

Old First Presbyterian Church

*God has given us two hands.
One to receive with
and the other to give with.*

Billy Graham (1918-2018)

Sunday, November 13, 2022
A Season of Stewardship: Connections
Connected to Each Other, Connected to God

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 Two Gospel Hymn Improvisations Arranged Dan Miller (born 1954)

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS (Johnson Oatman, 1856-1922)

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (Thomas Obadiah Chisholm, 1866-1960)

Welcome and Church Life

Introit Charles Cronham (1896-1969)

I will praise Thee, O God, with my whole heart;
I will speak of all Thy marvelous works,
and be glad and rejoice in Thee, O Thou most high.

Psalm 9:1-2

***Call to
Worship**

Leader The world calls: eat, drink, and be merry;
take your ease; enjoy what you have accumulated.

**People But God calls: seek the things that are from above;
know the glory of Christ, who is our Life.**

Leader Anger, greed, gossip, selfishness, violence and indifference
have no place in God's realm.

**People But God offers us a new nature in Christ,
being renewed after the image of our Creator.**

Leader The world makes distinctions between Jews and Greek,
slave and free, Republicans and Democrats,
those under the law and those who are not.

**People But in Christ all are one and all are welcome;
there are no distinctions; we come to worship.**

***Hymn 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

- 1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus's wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.
- 2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.
- 3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Sidney Hollar

**Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in upright ways
on account of your love for us.
Yet we do not always follow your call;
we turn away from you and go our own way.**

We confess silently.

**Forgive, and return us to our rightful home in you,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

Hear these words from our God:

“I cannot give up on you, my compassion grow warm and tender.
When my children come trembling, I will bring them home.”

People

**We will believe the gospel.
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

Psalm 42, Homage to Palestrina

Commissioned by the Old First Presbyterian Choir

Jarron Carlson (born 1999)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, *As the hart longs for flowing streams,*
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus *so longs my soul for thee, O God.*

***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.**

**Time with
Our Children**

***The Peace**

Leader

Peace be with you.

People

And also with you.

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Prayers of the People

Chris Burt

Prayer Partners Donald Pender, Kim Pham, Gordon Phipps, Chloe Pollock, Phil Pollock, Spencer Pollock, Glen Potter, Charles Rambo, Dortha Reade, Linda Reyder, Lisa Robechek

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.**

Scripture

Luke 12:13-21

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

Pastor Henderson

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

- 1 **Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**
- 2 **Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**
- 3 **Before the hills sin order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.**
- 4 **A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**
- 5 **Time, like an every rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.**
- 6 **Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

***Charge and Benediction**

Choir

Go forth to serve the Lord of Life.
Go forth to do God's holy will.
God's name sing out along your way,
who was, and is forevermore. Amen.

Hal Hopson (born 1933)

Postlude

Finale

Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

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4th Saturday Community Dinner, November 26

The 4th Saturday Community Dinner falls on the Thanksgiving Day weekend and you can help!

Can you roast a turkey in advance and bring it to the church of the dinner? If so, please contact Pastor Maggi: maggi@oldfirst.org

Can you help serve the meal and feast with our guests at the dinner? Volunteers are welcomed from 4:30 pm on. Let us know you can help: 4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org

We Staff the Food Pantry, Saturday, December 3

We need your hands! Without your hands, Old First won't have enough hands for the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, December 3, but you can sign up so easily by visiting our website – www.oldfirst.org – and then clicking on the link in the sidebar column.

Lessons & Carols at SFTS, San Anselmo, December 3

San Francisco Theological Seminary Invites you to Welcome The Light: a Christmas Concert of Lessons and Carols, December 3, at 7:00 pm, Stewart Chapel in Geneva Hall, 109 Seminary Road, San Anselmo. Admission is free, but an RSVP would be helpful. Simply navigate to: www.redlands.edu/sftsevents

This Week at Old First

Sunday November 13

4:00 pm O1C: Péter Tóth, piano works by Clara Schumann and Amy Beach

7:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line *Note this meeting's exceptional starting time!*

7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

Monday November 14

6:30 pm Mission Committee, On-Line

7:00 pm Worship Committee, On-Line

Saturday November 19

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Social Hall/Sacramento Sidewalk

1:00 pm Chelsea Hollow Voice Studio Recital, Sanctuary

1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On-Line

Sunday November 20

11:00 am Worship

4:00 pm O1C: Allegra Chapman and Jennifer Kloetzel, works for piano and cello by Bloch, Beethoven, Piazzolla and others

7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

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