

# Old First Presbyterian Church



## Epiphany Season January 30, 2022

The Reverend Maggi Henderson, Pastor  
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** 2 *Élévations pour la communion* from *L'Organiste Moderne*,  
Louis-James Alfred Lefébure-Wély (1817- 1869)

**Welcome and  
Church Life**

**\*Call to Worship**

Jeanne Kirkwood

Leader With powerful words and dramatic gestures,  
with a quiet conversation and a gentle touch,  
**People we respond to God's call to offer  
healing and hope to our world.**  
Leader With courage to face the injustices around us,  
with the willingness to go into the brokenness,  
**People we fulfill the call of Jesus  
to engage in faithful obedience.**  
Leader With the patience of a teacher of six-year-olds,  
with the gentleness of a nurse helping a patient,  
**People we become the Spirit's refuge  
for all who live in worry and fear.**

**\*Hymn 693** **Though I May Speak**

- 1 **Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**
- 2 **Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.**
- 3 **Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.**

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Jeanne Kirkwood

**Ah, Lord God, we do not know how to speak words of hope,  
because we listen to the purveyors of fear.  
We do not know how to be loving,  
because our role models are ridicule and anger.  
We do not know how to be faithful to you,  
because at an early age we learned to trust the promises  
of all the false prophets who entice us with their simple thoughts.**

*Silence is kept.*

**But you know how to forgive, God of kindness,  
so we pray you would pour out your mercy upon us.  
May faith abide in us,  
so we may serve others even as you have served us;  
may hope abide in us,  
so we may surround the broken with your compassion and grace;  
may love abide in us, not only in these moments of brokenness,  
but in every moment of our life with Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Savior, who abides in us. Amen.**

**Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader The good news is that, in our God, we find that safe place for our lives.  
In God's forgiveness, we are offered the healing we need.

**People In God's acceptance, we discover  
the love in which we may abide in every moment of our lives.  
Thanks be to God!**

**Solo** From *Messe à trois voix* Césaire Franck (1822-1890)  
Kirsten Fleischmann, alto

Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum. *The bread of angels becomes the bread of mortals.*  
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum. *This heavenly bread puts an end to all symbols.*  
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum *O miracle! The poor and humble servant*  
pauper servus et humilis. *feasts upon the Lord.*  
From *Sacris solemnibus*, Thomas Aquinas (1225-1275)

**The Peace** *Please remain seated for the Peace.*

Leader Peace be with you.

**People And also with you.**

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

**Prayers of the  
People**

Andy Cheng

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

**Scripture I Corinthians 13:1-13**

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

<b>Worship Through Holy Communion</b>
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Leader May the God of love be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Leader Do not be afraid to offer your hearts to God.

**People We do so, knowing they will be filled with God's love.**

Leader Always and forever, let us praise our God.

**People Here, now, every day, everywhere,  
we will offer our songs to the One who abides.**

*The pastor continues the Great Thanksgiving.*

**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.

**The Lord's Supper** *All are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.  
Simply follow the directions of the pastor.*

<b>Worship Through Responding to God's Word</b>
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**Hymn 205 Ubi caritas**  
*The soloist will sing the verse once. The congregation then sings it three times.*  
**Live in charity and steadfast love.  
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

Leader God touches our mouths,  
**People so we may go to share the Good News.**  
Leader Jesus touches our hands,  
**People so we may serve all in need of life and hope.**  
Leader The Spirit touches our hearts,  
**People who are longing for acceptance and love.**

*You can place your offering in the basket when you leave the church or make it using the electronic kiosk in the narthex or Old First's on-line giving page found on the right-side of our homepage: [www.oldfirst.org](http://www.oldfirst.org)*

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

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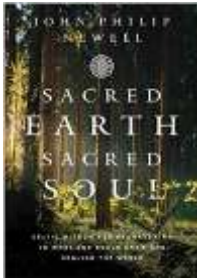
### **In Memoriam: Roger Hull**

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](mailto: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 called to serve the church in this way, speak to the pastor, an elder or deacon, or the Nominating Committee: [nomcom@oldfirst.org](mailto:nomcom@oldfirst.org)

### **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. You can get the book from the library, at local bookstores, and also on Kindle. Old First will also have copies closer to the date.

Further, 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 E-mailing First Pres San Rafael at [EventFPCR@gmail.com](mailto:EventFPCR@gmail.com) with your name and the number of people in your party. You can also watch a video of his presentation beginning February 20. For details, use the same E-mail address.