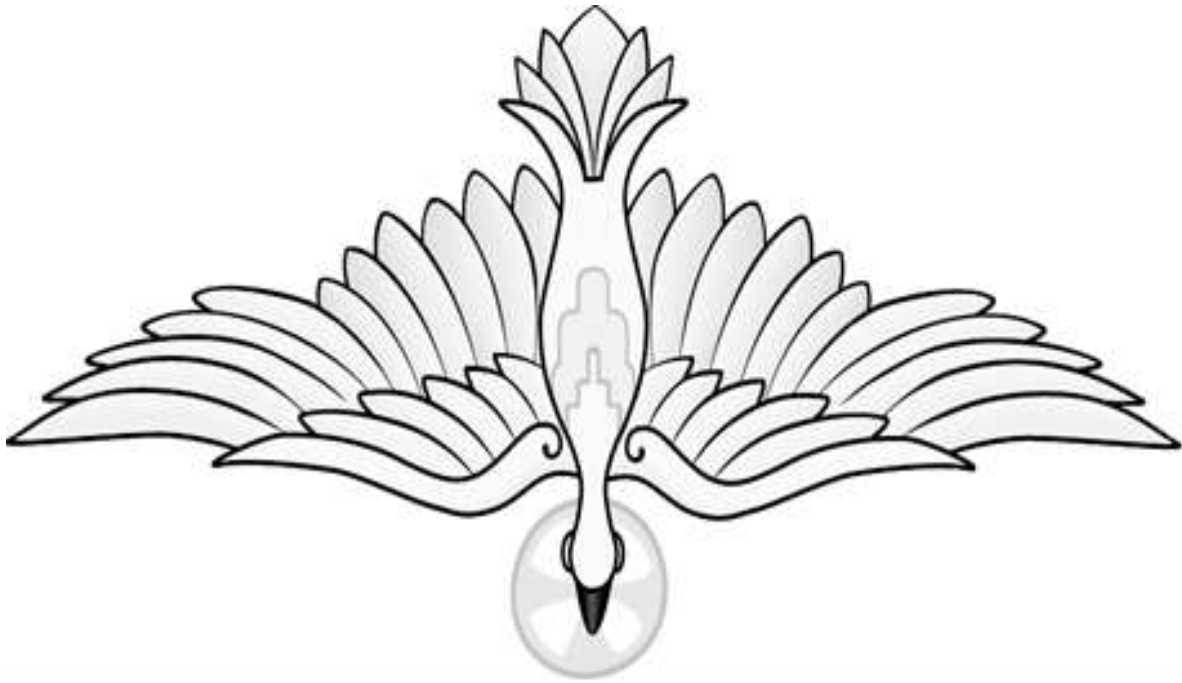


# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday, October 3, 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** Three Chorale Preludes on EIN FESTE BURG

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

**Welcome &  
Church Life**

Pastor Henderson

**Introit** We've Come to Worship You

Words and Text: Stephen Key

Lord, we've come to worship You,  
for we know Your name is worthy, O Lord.  
Lord, we've come to give You praise,  
for we know Your name is worthy, O Lord.

**\*Call to  
Worship**

Jeanne Kirkwood

Leader The prophets of old spoke of God's justice,  
even when it was unwelcome.

Who will hear their message?

**People We will listen and we will hear!**

Leader Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled,  
preaching and teaching all who would listen.

Who will hear his message?

**People We will listen and we will hear!**

Leader Christ sent out disciples two by two,  
to spread the good news in any place that would welcome them.

Who will hear their message?

**People We will listen and we will hear!**

Leader God's prophets are among us still,  
around the world and in these pews.

Who will hear their message?

**People We will listen and we will hear!**

**\*Hymn 249 Because You Live, O Christ**

**1 Because you live, O Christ,  
the garden of the world has come to flower;  
the darkness of the tomb is flooded with your resurrection power.**

**Refrain The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison!  
O sing this Easter day, for Jesus Christ has risen,  
has risen, has risen, has risen!**

**2 Because you live, O Christ,  
the spirit bird of hope is freed for flying;  
our cages of despair no longer keep us closed and life-denying.**

**3 Because you live, O Christ,  
the rainbow of your peace will span creation;  
the colors of your love will draw all humankind to adoration.**

**Prayer of Confession You know how stubborn we can be,  
Holy God.  
You call us to serve others,  
and we stay in the coolness of our own homes.  
You would send us to where the hopeless live,  
but we are reluctant to leave the comfort of our complacency.  
You would feed us on the peace and joy of your word,  
but we pull our chairs up to the tables of those  
who serve false promises.**

**Forgive us, Guiding God.  
Transform our defiance into discipleship  
and our rejection of others into the resurrection  
of welcoming all people as sisters and brothers in Christ.**

*Silence is kept.*

**Help us to love as faithfully  
as you have always loved us, and  
send us forth to take the good news of Jesus Christ  
to everyone we meet. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Leader We open our lips and confess our hearts.  
God hears our words and make us new,  
sending us out to bring hope and joy to all the world.**

**People We hear the good news,  
we believe the good news,  
we will live out the good news.  
Thanks be to God. Amen!**

**Choral  
Anthem**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Tune and rhythm: Martin Luther (1483-1546)  
Harmonization: Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)  
Arrangement: Wilbur Held (1914-2014)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever.

Martin Luther, 1529, Based on Psalm 46  
Translation: Henry Hedge, 1852

**The Peace**

Leader Peace be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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| <b>Worship through Hearing God's Word</b> |
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**Time  
with Our  
Children**

Pastor Henderson

**Prayers of  
the People**

Sandra Keyes

Prayer  
Partners

Cheryl Min, Pierre Moyé, Lois Nason, J. Herbert Nelson (Stated Clerk of  
the PC-USA), Bryan Nichols and Robin Currier

**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** Mark 6:1-13  
**Leader** This is the word of the Lord.  
**People** Thanks be to God.  
**Sermon**

Pastor Henderson

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| <b>Worship through Responding to God's Word</b> |
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**\*Hymn 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.  
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.
- 2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.
- 3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.  
One little word shall fell him.
- 4 That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.  
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.  
His kingdom is forever.

**\*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.*

**Old First On-Line**

You can find Old First on-line at [www.oldfirst.org](http://www.oldfirst.org), on **Facebook**, and on our **YouTube** channel. You can always make your offering on-line at <https://donations.oldfirst.org>

**Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry**

Old First will be staffing the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, **October 23**. Mark your calendar and plan to sign up.

Also, if you can, plan to work the “All Faith’s Day” at the Food Pantry on Saturday, **October 16**, as well. You’ll get to know volunteers from the other participating faith communities.

To sign up to staff the Food Pantry follow the link on Old First’s homepage - [www.oldfirst.org](http://www.oldfirst.org) - and bring your proof of vaccination to the pantry.

**Racial Healing Discussion Series, October 10 – November 14**

The Racial Justice Task Force for Old First will be holding a six-week discussion series on racial healing, using the resource, “What Lies Between Us: Fostering First Steps Toward Racial Healing” from October 10 through November 14. The series will involve an examination of our beliefs, through reflecting, rethinking and reaching beyond where we are now on race, racism, racial healing and restoration. The meetings will be held in-person in the Fellowship Hall from 12:30 to 2:00 pm each Sunday from October 10 through November 14.

Depending on the level of interest, we may offer a second section during the week by Zoom. Please join us for this series. For further information, please contact Lori Yamauchi at [Lori@oldfirst.org](mailto:Lori@oldfirst.org) or after worship (outside the church building in the open air).

**Mission Now: Evening of Action & Education for Immigrants’ Lives, October 13**

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](http://www.oldfirst.org). And for more information, contact Eva DeLair: [eva@oldfirst.org](mailto:eva@oldfirst.org).

**Remembering the Saints**

On **October 31**, the Sunday before All Saints’ Day, we will observe World Communion Sunday, gather our Peace & Global Witness Offering, and also remember the saints who have died since last All Saints’ Day in 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.

Please send your E-mail to Brad – [brad@oldfirst.org](mailto:brad@oldfirst.org) – no later than Monday, October 25.

**Church Staff**

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| Larry Marietta               | Music Director              |
| Brad Peterson                | Church Office Administrator |