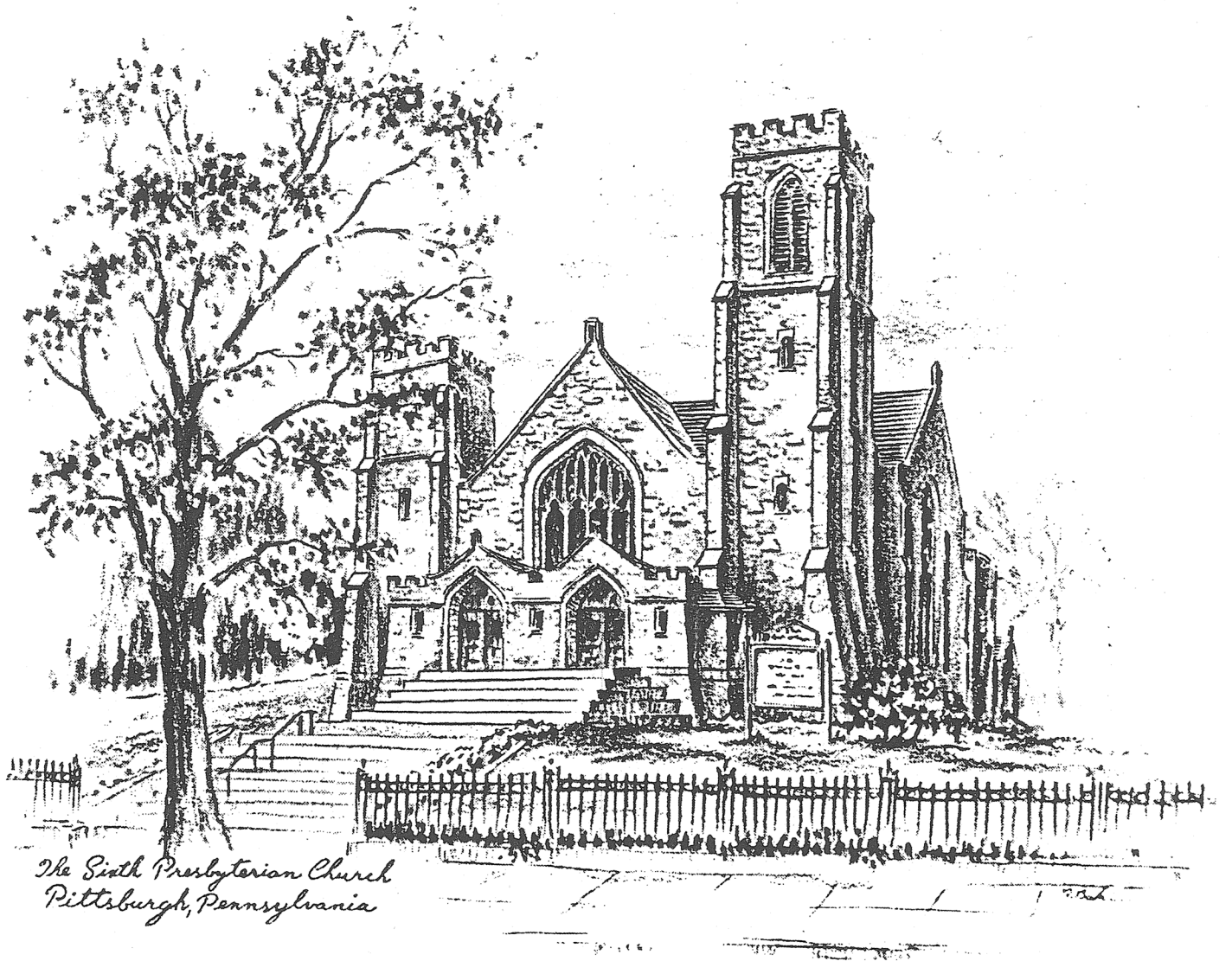


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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
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Sunday, January 23, 2022, 11:00 am
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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 "Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist" Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit "God Is Here" Fred Pratt Green, Cyril Vincent Taylor
Mary Radcliffe, Soprano

*Call to Worship

Leader: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

All: God calls us to be builders as well.

Leader: God calls us to build our lives:

All: To restore broken places and continue to grow.

Leader: God call us to build our faith:

All: To study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

Leader: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

All: To preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*Hymn "O Word of God Incarnate" 459

*Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, we confess that we have wandered from Your light. We follow paths of self-indulgence, instead of focusing on our need of You. We passively accept the suffering of the world, expecting others to stand up and work for the change we would like to see. Lord, in your strength, renew us and compel us by Your invitation, that we may work to pursue Your justice and mercy for all people, sharing Your light in ways great and small.

Silent Confession

459 O Word of God Incarnate

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine;
 3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 a - mid the rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, we see you face to face.

The opening four lines of this hymn celebrate attributes of Christ that are revealed through holy Scripture, which serves as a lantern, a chart, and a compass for the church in seeking to know Christ better. The setting of the tune comes from Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

Response

"Jesus Loves Me!"

188, refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Assurance of Pardon and Commitment to Pass the Peace

*Response

"Heaven Opened to Isaiah"

68, refrain



"Ho - ly, ho - ly, you are ho - ly," ev - ery



an - gel voice pro - claims; "All the earth re - flects your



glo - ry; ev - ery tongue sings out your praise!"

Prayer for Illumination

All: Just as we see Your wisdom and glory in nature, O God, may we hear Your Word for us in the words of these readings, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be drawn closer to You. AMEN.

Time for Children

Jenny Newman

Epistle Reading

I Corinthians 12:12-31a (pg. 212)

Hebrew Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (pg. 540)

*Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-21 (pg. 74)

Sermon

"Shaped by the Story"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

*Hymn

"Deep in the Shadows of the Past"

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Deep in the Shadows of the Past 50



1 Deep in the shad-ows of the past, far out from set - tled lands,
 2 While oth-ers bowed to change-less gods, they met a mys - ter - y,
 3 From Ex - o - dus to Pen - te - cost the prom-ise changed and grew,
 4 For all the writ-ings that sur-vived, for lead - ers, long a - go,



some no - mads trav-eled with their God a - cross the des - ert sands.
 in - vis - i - ble, with-out a name: "I AM WHAT I WILL BE";
 while some, re - mem - ber - ing the past, re - cord - ed what they knew,
 who sift - ed, cop - ied, and pre - served the Bi - ble that we know,



The dawn - ing hope of hu - man - kind by them was sensed and shown:
 and by their tents, a - round their fires in sto - ry, song, and law,
 or with their let - ters and la - ments, their proph - e - cy and praise,
 give thanks, and find its sto - ry yet our prom - ise, strength, and call,



a prom - ise call - ing them a - head, a fu - ture yet un - known.
 they praised, re - mem - bered, hand - ed on a past that prom - ised more.
 re - cov - ered, kin - dled, and ex - pressed new hope for chang - ing days.
 the mod - el of e - merg - ing faith, a - live with hope for all.



This vivid text reminds us of two truths we often forget: how deeply our faith is rooted in God's enduring covenant with the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and how much we can learn from their story. The tune began life as the setting for a family Christmas card.

All: The Bible is to be interpreted in the light of its witness to God's work of reconciliation in Christ. The Scriptures, given under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are nevertheless the words of people, conditioned by the language, thought forms, and literary fashions of the places and times at which they were written. They reflect views of life, history, and the cosmos which were then current. The church, therefore, has an obligation to approach the Scriptures with literary and historical understanding. As God has spoken God's word in diverse cultural situations, the church is confident that God will continue to speak through the Scriptures in a changing world and in every form of human culture.

Pastoral Prayer

All: ...God, fill us with the power of Your Spirit.

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.**

Anthem

"How Beautiful"

Twila Pari
Mary Radcliffe, Soprano

*Hymn

"Live Into Hope"

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*Benediction

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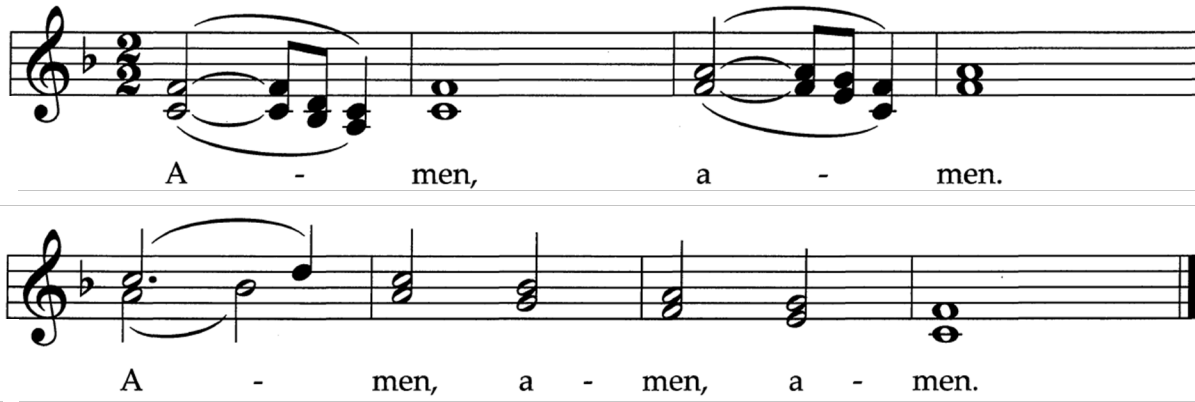
Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.



A - - men, a - - men.

A - - men, a - - men, a - - men.

Postlude

"Chromatic Fugue"

Johann Pachelbel

**Those who can may stand*

Upcoming Meetings and Events in (and around) the Church

Sunday, January 23

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
 Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)
 Worship (11 am, streaming)
 Worship / RTF (12:15 pm, Zoom)
 NA – Men’s Meeting (8 pm)

Worship (11 am, in-person and streaming)
 Congregational Meeting (12 pm, TBD)
 NA – Men’s Meeting (8 pm)

Monday, January 31

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Monday, January 24

NA – Make a Change (7 pm)

Wednesday, February 2

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)

Wednesday, January 26

Bible Study (10:30 am, Zoom)
 Session (7 pm, Zoom)

Thursday, February 3

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

Thursday, January 27

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

Saturday, February 5

IDG (10 am)
 NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Saturday, January 29

NA – Squirrel Hill Group (7:30 pm)

Sunday, February 6

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)

Sunday, January 30

Adult Sunday School (9:30 am, Zoom)
 Sunday School (10 am, Zoom)

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: Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available during the worship service. Our childcare staff are required to be vaccinated and masked.

Sunday School and Extended Session: Sunday school for children in preschool through third grade is held during Extended Session each week during worship. Masks are required for all participants and our teachers and staff are vaccinated.

Virtual Sunday School: Students of all ages are invited to join Jenny Newman on Zoom to explore our weekly Sunday school lessons on Sundays at 10 am. Lessons will last about 30 minutes and links to the Zoom sessions will be sent weekly via email.

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: Beth Hazlett (liturgist); Greg Winner (livestreaming); Mary Radcliffe (singer)

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: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

Next Week's Message: "Fire Shut Up in My Bones"

Congregational Meeting: There will be a congregational meeting directly after worship next Sunday, January 30. Further details to be determined.

Honoring Gail Luley: We are creating a video montage (or "Tribute") for Gail Luley, whose service as Director of Music at Sixth Presbyterian Church has meant so much to all of us. To do so, click on the link below and follow the instructions. To prompt your thinking about what to say in your video, ponder these two questions: What do you appreciate most about Gail Luley? What is your favorite memory of Gail Luley?

Please help us express our collective love and appreciation for Gail and all that she has done for the music ministry of our church. We ask that you submit your tribute by January 31.

If video is not your preferred medium, please email your sentiments to the office (office@sixthchurch.org) or mail them to the church, and we will make sure she gets your note.

<https://www.tribute.co/gail-luley/?>

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