

Old First Presbyterian Church



Season of Epiphany Sunday, February 19, 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 *Élévation* Louis-James Lefébure-Wély (1817–1869)

Adoro te devote Everitt Titcomb (1884-1965)

Welcome and Church Life

Introit Glen Wissner (born 1953)

I was glad when they said, “Let us go into the house of the Lord.”

From Psalm 122:1

*Call to Worship

Mary Russell

Leader God touches the world,
People **and the world changes.**
Leader God touches us,
People **and we are transformed.**
Leader In the brightest of day,
People **in the deepest of night,**
Leader on the highest hill,
Leader **in the dark alley,**
Leader everywhere.
People **In this time, together,**
 we invite God
 to open our eyes
 to the transformation of our lives.

***Hymn 191 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding**

- 1 We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.
- 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shadows;
splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the law and prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.
- 3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peters find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Mary Russell

Our judgment often becomes clouded by our foolishness,
Sheltering God, and so we make all the wrong choices.
We let fancy philosophies draw us away from your grace.
The flowery words of politicians can lead us
into valleys of worry and despair.
Our fears can convince us
that those around us are conspiring against us.

Silence is kept.

You can take all our foolishness, Creative God,
and make us wise enough to see you among us.
You take the shards of our broken lives
to recast us into a faithful people.
You speak gently to us, so we can listen to your dreams
of our seeing each person as your beloved,
even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
sees us through such eyes. Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader On mountaintops and in valleys,
in moments when our lives are shrouded,
and as well as when we reflect Christ's light,
God is with us, declaring we are the beloved!

People **In this moment, in every moment,
may we glimpse the grace of God
which comes and transfigures our lives.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!
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

Beryl Red (1936-2013)

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.
In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door and let God's people in.

Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink, and remember, too,
that this is my body and precious blood, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth.
In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above,
but in your heart for God.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Ragan Courtney (born 1941)

***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

Scripture Matthew 17:1-9, Exodus 24:16-17, 34:29

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 Holy Communion

**Invitation to the
Lord's Table**

**The Great
Thanksgiving**

Leader May the God of each dawn be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us open our hearts to God who gathers us at this table.

People **We delight in the grace which fills our lives.**

Leader May we offer our praise to the One who calls us beloved.

People **We give thanks to our God of holiness.**

The leader continues the Great Thanksgiving...

**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.

The communion trays have wine and grape juice.

The inner white cups are wine the outer purple cups are grape juice.

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 192 Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining**

**1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.**

Refrain Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me.

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Blessing

Pastor Henderson

Congregational Meeting

**Prayer and Call
to Order**

Pastor Henderson
Jeanne Kirkwood, Acting Clerk

**Election of
Officers**

Nominees for Deacon: Claudia Garrison, Jan Hammock, Emily Olson (Class of 2026)
Nominees for Elder: Chris Burt, Harriet MacLean (Class of 2026)
Nominating Committee: Virginia Webb Pekelnicky (Session), Cindy Burt (Board of Deacons) Erwin Barron, AnnieScott Rogers, Mary Russell (congregation at large)

Budget

Overview

Vote

Pastor's Compensation Package

Grace

After the pastor leads us in prayer, please proceed downstairs for the potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

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Today's Liturgy

Today's Call to Worship is adapted from prayer by Richard Bott.

Devotionals for Lent

Devotionals for Lent are available today in the narthex.

Potluck Lunch, Today

Join us for a potluck lunch after the congregational meeting today. Ushers can direct you to the stairs down to the Fellowship Hall or simply follow the crowd.

NJAHS Day of Remembrance at CUPC, Today

The National Japanese American Historical Society annually remembers the internment of Japanese-Americans 1942 to 1946. Christ United Presbyterian Church is hosting the 44th annual Day of Remembrance today, February 19, 2 to 4 pm at Christ United, 1700 Sutter Street in San Francisco. Ryan Yamamoto, CBS News Bay Area anchor, will emcee the event. Attorney Don Tamaki of Minami Tamaki LLP will be the keynote speaker.



REGISTER: General admission tickets are free, but you can also sponsor the event. Simply use this code or this website <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-bay-area-day-of-remembrance-tickets-519464260587> to register, get tickets, and/or make a donation.

RIDE SHARING: Old First can take up to five people with us in cars, so please speak with Pastor Maggi or Lori Yamauchi at today’s potluck, if you would like a ride.

Ash Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 22. Join us for worship at Old First at 5:30 pm.

New Deacons and Elders, March 5

On Sunday, March 5, we will ordain and install the newly elected deacons and elders.

Earthquake in Turkey and Syria: Relief in Time of Need

Amid news of a devastating earthquake in Syria and Turkey, the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) has reached out to offer assistance to partners in the area, where thousands have died, and is asking Presbyterians to pray for those impacted by the quake and its aftershocks.

Through a coordinated response by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and World Mission, PMA has contacted multiple long-term partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) including the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon; the Middle East Council of Churches; the Forum for Development, Culture and Dialogue; and the Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Churches.

“I have reached out to the four different entities to invite them to request a solidarity grant, which is our process,” said the Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, Director of Humanitarian and Global Ecumenical Engagement for PMA’s Compassion, Peace & Justice ministries. “PC(USA) is deeply grateful that we have such long-term and strong relationships in the region, so that we can stand in solidarity as they respond to this crisis.”

See www.oldfirst.org and Old First’s Facebook page for more information.

Give by going to www.pcusa.org or <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pcusa-offers-assistance-for-the-people-of-earthquake-ravaged-syria-and-turkey/> To give by phone, call 800-872-3283. To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

This Week at Old First

- Sunday February 19**
- 12:30 pm Potluck Lunch, Social Hall
- 7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall
- Monday February 20**
- Presidents Day: Church Office Closed
- Wednesday February 22, Ash Wednesday**
- 5:30 pm Worship
- Friday February 24**
- 8:00 pm O1C: Bardin-Niskala Duo “Songs Reimagined,” cello and piano
- Saturday February 25**
- 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Social Hall
- 5:15 pm 4th Saturday Community Meal, Social Hall
- Sunday February 26**
- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:00 pm O1C: Daniela Mineva “Transfigured Voices,” piano
- 7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

Old First Presbyterian Church Staff
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The Reverend Maggi Henderson	Pastor
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