

# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday, October 23, 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.*

<b>Prelude</b>	We Gather Together (Tune: KREMSEK)	Wilbur Held (1914-2015)
	A Netherlands Folksong (Tune: KREMSEK)	Jan Zwart (1837-1887)
<b>Welcome and Church Life</b>		Cindy Burt
<b>Introit</b>		Donald Moore (born 1946)
	O, come let us sing unto God! To God our voices raise! O, come with joyful voices raised!	From Psalm 95
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		Jeanne Kirkwood
Leader	O God, how sweet are your words to my taste:	
<b>People</b>	<b>Sweeter than honey to my mouth!</b>	
Leader	Put your law within us, write it on our hearts:	
<b>People</b>	<b>From the least to the greatest, may we know you, O Holy One.</b>	

**\*Hymn 336 We Gather Together**

- 1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known:  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.
- 2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!
- 3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised? O Lord, make us free!

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Jeanne Kirkwood

Merciful God, hope of your people in every age,  
we confess that we have sinned against you.  
We have wandered from your pathways,  
turned toward idols, lived without compassion,  
and disregarded the well-being of your creation.

*Silence for Private Confession*

Do not turn away from us, O Lord,  
but renew your covenant, for only in you will our lives be healed.  
Guide us and lead us in your ways,  
for happy are those who live in your house. Amen.

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader In the name of the One who yearns to crown all people  
with righteousness  
and whose mercy exalts the humble,  
your sins are forgiven!  
May you be strengthened to live in the freedom  
of God's holy and eternal generosity.

People **Amen.**

**\*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** Ich sehe dich in tausend Bildern, Op. 105, No. 1 Max Reger (1873-1916)  
Kirsten Fleischmann, mezzo-soprano

Ich sehe dich in tausend Bildern, mein Jesus, *I see you in a thousand images, my Jesus,*  
lieblich ausgedrückt, *sweetly portrayed,*  
doch Keins von allen kann dich schildern, *but none of them can describe you,*  
wie meine Seele dich erblickt. *as my soul sees you.*  
Ich weiß nur, dass der Welt Getümmel *I only know that the tumult of the world*  
seitdem mir wie ein Traum verweht, *since then has passed away like a dream,*  
und ein unnennbar süßer Himmel mir ewig, *and an indescribably sweet heaven remains forever,*  
ewig im Gemüte steht. *forever in my mind.*  
Adapted from Friedrich von Hardenberg “Novalis” (1772 - 1801)

**\*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

**Scripture** Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

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** We know the answers but...

The Reverend Sarah Reyes Gibbs

**Choir**

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

With a voice of singing declare ye this,  
and let it be heard. Alleluia!  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.  
The Lord hath delivered all people. Alleluia!  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.  
O sing praises to the honor of God's name.  
Make God's praise to be glorious.

### Worship Through Holy Communion

**Invitation to  
the Lord's  
Table**

**Communion** **Come to the Table of Grace**

**Song** *Please use Hymn 507 to focus your mind and heart on communion. We sing Verse 1:*

**Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.**

**This is God's table. It's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.**

**The Great  
Thanksgiving**

Leader The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The leader continues the Great Thanksgiving...*

Leader Therefore, remembering Christ's sacrifice with thankful hearts, we offer ourselves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

**People We do this, remembering Christ's death,  
proclaiming Christ's resurrection,  
and awaiting Christ's coming in glory.**

*The leader continues the Great Thanksgiving...*

Leader And now, as Jesus taught us, we pray:

**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.**

**The Words of  
Institution**

**The Bread and the Cup** *All are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.  
Simply follow the directions of the leaders.*

**Prayer after  
Communion**

Leader Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament!  
Send us forth with this bread and cup to share the feast of the risen Lord!

**People We who are many are one body, for we all partake of one bread!  
Amen!**

1 Corinthians 10:17

<b>Worship Through Responding to God's Word</b>
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**\*Hymn 749 Come! Live in the Light!**

**1 Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

**Refrain** We are called to act with justice;  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.

**2** Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and violence will be no more.

**3** Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love.

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Choir**

Matthew Glandorf (born 1972)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you;  
not as the world gives do I give unto you.

John 14:27

**Postlude** Grand Chœur Marche Triomphal (abridged)

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

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*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 on November 6, 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.

**Today's Guest Preacher: Sarah Reyes Gibbs**

Today our guest preacher is the Reverend Sarah Reyes-Gibbs, DMin. This is Sarah's last Sunday with us during Maggi's sabbatical and we thank her for accompanying us over these last months.

Next Sunday our parish associate, the Reverend Erwin Barron, will lead worship and preach for us, and on November 6, our pastor, the Reverend Maggi Henderson, will return to us after her sabbatical.

**We Staff the Food Pantry, Saturday, October 29**

We need your hands! The City needs your hands! Jesus needs *your* hands! Without your hands, Old First won't have enough hands for the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, October 29.

But you can sign up so easily by visiting our website – [www.oldfirst.org](http://www.oldfirst.org) – and then clicking on the link in the sidebar column. The pantry coordinators will thank you! The clients will thank you. You'll have fun. You'll be part of the solution to food insecurity in our neighborhood. For more information, check with Riley or John Kramar. They will thank you.

**Brahms Concert by SF City Chorus, November 5**

The San Francisco City Chorus, under the direction of Larry Marietta, will present a concert at Old First featuring two choral cycles by Johannes Brahms on Saturday, November 5 at 7:30 pm: Zigeunerlieder (Gypsy Songs) and Liebeslieder Waltzes. All members and friends of Old First can have as many complimentary (free!) tickets as desired. Please see Larry today or next Sunday, or E-mail him at [larrymarietta@gmail.com](mailto:larrymarietta@gmail.com) to let him know how many tickets you want.

**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](mailto:brad@oldfirst.org)

**This Week at Old First**

- Sunday October 23**
- 4:00 pm O1C: Stephen Porter: Beethoven and Buddhism – piano
- 7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall
- Tuesday October 25**
- 7:30 pm O1C: Jerome Kuderna and Jed Distler: Mahler's Symphony No. 9 – piano duet
- Saturday October 29**
- 9:00 am OFPC Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry, Social Hall/Sacramento Sidewalk
- Sunday October 31**
- 11:00 am Worship
- 7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

**Old First Presbyterian Church Staff**

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- The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate
- The Reverend Lisa Robecheck Parish Associate
- Larry Marietta Music Director
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