

Old First Presbyterian Church



Christmas Eve
December 24, 2021

The Reverend Maggi Henderson, Pastor
Larry Marietta, Music Director

The People and Places of the Nativity		
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Organ	Carol Prelude on GREENSLEEVES	Richard Purvis (1913-1994)
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Anthem		Johann Herbeck (1831-1877) Michael Desnoyers, tenor
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Pueri concinite, nato regi psallite,
pia voce dicite: Apparuit quem genuit Maria.
Sunt impleta quae praedixit Gabriel.
Eia, eia! Virgo Deum genuit
quod divina voluit clementia.
Hodie apparuit, apparuit in Israel.
Ex Maria virgine natus est Rex. Alleluia.

*Sing together, children, sing songs to the newborn King;
in pious tones, say: He who Mary has born appears.
Now is fulfilled what Gabriel foretold:
Eia, eia! The Virgin has given birth to God,
which divine mercy willed.
Today he appears, appears in Israel.
The King is born of the Virgin Mary. Alleluia.*

Duet From Magnificat RV 610 Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)
 Julia Fearon, soprano; Kirsten Fleischmann, alto
 Esurientes implevit bonis *He fills the hungry with good things*
 et divites dimisit inanes. *and he sent the rich away empty-handed.* Luke 1:53

Organ Chorale Prelude: IN DULCI JUBILO Michael Johann Bach (1648-1694)

Choir From *Cantata Hodie*, Opus 197 Traditional Russian Music and Text
 Arranged by Joseph Willcox Jenkins (1928-2014)
 Kolyada, come this Holy Night we pray. Come to give us Christmas Day.
 Kolyada comes around on Christmas Eve, At the window cakes to leave.
Kolyada means "Holy Spirit of Christmas" in Russian.

Duet Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)
 Chelsea Hollow, soprano; Michael Desnoyers, tenor
 O holy night! the stars are brightly shining, Truly he taught us to love one another;
 It is the night of the dear Savior's birth; His law is love, and his gospel is peace.
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
 Till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth. And in his name all oppression shall cease.
 A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
 For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Let all within us praise his holy name.
 Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! Christ is the Lord; then ever praise we;
 O night divine! O night when Christ was born! His power and glory evermore proclaim!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Organ Carol Rhapsody Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

Making Welcome

**At the asterisks, all who are able please stand.*

Welcome Pastor Henderson

***Call to
 Worship**

Leader On this holiest of nights,

People We come, joining the shepherds, who are stunned by wonder.

Leader On this most silent night,

People We come, our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph.

Leader On this night of carols and candlelight,

People we come, our glad songs joining with those of the angels choirs above.

Narrator

***Hymn 133 O Come, All Ye Faithful** Arranged by David Willcocks (1919-2015)

The Prophecy

Narrator Betty and Steve Voris

Old Testament 1 Samuel 2:1-10

New Testament Luke 1:39-56

***Hymn 88 O Come, O Come, Emanuel: Verses 1-2, 6-7**

Verse 1: all
Verse 2: low voices
Verse 6: high voices
Verse 7: all

Nazareth	
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Narrator

Mary Russell and Amir Sadeghi

Old Testament Isaiah 7:14

New Testament Matthew 1:18-25

Anthem 16th Century Spanish Carol, attributed Mateo Flecha the Elder (1481-1553)
Sergey Khalikulov, bass

Riu, riu, chiu la guarda ribera	<i>Riu, riu, chiu, the riverbank is protected.</i>
Dios guardó el lobo de nuestra cordera.	<i>God has kept the wolf from our ewe lamb.</i>
Este que es nascido es El Gran Monarca	<i>The one who is born is the Great Monarch</i>
Cristo Patriarca de carne vestido	<i>Christ the Patriarch clothed in flesh</i>
Ha nos redimido con se hacer chiquito	<i>He has redeemed us by making himself small</i>
Aunque era infinito finito se hiciera.	<i>Though he was infinite He became finite.</i>
Riu, riu, chiu...	<i>Riu, riu, chiu...</i>
Este viene a dar a los muertos vida	<i>He comes to give life to the dead</i>
Y viene a reparar de todos la caída	<i>He comes to repair the fall of all mankind</i>
Es la luz del día a queste Moçuelo	<i>This Child is the light of day</i>
Este es el Cordero que San Juan dijera.	<i>He is the Lamb of whom St. John spoke.</i>
Riu, riu, chiu...	<i>Riu, riu, chiu...</i>
Yo vi mil Garzones que andavan cantando	<i>I saw a thousand angels who were singing</i>
Por aqui volandohaciendo mil sonos	<i>Flying around chanting in a thousand voices</i>
Diciendo a gascones Gloria sea en el Cielo	<i>Saying to the shepherds Glory in Heaven</i>
Y paz en el suelo pues Jesus nasciera.	<i>And peace on earth, for Jesus is born.</i>
Riu, riu, chiu...	<i>Riu, riu, chiu...</i>
Pues que ya temenos lo que deseamos	<i>Now we have what we desire</i>
Todos juntos vamos presentes llevemos	<i>Let us go together to present him gifts</i>
Todos le daremos nuestra voluntad	<i>Let us all give him our will</i>
Pues a se igualar con nosotros viniera.	<i>For he came as our equal.</i>
Riu, riu, chiu...	<i>Riu, riu, chiu...</i>

Bethlehem	
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Narrator

Lisa Robeck

Old Testament Micah 5:2-5

New Testament Luke 2:1-7

Anthem Colin Bumbry (born 1933), arranged by Jackson Berkey (born 1942)
Kirsten Fleischmann, alto

<p>Jesu, Son most sweet and dear, Mean the bed you lie on here, And that afflicts me sore, For your cradle's like a bier, Ox and ass are with you here, And I must weep therefore.</p>	<p>Jesu, sweet one, show no wrath. I have not the poorest cloth To wrap you in its fold. Not a rag in which to wrap, Hold you safe upon my lap, And shield you from the cold.</p>
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From *Political, Religious and Love Poems*, 1866
Collected by F.J. Furnivall (1825-1910)

***Hymn 115 Away in a Manger**

The Countryside of Judea

Narrator Hammock/Bender Family

Old Testament Isaiah 52:6-7

New Testament Luke 2:8-20

***Hymn 120 Hark, the Herald Angels Sing** Arranged by David Willcocks (1919-2015)

The Home of the Messiah

Narrator Erwin Barron

Old Testament Numbers 24:17-19

New Testament Matthew 2:1-12

***Hymn 151 We Three Kings of Orient Are**

Verse 1 and Refrain: all
Verses 2 to 4: soloists; Refrain: all
Verse 5 and Refrain: all

Invitation to the Offering

To the Ends of the Earth

Narrator Pastor Henderson

Old Testament Isaiah 60:1-4

New Testament John 1:1-5, 14

Meditation Experiencing the Light, Being the Light

***Hymn Silent Night**

*Please remain in your seats for the singing of Silent Night.
Ushers will bring a taper to you to light your candles.
See the insert for the text of the song, and keep silence until the choir begins singing it.
Hold your candle high on the last verse.
You may place your offering in the basket as you leave the church.*

***Charge and Benediction**

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant, beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

Announcements

Tonight's Offering

In celebration of this Advent's theme – “Closer to Home” – our Christmas Eve offering will be donated to the housing fund of the **Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming, Intersex Justice Project** (TGIJP).

TGIJP is a group of transgender, gender-variant and intersex people, inside and outside of prisons, jails, and detention centers, creating a united family in the struggle for survival and freedom. Trans people coming home to the Bay Area from prison or jail face additional barriers to stable housing and gender-responsive reentry services, so TGIJP has developed a holistic reentry program that provides short term housing in addition to support navigating and accessing resources, short and long-term employment and a community ambassador program. Due to the high demand for housing support in the Bay Area, TGIJP's re-entry housing fund is stretched and in need of your support to continue supporting our fellow San Franciscans as they make their homecoming this holiday season and beyond.

Give as generously as the Spirit moves you. Please mark “Xmas Eve TGIJP Offering” on your check or envelope.

Saturday Community Meals-to-Go, December 25

On Christmas Day we will distribute meals-to-go with thanksgiving for the gift of Christmas and also for the generosity of the Hellers, who arranged for the meals.

“Merry Christmas!” to all of you during this season of changing light. – the Reverend John Brett, Saturday Community Meal Coordinator

Worship This Sunday, December 26, 11 am

Join us for worship on Sunday, December 26, when we will have the opportunity to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by singing our favorite Christmas hymns and carols and by celebrating communion.

Worship in 2022: Every Sunday, 11 am

Join us for worship in-person or on-line **every Sunday at 11:00 am**. We invite those who have been fully vaccinated to join us **in person at the church**, and we invite those who are not vaccinated, are unwell, or are unable to join us in person to worship with us **on-line via livestream**. You can find out more about Old First and subscribe to our news via E-mail at our website: www.oldfirst.org You can also find us on **YouTube** and **Facebook**.

Interfaith Food Pantry: Volunteer Needed

Volunteer at the Food Pantry and make a real difference! The Interfaith Essential Food Pantry feeds 300 to 350 people on Saturday mornings! We work from 7:30 to 11:00 am at Old First. If you have a compassionate heart, strong arms, and proof of vaccination against Covid-19 and you can be on your feet for the whole shift, please join us.

There is no Food Pantry on December 25 and January 1; however, we resume the weekly Food Pantry on Saturday, January 8.

Visit our website www.oldfirst.org and follow the link in the right-hand sidebar column to volunteer at the Food Pantry.