

# Welcome

## PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 6, 2022 | 10:00 am

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

### Prelude

*In Quiet Mood*  
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

Florence Beatrice Price

### Lighting of the Candles

Caroline Jones

### Words of Welcome

Wes Avram

### \* Call to Worship

*We Are Standing on Holy Ground*  
Sing Once

Geron Davis, No. 406

*We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now;  
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

### \* Opening Hymn

*Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining*

No. 192

*1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness,  
shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me; shine on me.*

*Refrain  
Shine, Jesus, shine;  
fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze;  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow;  
flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word, Lord,  
and let there be light.*

*2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness.  
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me; shine on me.  
(Refrain)*

*3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness;  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me; shine on me.  
(Refrain)*

Prayer of Adoration

Caroline Jones

Call to Confession

Terilyn Lawson

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Terilyn Lawson

Lord, open unto us light for our darkness, courage for our fear, hope for our despair, peace for our turmoil, joy for our sorrow, strength for our weakness, wisdom for our confusion, forgiveness for our sin, love for our hates, thy Self for our self. Lord, Lord, open unto us! Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (Silence.)

\* Congregational Response

*Alleluia!*  
Sing Twice

Celtic Alleluia: Fintan O'Carroll, No. 587

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

A E Bm E A D E A

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

\* Passing of the Peace

Terilyn Lawson

Children's Message

Hillary Mackowski

Congregational Response (unison)

No. 377

I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Our Common Life

Stewardship Moment

Wes Avram  
George Colberg

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Offertory

Musical Offering

*True Light*

Keith Hampton

Chancel Choir • Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, director • Thomas Strawser, soloist • Lorraine Brugh, piano

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
Almighty God is Light. He lives in us as True Light  
In the beginning out of the darkness God created  
He lives in us as True Light. Almighty God is light, He lives in us as True Light.*

*Don't let the light that You've given me die,  
And don't desert my mind.  
But let the one who serves You Praise You again and again  
You are the One who judges right from wrong.  
Your glory excites no envy.  
But let the one who serves You Praise you again and again.*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know  
God gave the world True Light*

<b>Scripture</b>	Acts 2:37-47	Wes Avram
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Whither the Church pt. 1: Of What Value?</i>	Wes Avram
<b>Ritual of Commitment</b>		Wes Avram
<b>Music</b>	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> Melissa Trafficante, soloist • Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, piano	Irish trad., arr. P. Jones

\* Doxology (unison, *Lasst uns erfreuen*, No. 609)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**

**Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer** (unison)

**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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

or

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**Public Reception of New Members**

Wes Avram, Michael Hegeman, Merry Cole Bender

1 *As those of old their firstfruits brought  
of vineyard, flock, and field  
to God, the giver of all good,  
the source of bounteous yield,  
so we today our firstfruits bring,  
the wealth of this good land:  
of farm and market, shop and home,  
of mind and heart and hand.*

2 *A world in need now summons us  
to labor, love, and give,  
to make our life an offering  
that all may truly live.  
The church of Christ is calling us  
to make the dream come true:  
a world redeemed by Christ-like love,  
all life in Christ made new.*

3 *In gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best today,  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.  
O God who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ your Son,  
help us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.*

**The Charge**

Wes Avram

**Sending Music**

*Psalm Sonata*  
Melissa Plamann, organ

Brenda Portman

\* Please rise, lift your head, lift your arms, or lift your spirit.

# *Welcome New Members*

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Sandrine Aegerter &  
Michael Tugendhat  
Reaffirmation of Faith



Alyce & Ralph Bryant  
Reaffirmation of Faith



Joyce & Bob Claus  
Transfer / Reaffirmation of  
Faith



Lynn & Donald DeHart  
Affiliate Member



Bunnie & Carlton Richie  
Transfer



## About the Music

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The opening hymn this morning is a British praise and worship song, a new addition for Presbyterians in *Glory to God*. Recognizing African American History Month, the prelude today is by Florence Beatrice Price (1887 – 1953), an American classical composer, pianist, organist and music teacher. Price is noted as the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra. The Chancel Choir's offering is a Gospel anthem based around the spiritual "This Little Light of Mine." This afternoon's recitalist, Dr. Melissa Plamann, plays the final hymn and postlude.

## Notes of Interest

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**Head Usher** is Greg Sharp. **Student Greeter** is George Jones.

**The Flowers are given by** Joanne & Jim McDowell in celebration of their 19th wedding anniversary.

**About the Lord's Prayer:** In response to our completed worship series, with emphasis on the Lord's Prayer, we are offering the more recent translation of the Lord's Prayer from the *Presbyterian Book of Common Worship*, 2018 edition, as an option to prayer. Worshippers may want to pray in versions or languages of their choosing. A variety of voices, words, and languages may join together in a shared voice of prayer.

**About Howard Thurman:** Throughout the month of February we will be using a prayer from Howard Thurman (1899-1981) as our Common Confession. Dr. Thurman was the first Dean of Rankin Chapel at Howard University, co-founded the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco and became the first African-American dean of a chapel at a majority white university as Dean of Marsh Chapel at Boston University from 1953-1965. A mentor to such figures as Martin Luther King, Jr. and other civil rights leaders, Dr. Thurman was an influential theologian, philosopher and social activist.

## Prayer Requests

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Please pray for the following members & friends:

- *For Tiffany, in the hospital with an undiagnosed colon issue;*
- *For my brother, Michael, with concerns about his employment;*
- *For Kathleen, as she nears the end of her life, that her pain will ease;*
- *For our men and women in the military.*

Contact Lisa Boswell at [prayer@pinnaclepres.org](mailto:prayer@pinnaclepres.org) or call 480.585.9448 to add your request to the Pinnacle prayer list.

# Scripture

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**Acts 2:37-47**

## **The First Converts**

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” 38 Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” 40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

## **Life among the Believers**

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)