

Sixth Presbyterian Church

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Sunday, July 19, 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 19, 2026, 9:30 am
8th 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 "Poco Allegretto" César Franck

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 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" 32

*Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

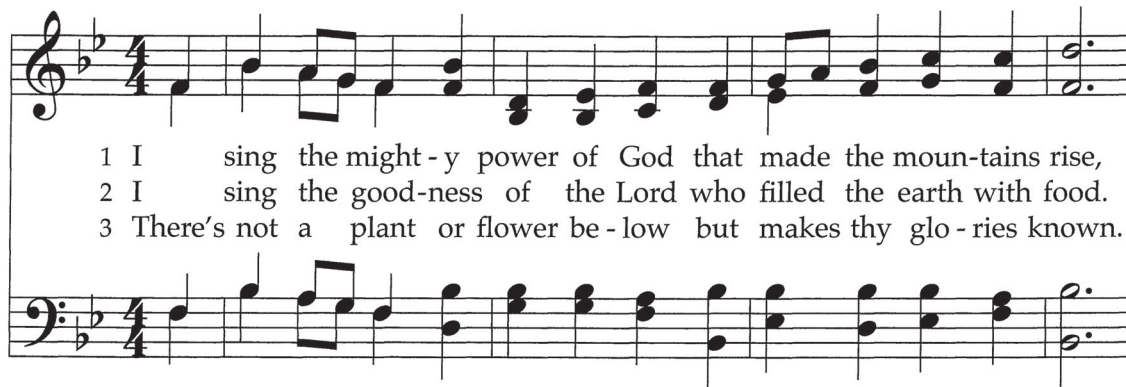
Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst and at our best. There is much we would hide from you – the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward. Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you.

Silent Confession

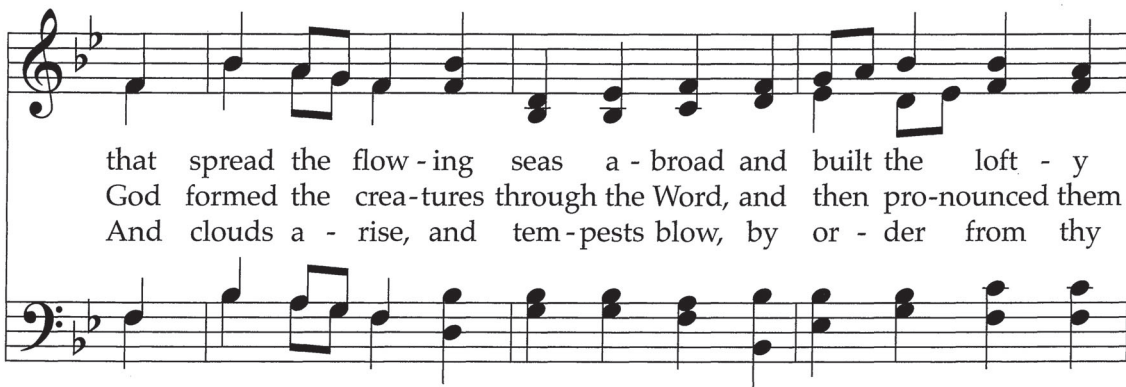
Kyrie, Lord Have Mercy 551



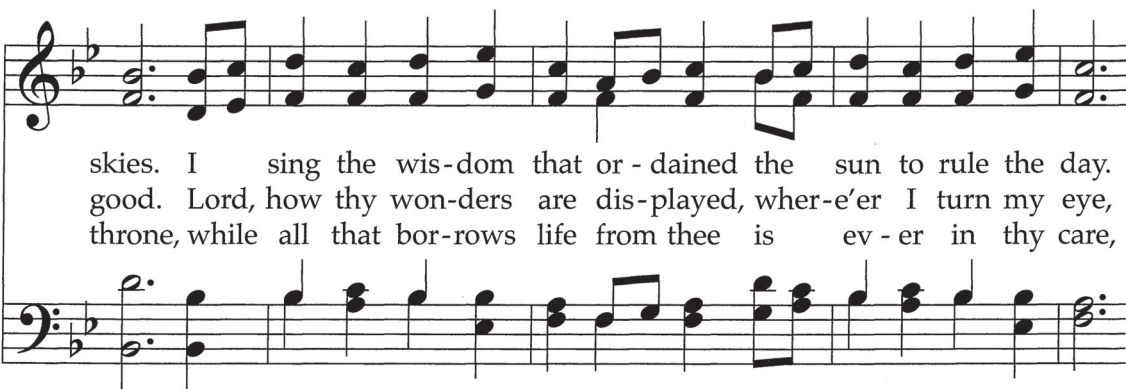
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



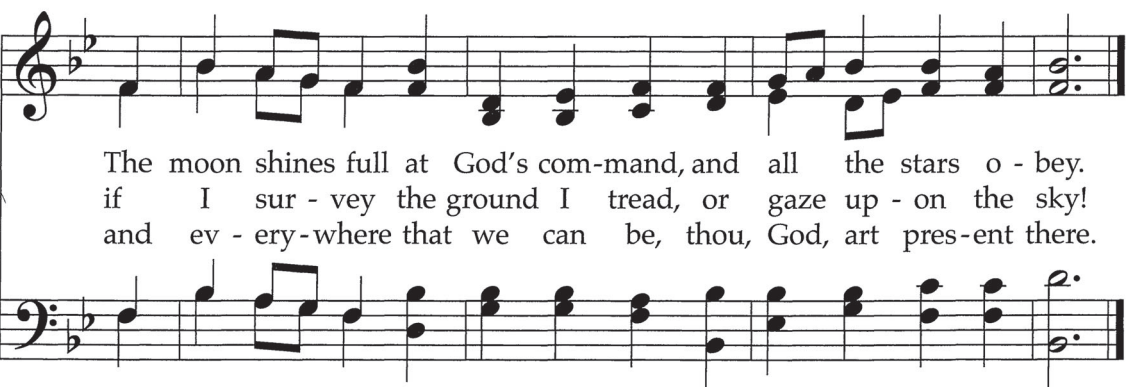
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



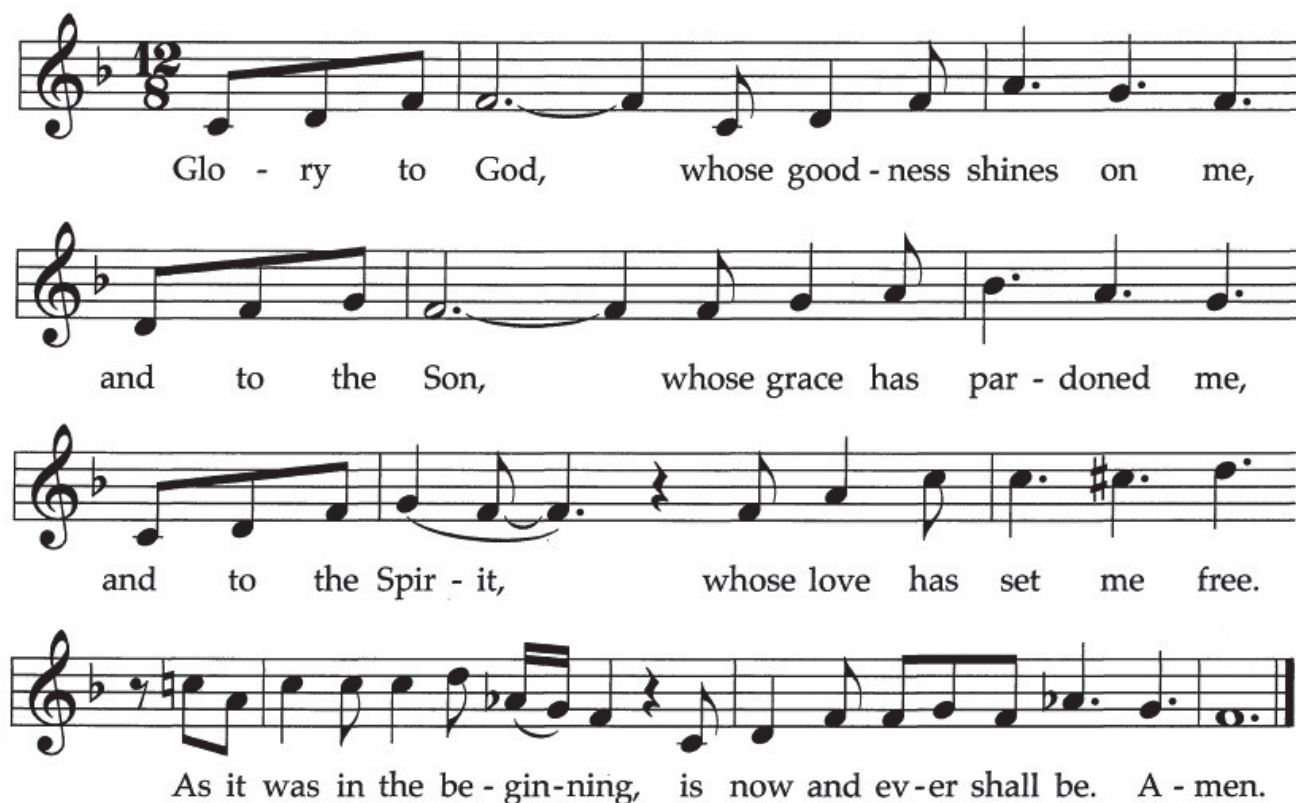
The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria

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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

Psalm 86:11–17, p. 669

Second Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 25:2–42, p. 334

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.

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Thank You to Outgoing Officers

Opening Words

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same God who is served

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

And individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Presentation of the New Officers

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God the Creator?

I believe in God, the almighty parent, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Savior,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

Born of the virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

He is seated at the right hand of the Creator,

And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

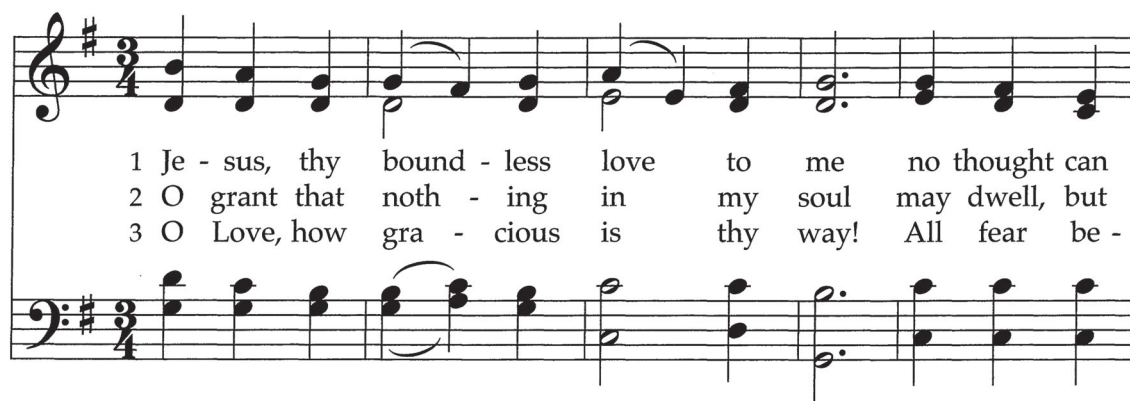
Thanksgiving for Baptism

Constitutional Questions

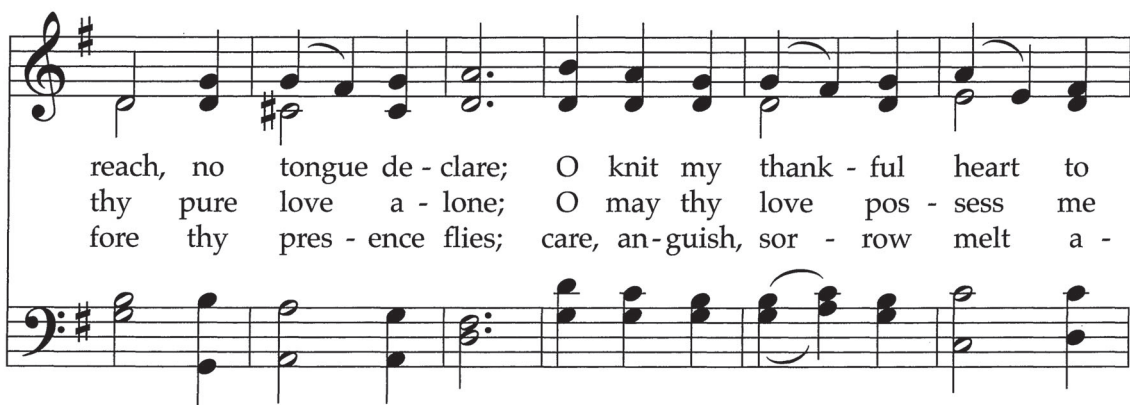
Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

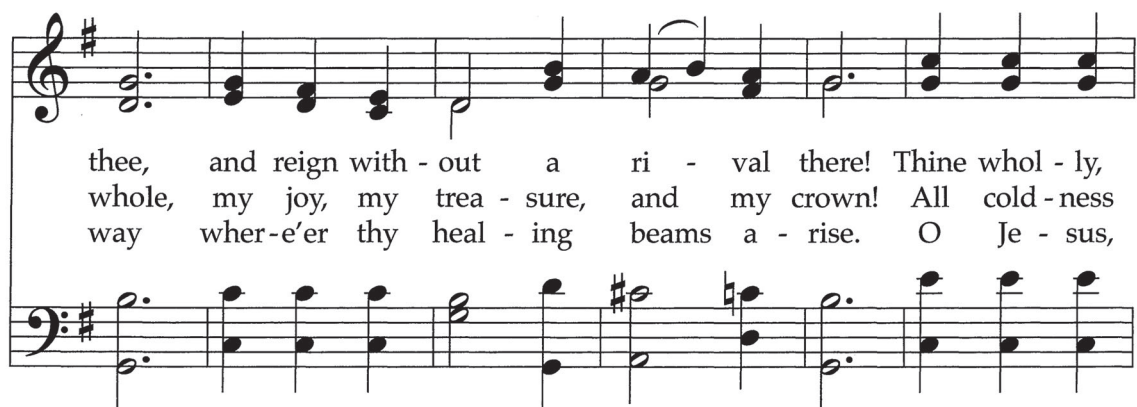
703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me



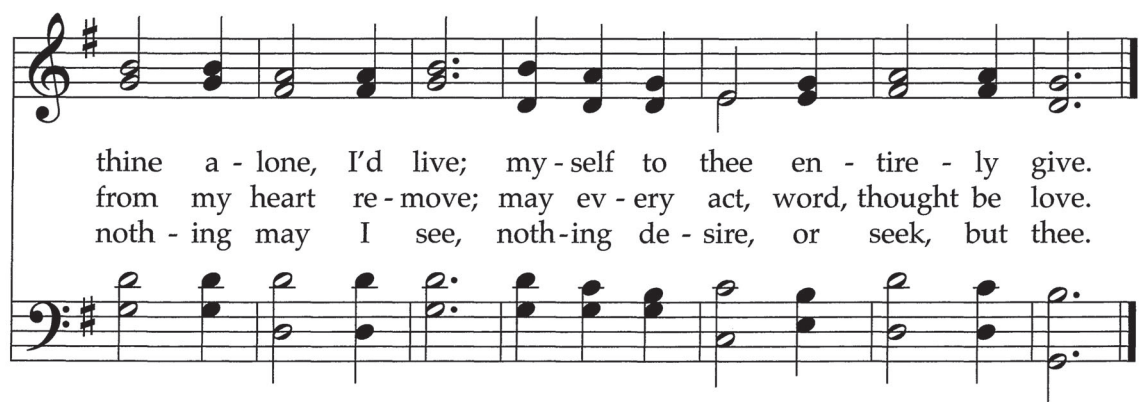
1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
 3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -



reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
 thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
 fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -



thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
 whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
 way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,



thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.

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

“Interlude in C Major”

Wilhelm Volckmar

*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

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

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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

“Voluntary No. 2 in D Minor”

John Stanley

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

**Those who can may stand*

Church Announcements

Today's Service:

Chuck Herrold (liturgist); Greg Winner (livestream); Bill Beggs, Carol Beggs, Ray Dittner (ushers)

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God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me

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1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

Coffee Hour Today

After service, join for refreshments in the chapel.

Matcha Monday– Starting Monday, July 20th

See flyer on next page →

Created for Community– Second Workshop Next Sunday!

Workshop sessions will focus on how we can build worshipping 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.

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

Sunday, July 19 (after worship)

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)

Monday, July 20

Matcha Monday (4-6pm, Kyo Matcha)

Tuesday, July 21

Weekly Staff Meeting (10am, Office)

Saturday, July 25

AA-Turning Point (5-6pm)

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

Sunday, July 26

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

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

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

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

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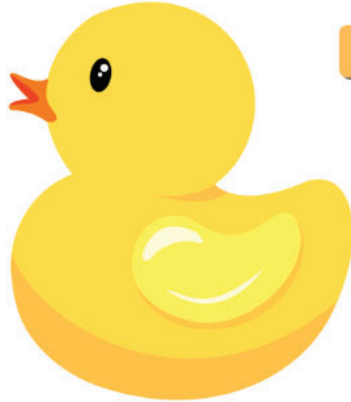
MATCHA MONDAY

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!



RUBBER DUCK CHALLENGE

WEEK 8: JULY 19

**Go screen-free with
friends or family for
an evening**

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.

Session Members

Class of 2027

Kate Davoli
Martha Funderburgh
Sara DeLucia
Pam Bower

Class of 2028

Beth Hazlett
Leslie Kaplan
Peg Watt-Morse
Amy Whipple

Class of 2029

Greg Cooper
Gail Luley
Mary Radcliffe

Deacons

Class of 2027

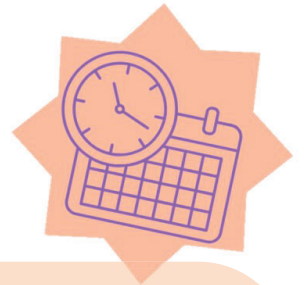
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Eve Guyette
Greg Winner
Peter Watt-Morse

Class of 2029

Carol Ladebue
Jan Myers-Newbury
Pam Twiss



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

Attention! Attention! Mark your calendars, folks.

We return to our usual 11AM service starting August 23rd.

That day will be Sixth Church's **Welcome Sunday** where we will give a special welcome to any newly arriving college students and other visitors from the community. There will be no committee meetings or special events that day so that we're all free to socialize in the chapel after worship. You don't have to bring anything but your smile!

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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