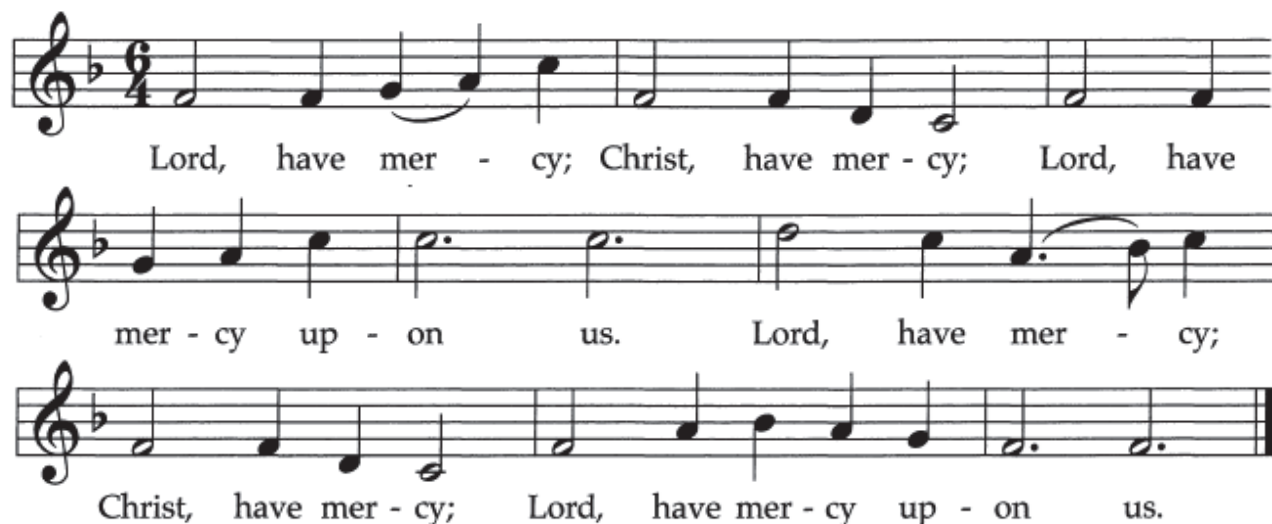
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

This musical system is for a harmony part. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the harmony is in the bass staff. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,'. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

Unison

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

This musical system is for a unison part. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the unison is in the bass staff. The lyrics are 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

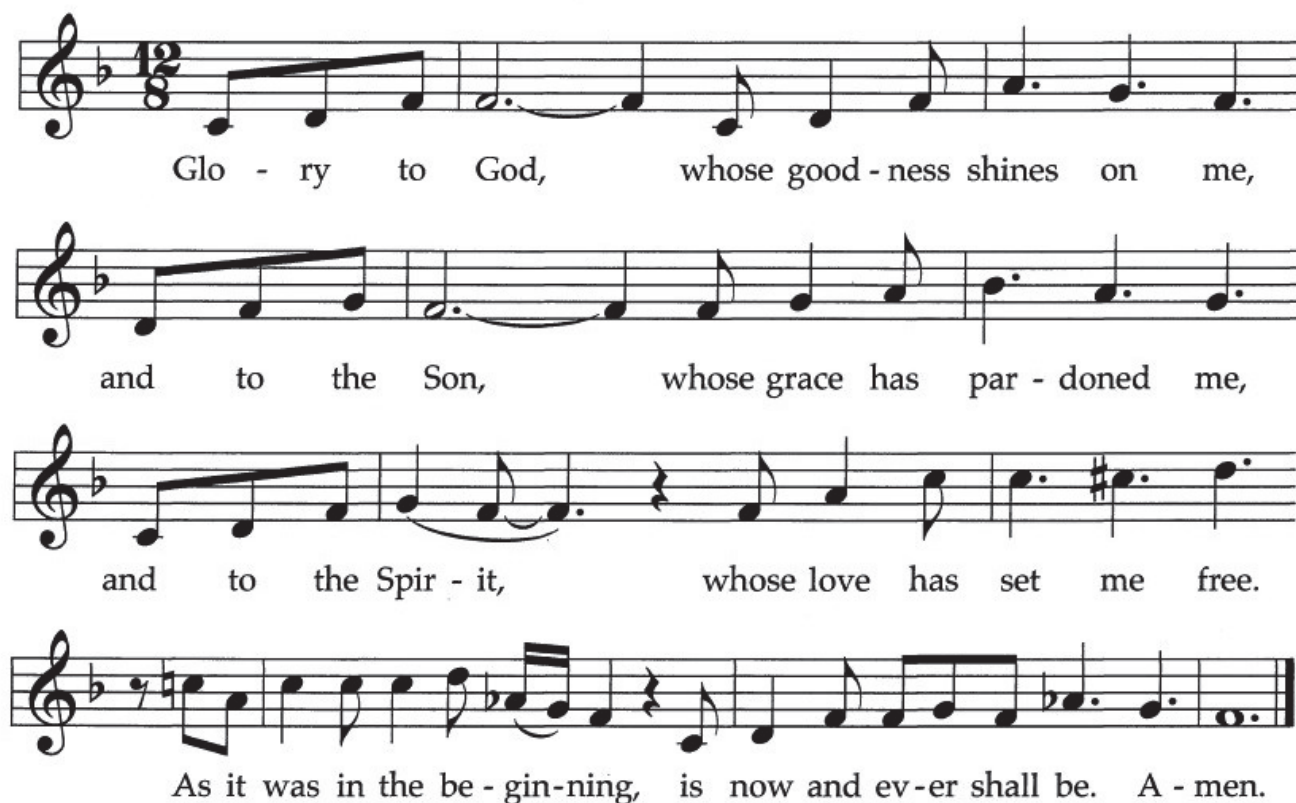


Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:25-32, p. 237

*Second Scripture Reading

2 Kings 2:23-25, p. 413

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. Dr. Charissa Howe

*Hymn

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

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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

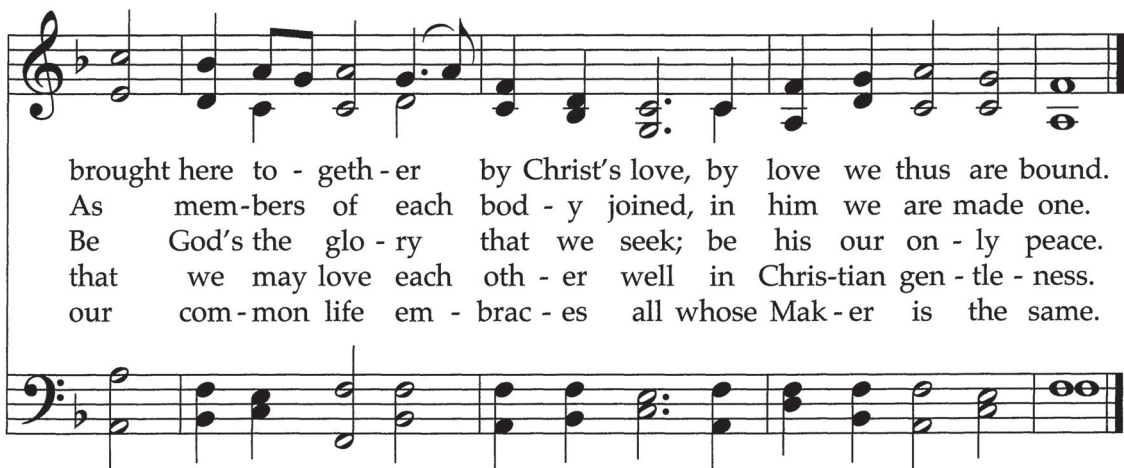
2019 Vatican Update

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.

Where Charity and Love Prevail 316



1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
 3 Let strife a - mong us be un-known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
 4 Let us for-give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,
 5 Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



6 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 7 As mem-bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 8 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 9 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.
 10 our com-mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.

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:



Offertory

“Offertory in Eb Major”

Dennis Teitsma

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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**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

“We Are One in the Spirit”

300

Benediction

All are welcome to join in singing:

May the peace of our Lord Christ go with you wherever he may send you. May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm. May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you. May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

*Amen

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Postlude

“Postlude in C”

Eugene Thayer

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

**Those who can may stand*

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

Church Announcements

Today's Service:

Diana Patton (liturgist); Kirk Howe (livestream); Alice Scales, Judy Schryer, Amy Whipple (ushers)

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Coffee Hour Today

After service, join for refreshments in the chapel.

Matcha Monday– Starting Monday, July 20th

More details on the back page of this bulletin.

Created for Community– Second Workshop 7/26

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. Workshop sessions will focus on how we can build worshiping communities that provide space, opportunity, and a participatory environment for all.

Workshop #2:

July 26, 11:30am-1:30pm, Sixth Chapel

Topic: Considering Cognitive Changes

If you would like to participate in the workshops virtually, please register and we will send you a Zoom link.

Lunch will be provided during each workshop

To register for the sessions please use the QR code or visit the church website at www.sixthchurch.org



Christian Education Committee Meeting

LET'S TALK
ABOUT
ADULT
EDUCATION

6 p.m. Tuesday, July 28

Join Jenny Newman for a time to share ideas, and plan for the upcoming church year. For those who prefer to join remotely, a zoom link is available upon request from the church office.

Save the Date– Back to 11AM Worship on August 23rd

Attention! Attention! Mark your calendars, folks. We'll be moving back to 11AM service on August 23rd, which will be Sixth Church's *Welcome Sunday*!



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

Sunday, July 12 (after worship)

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

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

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

Tuesday, July 14

Weekly Staff Meeting (10am, Office)

Wednesday, July 15

Bible Study (10:30am, Zoom)

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

Friday, July 17

League of Women's Book Club (10:30am-12pm)

Trilam (2-5pm, Parlor)

Saturday, July 18

AA-Turning Point (5-6pm)

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

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

Sunday, July 19

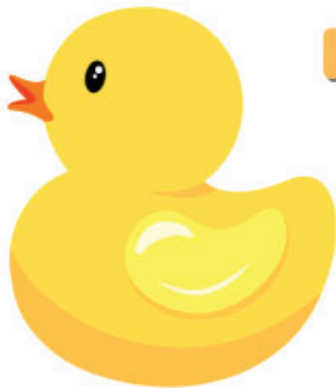
Worship (9:30-10:30am, in-person & streaming)

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

Gun Safety Action Group (10:30-11:30am, Parlor)

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

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



RUBBER DUCK CHALLENGE

WEEK 7: JULY 12

**Light a candle and
pray together as a
household**

At least once this week, light a candle and pray as a household to center your home in God's presence. As you gather around the light together, take a quiet moment to unite your hearts and lift up the needs of your family, household, and community in prayer.

MONTHLY HANGOUTS



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Drop in once in a while or every time!

PUB THEOLOGY

1st 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

2nd Saturdays – 10:00 AM – Locations vary

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

3rd 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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