

Old First Presbyterian Church



Epiphany Season January 23, 2022

The Reverend Maggi Henderson, Pastor
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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 Elevation

Paul Benoit (1893-1979)

Air

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

***Call to
Worship**

Leader The word of God is lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

People **God's word is sweet to the taste,
sweeter than honey and nourishment to our spirits and souls.**

Leader Teach us, O God, your holy way, for it life to us.

People **Accept our offering of praise or God.
For the earth is full of your steadfast love.
Give us the eyes to see your love and the courage to seek your light,
to follow your ways, to be light and love in this world.**

***Hymn 15 All Creatures of Our God and King**

- 1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 O brother wind with clouds and rain,
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia!
O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 O brother fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 O you most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of
Confession
People**

Stephen Taber

**Delight of the Ages, we cannot remain silent,
but must speak of the ways we misuse your gifts.
In our desire to have more and more,
we cause more damage to your good creation.
In our obsession with ourselves,
we have desolated that lives of those around us.
When we hoard what you have given us,
we cannot be a blessing to other people.
We say we are spiritually hungry
but we do not work at finding our way to you,
we do not commit to work of prayer and seeking your presence**

Silence is kept.

**People Forgive us, Restless God, so we might be restored to life.
May your steadfast love save and strengthen us
to share our gifts with others,
even as you have shared the gift of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior, with us. Amen.**

**Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader God delights in you so much that God will not rest until you are at peace.
God will not remain silent, but will call you by name: "My Delight."

People **God's steadfast love extends to the heavens,
and reaches down to touch our hearts.
Thanks be to God who forgives and saves us**

Duet

Jordan Amann, soprano
Sergey Khalikulov, bass

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**

Mary Russell

Prayer Partners Diane Lewis, Heather Losee, Betsy Lutz, Alfred Martin and Harriet
MacLean, Larry 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 Luke 2:41-52

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 126 Jesus, Jesus, What a Wonderful Child

Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild;
new life, new hope the child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing: "Glory, glory, glory!"
Let the heavens ring.

***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.

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On the Cover

Did you notice the image on the first page? If it seems familiar, it should. Our office admin, Brad Peterson, has been taking photos of architectural elements and artwork in our church for use in the bulletin. Can you find the element featured today? It quotes today's scripture.

In Memoriam: John Sebastian, Roger Hull

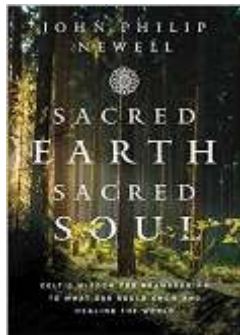
The memorial service for Old First's beloved member **John Sebastian** will take place on Saturday, March 19. Further details will be made available as the date comes closer.

Roger Hull, former pastor of Old First, died in Davis, California, on January 3 at 84 years of age. He was surrounded by his wife Judy and his three daughters in his last days. A memorial service for Roger will be held on March 19 at Noroton Presbyterian Church in Darien, Connecticut, the church where Roger was confirmed and ordained. You can send condolences to Judy Hull at 1515 Shasta Drive, Apt 1324, Davis, CA 95616 or via E-mail: judyhull@urcad.org. If you would like to make a gift in his honor, Roger for many years was board chair of Alliance Medical Center, which serves low income, uninsured or underinsured families in Sonoma County.

2022: New Year, New Leaders

Old First has begun 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.

Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: Book Study for Lent



During Lent, which begins March 2, Old First will read and discuss *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to What Our Souls Know and Healing the World* by John Philip Newell.

John Philip Newell is making a rare appearance – he is coming all the way from Scotland – at First Presbyterian Church in San Rafael on Saturday, February 19 from 10 am to 12 noon. You can sign up beginning January 17 by mailing **EventFPCSR@gmail.com** with your name and the number of people in your party. The event is free but space is limited so sign up soon.

You can get the book from the library, at local bookstores, and also on Kindle. (If you use, Amazon, don't forget to make Old First your go-to on AmazonSmile.) We will also have copies closer to the date. –Maggi

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