

Old First Presbyterian Church



Epiphany Season January 9, 2022

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The Presbyterian Church (USA)

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 Aria Paul Manz (1919-2009)

“March of the Three Kings” from *L'Arlesienne* Suite No 2
Georges Bizet (1838-1875)

Welcome and Church Life

***Call to
Worship** Cindy Burt

Leader Who Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,
People **God is there.**

Leader Whe Jesus is presented at the temple,
People God is there.
Leader When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,
People God is there.
Leader When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,
People God is there.
Leader This very morning,
People God is there.
Leader In the future we cannot see,
People God is there.
All Let us worship God!

***Hymn 148 Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple**

- 1 Mary and Joseph came to the temple,
 brought the boy Jesus, offered him there.
 People were waiting wanting to greet him;
 long had they sought him, solace for care.
- 2 Anna had prayed there, widowed, long waiting,
 worshipping God by day and by night.
 Now she is praising, filled with elation:
 Here is God's promise, Christ is her light.
- 3 Simeon sings now: God proffers blessing,
 brilliantly gilding dawn of his day.
 Light in the darkness, never extinguished,
 Light of all nations, light up our way.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Cindy Burt

You witness the sorts of lives we lead,
 approaching God.
Asked to share the gospel of hope,
 we place it on our to-do list instead.
Given the chance to cry out for justice for others,
 we fall strangely silent.
Invited to pray with joy in every moment,
 we prefer to grumble about every insignificant thing in our path.
Have mercy on us, God of grace,
 and prepare our hearts for your forgiveness to have its way in them.
Fill us with your hope,
 so we might lighten the shadows of others.
Help us to join the choirs of children
 in singing of your joy.

Silence is kept.

Transform us with that tender mercy,
 who is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader God is our witness:
We have spoken of our lives and
been forgiven of every mistake we have made,
every hurt we have caused.

People **We are held in God's heart,
not only on this day, but all the days of our lives.
Thanks be to God: We are forgiven!**

Anthem Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis*

David McKinley Williams (1887-1978)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
A light to lighten the Gentiles,
and the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

The Peace *Please remain seated for the Peace.*

Leader Peace be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Worship through Hearing God's Word

**Time with Our
Children**

**Prayers of the
People**

Betsy Lutz

Prayer Partners Kristi Hoerauf, Sidney Hollar, Camryn Hollarsmith, Jordan Hollarsmith,
Logan Hollarsmith, Roseanne Hoo, Connie Johnson, John and Carmen
Josiah

**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 Luke 2:22-38

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 Responding to God's Word

Hymn 155 Raise a Song of Gladness

English Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

Latin Jubilate Deo, omnis tērra.
Servite Domino in laetitia.
Alleluia, alleluia, in laetitia!
Alleluia, alleluia, in laetitia!

***Charge and
Benediction**

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

Are you visiting today? Please fill in the contact tracing binder, if you have not already done so.

Old First Staffs the Food Pantry

Sign up to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, January 22, when Old First staffs the pantry. You can sign up easily by visiting Old First's website – www.oldfirst.org – and then clicking on the link in the sidebar column to sign up for the Food Pantry. For more information speak with Pastor Maggi.

2022: New Year, New Leaders

In the new year, Old First will begin discerning the calling of new deacons and elders to share in leadership of the church. If you feel that someone you know or you yourself might be ready and called to serve the church this way, please speak to a current officer or to Pastor Maggi.

MLK Jr. Day

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 17, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.