

Old First Presbyterian Church



Season of Epiphany Sunday, January 22, 2023

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	Chorale and Variations	Johann Gottfried Walther (1648-1748)
Welcome and Church Life		Pastor Henderson
Introit		John Darwell (1731-1789)
	Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!	Brian Dill (born 1949)
*Call to Worship		Pastor Henderson
Leader	We gather to respond to the call of God's love,	
People	Thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.	
Leader	May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others.	
People	Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.	
Leader	Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.	
People	May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.	

***Hymn 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore thee**

- 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of Glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Pastor Henderson

**Spirit of Life, we confess that we aren't prone to listen.
We want to follow our own way
and lead lives of relative comfort and security.
Move us out of our comfort zone
to a place of compassion and empathy.
Move us away from our own fears
so that we can work into the ways of justice for all.**

Silence is kept.

**Call us into your ministry of love, restoration, justice, and peace.
Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

God is always calling your name,
in whispers on the wind, in the cry of the waves on the beach,
even in the sheer silence: God is calling your name.
God is calling you to restoration and reconciliation.
Friends, we are forgiven, loved, and restored.

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. You may also make your offering electronically using the kiosk in the narthex.*

Anthem Christ the Way of Life Possess Me K. Lee Scott (born 1950)
Christ the way of life possess me, lift my heart to love and praise;
guide and keep, sustain and bless me, all my days.
Well of life, forever flowing, make my barren soul and bare
like a watered garden growing fresh and fair.
May the Tree of life in splendor from its leafy boughs impart
grace divine and healing tender, strength of heart.
Path of life before me shining, let me come when earth is past,
sorrow, self and sin resigning home at last.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (born 1926)

***Doxology** DUKE STREET
Arranged by Hal H. 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**

Lori Yamauchi

Prayer Partners Chris and Cindy Burt, Bill and Marilyn Campbell, Carol Carter, Mary Carter, Waldo Carter, Andy and Yvonne Cheng, Joshua, Annie and Sam

**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 Isaiah 9:1-4; Matthew 4:12-23
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 Fishing with Grace

The Reverend David Brown

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 170** You Walk along our Shoreline

- 1 You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power, "now come and follow me.
And if you will follow through storm and wave and shoal,
then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."
- 2 You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel across the water's face,
our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.
- 3 We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name;
we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.
You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons,
to let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer (1840-1901)

Postlude Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

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Today's Guest Preacher, David Brown

Today we welcome the Reverend David Brown as our guest preacher. David has recently retired from Noe Valley Ministry, the PC(USA) congregation on Sanchez Street at 23rd Street.

Today's Coffee Hour

Mary Russell has given today's coffee hour in gratitude for the return of coffee hour: "It's good to be with people again."

4th Saturday Community Meal, January 28

Celebrate God's abundance by volunteering at the 4th Saturday Community Meal, **this Saturday, January 28**. Volunteers are welcomed from 4:30 pm on! At 5:15 pm we serve dinner, hand out meals-to-go, and eat. Let us know that you can join us: saturdaymeals@oldfirst.org

This Week at Old First

Sunday January 22

7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

Monday January 23

8:00 pm O1C: Earplay, strings, woodwinds, piano: "Mirages" including three world premieres

Tuesday January 24

7:00 pm Session Meets On-Line

Saturday January 28

5:15 pm 4th Saturday Community Meal, Social Hall

Sunday January 29

11:00 am Worship

7:00 pm O1C: Ives Collective, strings and piano

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