

Welcome

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 12, 2023 | 10:00 am

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Improvisation on *This Little Light of Mine*
Sonja Branch, percussion • Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano

African American Spiritual

Lighting of the Candles

Sarah White

Words of Welcome

Wes Avram

Song of Preparation

Lord, Prepare Me
(sung first by the choirs; then by all)

No. 701

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

Call to Worship

Michael Hegeman

***Opening Hymn**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
(verses sung by the choirs; all join for the refrains)

No. 591

Refrain:

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Leader or All:

1 O God, to whom shall we go?
You alone have the words of life.
Let your words be our prayer
and the song we sing:
hallelujah, hallelujah! (Refrain)

Leader or All:

2 My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.
When I call them they follow me.
I will lead them to rest
by the peaceful streams:
hallelujah, hallelujah! (Refrain)

Prayer of Adoration

Audrey Bush

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Open My Heart
(first sung by the choir; then by all)

Composer: Karen Hernandez

The musical score consists of two systems of three staves each. The first system is labeled 'Part I', 'Part II', and 'Part III' from top to bottom. The second system is unlabeled but follows the same structure. Each staff contains a line of music with lyrics underneath: 'O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature.

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Erik Khoobyarian

Lord, hear; Lord, forgive; Lord, do.

Hear what we speak not; forgive what we speak amiss;

do what we leave undone; that not according to our words, or our deeds,

but according to your mercy and truth, all may work for your glory,

and the good of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ. Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (silence)

***Congregational Response** (unison) *We Are Forgiven*

No. 447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

***Passing of the Peace**

Erik Khoobyarian

Children's Message

Erik Khoobyarian
Douglas E. Wagner

Dance, Sing, Clap Your Hands
Pinnacle Children's Choir, Samantha Jorgensen, director
Marcia Sobek, flute • Sonja Branch, percussion
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano

Refrain
Dance, sing, clap your hands;
Praise to the Lord with all your voice.
Dance, sing, clap your hands;
Let all God's people rejoice.

With timbrel and with harp, Praise His name.
Sing, Alleluia, His praise we now proclaim.

Refrain
The Lord that loves us, is with us still;
He brings salvation, brings salvation.

Refrain
Children leave for Church School.
6th-8th Grade Youth will remain in the worship service.

Congregational Response (unison)

No. 547

Go, my children with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Our Common Life

Wes Avram

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Offertory

Musical Offering *Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace*
Audrey Florence Dean-Wright, arr. for Steel Drums by Sonja Branch

Youth Steel Drums Ensemble, Sonja Branch and Tommy Strawser, directors
Chancel Choir, Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, director
Marcia Sobek, flute • Jon Lang, piano

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace,
O Lord my God.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
O Lord my God.
Where there is darkness, let me give light;
O Lord my God.*

*I will give to receive nothing in return.
I will give love to all that are in need.
For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.*

*Doxology (*Old Hundredth*) (unison)

No. 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Wes Avram

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Michael Hegeman

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Be Perfect!: Perfect Power

Michael Hegeman

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Wes Avram

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.

*Closing Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)

No. 853

We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing . . .
We are praying . . .
We are singing . . .

*Charge & Benediction

Michael Hegeman

Sending Music

Toccata
Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, organ

Tomasz Kiesewetter

* Please rise.

Today's Common Confession is a prayer of Maria Ware (1798).

Scripture

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Proclaiming Christ Crucified

2 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. 4 My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

The True Wisdom of God

6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. 7 But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory 8 and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

10 God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. 13 And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

14 Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15 Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

16
“For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

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Notes of Interest

Ushers are Davie Garrison, Kaaren Gotwals, David LeMoine, Al Muto, and Greg Sharp; **Head Usher** is Sherrie LeMoine.

Youth Steel Drum Ensemble members are Ryan Glodowski, Kyleigh Green, Morgan Harris, Julia Matura, Benjamin and Matthew Sidoti, Gracie and Kailer Smith.

Pinnacle Children's Choir members are Addison and Zachary Baerveldt, Olive and Otilie Bailey, Declan, James, and William Bryce, Aurora Edwards, Leila and Tobi Erion, Chelsea and Vincent Garzolini, Gwendolyn, Lia, and Zadie Jensen, Charlotte and Ethan Mayotte, Noah Melvin, Sarah White.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Mark, recovering from surgery;
- For MJ at his next court date;
- For Ann, to recover from pneumonia;
- For Rachel, to heal from an infection after surgery and heal towards wholeness;
- For Mary Lou, that treatment for Multiple Myeloma goes smoothly and successfully;
- Prayers of gratitude for Dar Al-Kalima University & Bright Stars;
- For our healthcare workers, first responders, and local and federal government workers who are serving our communities;
- For the people of Haiti and Harmony Ministries;
- For our men and women in the military.

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