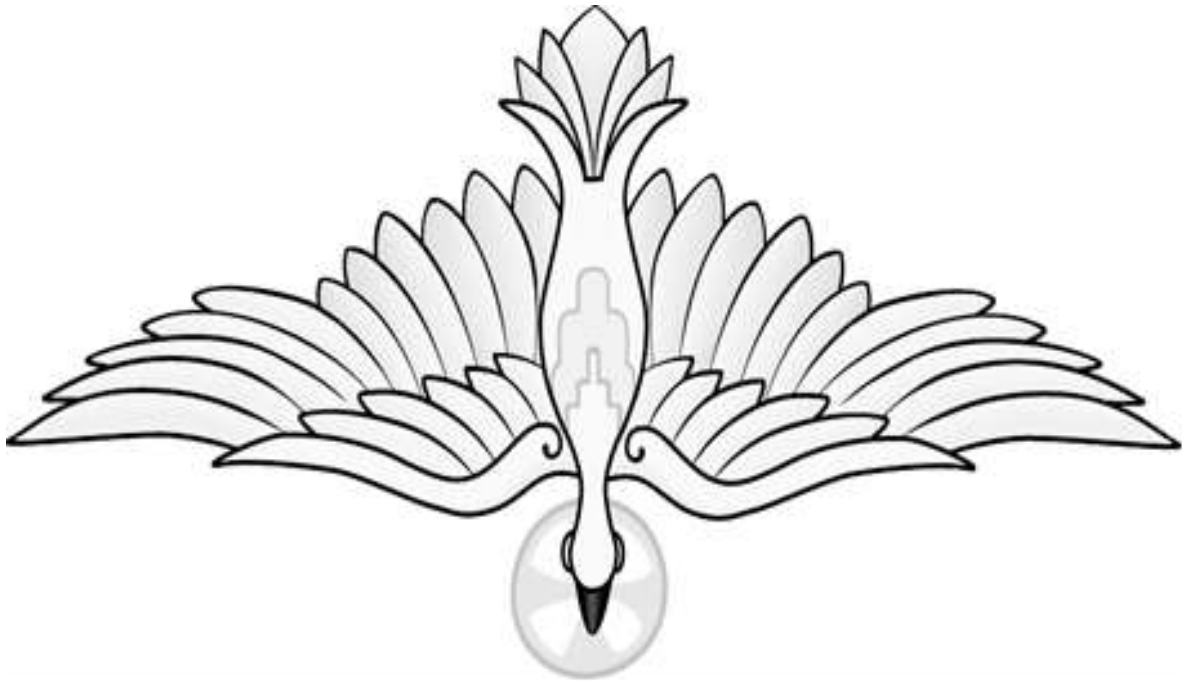


Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, September 26, 2021

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

Sharing God's Love, Welcome, and Justice
On Our Corner, in Our City, And in the World

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.*

Ushers have hearing aids for our sound system.

Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.

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

Prelude Andante cantabile from Symphony IV

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Welcome & Church Life

Introit This Is the Day

Charles Callahan (born 1951)

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Alleluia!

Psalm 118:24

***Call to Worship**

AnnieScott Rogers

Leader The God of New Beginnings
has called up to this place.

**People We come seeking and celebrating new life
that is ours as God's beloved people.**

Leader Let your joy ring out through the world and
let your vision see in to depths of every soul.

**People We shall be shouters of joy
and seekers of God's light and wisdom
wherever we go.
Praise God for this day!**

***Hymn 232 Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

- 1 **Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!**
- 2 **Hymns of Praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**
- 3 **But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
 Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
 Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**Prayer of
 Confession**

Spring of Wisdom, we confess
 that we have not denied ourselves and followed.
 We turn our backs on your outstretched hands of grace,
 and stumble into the arms of the world.
 We speak poisonous gossip about others,
 rather than tell of their glory as your child.
 We make things complicated
 when many times the right way is known;
 we just don't want to do it.
 We do not listen to the wisdom
 of those who have gone before us,
 because we think we know best.
 We fire off words that find no rest
 until they pierce another's heart.

Silence is kept.

Forgive us, Rock and Redeemer, our Wisdom.
 Give us speech which flows like cool water
 through another's parched spirit;
 give us silence with which to witness your wonders;
 give us words to proclaim that Jesus is the Christ,
 our Lord and our Savior, the One who leads us to life.
 Amen.

**Assurance of
 Forgiveness**

Leader With gentleness, God speaks to us;
 with graciousness, God forgives us;
 with joy, God embraces us.

People **With our lips, we praise God;
 with our words, we thank God;
 with our silence, we find God in our hearts.
 Thanks be to God!**

**Choral
 Anthem**

Kyrie from Mass No. 2 in G Major Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
 Chelsea Hollow, soprano

Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*
 Christe eleison. *Christ, have mercy.*
 Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

The Peace

Leader Peace be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Worship through Hearing God’s Word

**Prayers of
the People**

Cindy Burt

Prayer Heather Losee, Betsy Lutz, Alfred Martin and Harriet MacLean, Larry
Partners Marietta, Maryam, Dianne Middleton and Logan Donaldson

**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
Leader
People**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Practical Wisdom Pastor Henderson
*Pastor Maggi’s practical wisdom quotes will be available on our website –
www.oldfirst.org – and on our Facebook page starting Monday.*

Worship through Responding to God’s Word

***Hymn 757**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

- 1 Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.
- 2 God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God’s grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.
- 3 Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.

- 4 **May we in service to our God act out the living word,
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.**

***Charge and
Benediction**

Please follow the pastor outside and greet one another in the open air.

Remember to fill in the contact tracing binder, if you have not already done so.

You can place your offering in the basket when you leave the church.

You can always make your offering on-line at <https://dev.oldfirst.org/donations//>

*You can find us at www.oldfirst.org, on **Facebook**, and our **YouTube** channel.*

Food Pantry News

Congratulations and our thanks go to Old First's three new coordinators to lead our participation in the weekly Interfaith Food Pantry: John and Riley Kramar, Sally Spencer. Old First will be staffing the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, October 25. Mark your calendar and plan to pitch in.

Mission Now: Evening of Action & Education for Immigrants' Lives

Please join the Old First Mission Committee via Zoom on Wednesday, October 13 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, for an evening to learn about some of the current immigration crises, to take immediate action, and to learn about opportunities for ongoing support. We will discuss and take action for Unaccompanied Minors and Afghan Refugees. Invite a friend or family member who is also concerned.

The Zoom invitation will be sent shortly. Sign up for Old First's E-mail notices on our website: www.oldfirst.org.

Remembering the Saints

Again this year we will remember the saints who have died since the last All Saints' Day, November 1, 2020. If there are people you'd like Old First to remember, please send an E-mail to Brad, our church office administrator, with the following information:

- the name of the saints you wish to remember,
- your relationship to them, and
- the date they died.

To contact Brad simply send an E-mail: brad@oldfirst.org by Monday, October 25.

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