

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, October 9, 2022

**The Reverend Maggi Henderson, Pastor
The Presbyterian Church (USA)**

Worship Through Praising God

*Please fill out a guest card found in the pew rack and
place it in the offering basket in the narthex when you exit the church building.*

Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.

** At the asterisk, please rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude	Lament	Leo Abbott (born 1950)
Welcome and Church Life		The Reverend Erwin Barron
Introit		Herbert Colvin (1924-2011)
	Surely the Lord is in this place. This is none other than the house of God and this is the gate of Heav'n.	
*Call to Worship		Betty Voris
Leader	We come to worship today from a world in trouble.	
People	We come here to worship and to be inspired.	
Leader	We come to worship today from a divided world.	
People	We come here to worship and to unite.	
Leader	We come to worship today disheartened by all the pain we see around us.	
People	We come here to worship and to bring hope and joy.	
Leader	We come to worship today from our world so in need of hope and joy and justice.	
People	We come to worship God who brings all those things!	

***Hymn 756 O God of Every Nation**

- 1 O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.
- 2 From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction thorough the night,
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.
- 3 Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber, from dear of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.
- 4 Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Betty Voris

O God, we see them – the homeless, poor, and tragic souls
that confront us on our streets every day!
We see them. But we do not know what to do!
We consider ourselves blessed that, by your grace, that is not us.
Forgive us, Lord, for our complacency and helplessness,
for our annoyance and disgust.

Silence for Private Confession

O Lord, forgive us, if, when we see these poor, we do nothing.
If we become arrogant and self-righteous and judgmental,
we are not showing your love!
Help us find a way to reach out and to help.
Help us heal the great chasm separating us and them
and realize that we are all your children.
Get us off our couches and beds of luxury.
Help free us from the systems that oppress
and the attitudes that crush.
Help us find a way to bring to our world,
your realm of joy and health and homes,
of food and justice and peace for all people. Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

God hears our prayers. Though life's problems seem impossible,
God can do anything.
When we honestly confess our concerns, uncertainties, frustrations, and sins,
God hears us and God forgives.

My friends, believe the good news!
We do not have to live in hell,
for God always loves and forgives and helps us to overcome!

People **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***Gloria** Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

**Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offering *Ushers will receive the offering during the anthem.*

Anthem From *Judas Maccabeus* George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

For Sion, lamentation make
with words that weep
and tears that speak.

***Doxology** DUKE STREET by John Hatton (1710-1793)
Arranged Hal Hopson (born 1933)

**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.**

***The Peace**

Leader Peace be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Time with
Our Children**

The Reverend Erwin Barron

**Prayers of the
People**

Roseanne Hoo

Prayer Partners

Tanner and Julia Highlen, Kristi Hoerauf, Sidney Hollar, Camryn Hollarsmith,
Jordan Hollarsmith, Logan Hollarsmith, Connie Johnson, John and Carmen
Josiah

**The Lord's
Prayer**

**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.**

***Hymn 762 When the Poor Ones**

- 1 When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,
then we know that God still goes the road with us,
then we know that God still goes the road with us.
- 2 When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems all around us,
then we know...
- 3 When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know that love for simple things is better,
then we know...
- 4 When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor,
then we know...

Scripture Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and 4:1-2
Luke 16:19-31

Leader For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us,

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon A Hell of Our Own Making

The Reverend Erwin Barron

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 351 All Who Love and Serve Your City**

- 1 All who love and serve your city,
all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice,
all who curse and all who bless:
- 2 In your day of wealth and plenty,
wasted work and wasted play,
call to mind the word of Jesus,
"You must work while it is day."
- 3 For all days are days of judgment,
and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near a world that spurns him,
offering peace from Calvary's hill.

4 **Risen Lord, shall yet the city
be the city of despair?
Come today, our judge, our glory.
Be its name “The Lord is there!”**

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer (1840-1901)

Postlude Toccata

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

You may place your offering in the basket as you leave the church or may make it using the electronic kiosk in the narthex or Old First's on-line giving page found on the right-side of our homepage: www.oldfirst.org.

Are you visiting today? Please fill in the contact tracing binder, if you have not already done so.

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Sabbatical 2022: July to October

From July through October, Old First Presbyterian Church and our pastor, Maggi Henderson, are on sabbatical. Until Pastor Maggi returns to us at the beginning of November, please keep her and all our Old First community in your prayers. In case of the need for pastoral care, please contact your assigned deacon, the Board of Deacons moderator, Randy Smith, or the church office.

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Though we received our annual Peace & Global Witness Offering last Sunday, you can still make a contribution toward this offering that supports important work of peace and justice around the world and in our own community. Simply use the envelope included in this bulletin, and be as generous as you can be.

Ordination of Samuel Lundquist, This Afternoon

Former Old First pastoral resident Samuel Lundquist will be ordained a minister of word and sacrament by the Presbytery of San Francisco today, 3:00 pm, at St John's Presbyterian Church, 25 Lake Street at Arguello Boulevard in San Francisco. At the same time, Sam will also be installed as an associate pastor at St John's. Old First got to know Sam and his gifts, when he led worship, preached, served and enlivened Old First from 2019 to 2020.

Ballot Review with Betty Voris, October 16

Betty Packard Voris, chair of San Francisco's Ballot Simplification Committee, and member of Old First, will review the November 8 ballot propositions (San Francisco and California) with us on Sunday, October 16, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm via Zoom.

Among the important City proposition topics are: two conflicting affordable housing measures, two conflicting measures on vehicles on JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway, continuing the Sales tax for Transportation projects, an additional parcel tax for City College, tax on keeping residential units vacant, and changing some City elections to be held in even-numbered years.

The invitation (link) to the Zoom meeting is being sent in this morning's and next Sunday's E-mails from Old First. You can also ask the church office to send you the invitation.

Next Sunday's Guest Preacher: Sarah Reyes Gibbs

Next Sunday our guest preacher will be the Reverend Sarah Reyes-Gibbs, DMin. Dr. Reyes-Gibbs has just finished a three-year transitional/interim position with New Bridges, Hayward, after retiring in 2017 from her first call lasting nineteen years with Bethel Community Church, San Leandro. Not embracing retirement well, she continues to serve as a consultant with churches focused on transformation and with other presbyteries addressing ethnic concerns.

Before ordained ministry, Sarah served the Stockton Unified School District as an elementary and high school teacher for eight years, as a coordinator for a Drug Free School Zone at Edison High School, Stockton, and before that as a legislative assistant with the California legislature twenty years.

In addition to raising four children, Sarah also earned a bachelor at the age of 40, received her Masters of Arts in Education with an emphasis on administration, received her Master of Divinity at age 50, and received her Doctor of Ministry with an emphasis on parish redevelopment at age 60. Pastor Sarah's perspective on life and faith is shaped by her trust in God and her experience as a Filipina-American, pastor, wife, mother of four, *lola* (Filipino for grandmother) of fifteen, and much more!

Remembering the Saints, November 6

On November 6, the Sunday after All Saints' Day, we will remember the saints who have died since last All Saints' Day in 2021.

Please let Brad in the church office know if you have names of saints to remember this year. Give him their **names, dates of death, and relationship** to you. You can put a note in the offering plate, mail a note to the church, call the church office, or send Brad an E-mail: brad@oldfirst.org

This Week at Old First

Sunday October 9

- 3:00 pm Ordination of Samuel Lundquist, St. John's Presbyterian Church, 25 Lake Street, SF
- 4:00 pm O1C: Wooden Fish Ensemble – piano, violin, viola, cello
- 7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

Monday October 10

- 6:30 pm Mission Committee Meeting, On-Line

Saturday October 15

- 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Social Hall/Sacramento Sidewalk
- 1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On-Line

Sunday October 16

- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:00 pm O1C: Strobe Concert – oboe, violin, viola, cello
- 7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

Monday October 17

- 7:30 pm O1C: Earplay – flutes, clarinets and strings

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