

# Old First Presbyterian Church

*They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.*

*In all that they do, they prosper. —Psalm 1:3*

*They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream. —Jeremiah 17:8a*

**February 13, 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** Chorale Prelude on “Alles was du bist” in the style of a Bach trio sonata  
Billy Nalle (1921-2005)  
Arranged by Fred Tulan (1930-1998)

“Du bist die Ruh” Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

*You are repose and gentle peace. You are longing and what stills it.  
Full of joy and grief I consecrate to you my eyes and my heart as a dwelling place.*

*Come in to me and softly close the gate behind you.*

*Drive all other grief from my breast. Let my heart be full of your joy.*

*The temple of my eyes is lit by your radiance alone: O, fill it wholly!*

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**Welcome and  
Church Life**

**\*Call to  
Worship**

Leader I tell you this: It is a wonderful thing when members of the family  
live together in love and peace.

**People They shall be like trees planted beside flowing rivers.**

Leader May the church be one, just as Christ and God are one,  
that Christ may be glorified in us.

**People They shall yield good fruit in its season,  
and their leaf shall never wither.**

Leader The grace, mercy and peace, of the Lord Jesus, be with you all.

**People And also with you.**

**\*Hymn 816 If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee**

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee,  
with hopeful heart through all thy ways,  
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,  
to bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
builds on the rock that nought can move.

2 Only be still, and wait God's leisure  
in cheerful hope, with heart content  
to take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure  
and all-discerning love hath sent.  
No doubt our inmost wants are clear  
to One who hold us always dear.

3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,  
but do thine own part faithfully.  
Trust the rich promises of grace;  
so shall they be fulfilled in thee.  
God never yet forsook at need  
the soul secured by trust indeed.

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Happy are those who turn away  
from the counsel of the wicked.  
But oh, that counsel can be so seductive.  
It draws us in, holds us fast, distracts our priorities,  
obstructs our capacity to love.  
But we seek no obstructions, we reject wicked counsel.  
We embrace God's embrace.  
For whatever ways we don't, we confess.  
In whichever ways we sin, we repent.  
Hear our prayers, O God, as, before you, we seek wholeness.

*Silence is kept.*

**God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness:  
We are sorry for so much—  
for words we cannot bear to say  
for memories we cannot bear to relive  
for thoughts we cannot bear to admit.**

*Silence is kept.*

**But you know our hearts. Relieve us of our burdens.  
Bind our hearts not to the unbearable but rather, to you  
so that, in all ways, we may live in the joy of your salvation  
and the delight of your loving embrace. Amen.**

**Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader Happy are we, holy people, when we walk in the ways of our God.  
Happy are we, beloved ones, as we receive God's forgiveness.

People **Happy are we, God's own, because we are made whole,  
through Jesus Christ.**

**Offertory** *Ushers will receive the offering at this time.*

From Bible Songs, Opus 99, No. 5

Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)  
Jarron Carlson, bass

Songs of gladness will I sing Thee,  
Telling Thy praises on a psaltery,  
Oh, let my song find favor in Thine eyes.

I will delight in exalting Thee  
Every day will I bless Thy name,  
and I shall sing praises unto Thee.

Lord my God, Thou art all my delight,  
And great is Thy mercy.  
And who shall declare all Thy greatness and Thy glory?

Oh glory and honor to Thee  
and to Thy works.

Thy greatness my song shall extol,  
and praise Thy mercy.

Yea, all shall tell of Thy great mercy and love  
And Thy wondrous insight.  
And I shall loudly sing of Thy glory and Thy power.

Translated from the Bible of Kralice (1593)  
the first Bible in the Czech language

**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**

Kurt Schwartzmann

Prayer Partners Dortha Reade, Linda Reyder, Lisa Robecheck, AnnieScott Rogers, Jack Rozzell, Mary Russell, Amir Sadeghi and Saeedeh Heidari

**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**

**Psalm 1, Jeremiah 17:5-10**

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 Responding to God's Word</b>
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- \*Hymn 457 How Happy Are the Saints of God**
- 1 How happy are the saints of God,  
who do not heed the wicked way;  
delighting in the holy Word  
they seek God's wisdom night and day.**
  - 2 Like deeply rooted trees, they stand  
beside an ever-flowing stream.  
Their fruit is plentiful and good;  
their leaves are always growing green.**
  - 3 While wicked ones are whisked away  
like straw before the driving wind,  
the saints are firmly planted still,  
and God will keep them to the end.**

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

*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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## Today's Prayer of Confession

The prayer of confession is written by the Reverend Kaji R. Spellman, a United Church of Christ Pastor who serves as a pastor of Saint Peter's Lutheran Church in New York City.

## In Memoriam: Joe Ballard

Long-time Old First member Joe Ballard died Thursday morning, February 9, in Florida where he had been living with a niece. Please remember his family in your prayers.

## Interfaith Food Pantry, February 19

Old First staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry this coming Saturday, 7:30 to 11:00 am. Please volunteer for this vital ministry Sign up by using the link on Old First's homepage: [www.oldfirst.org](http://www.oldfirst.org), just look for this header: [Interfaith Food Pantry: Volunteer Today](#)

## Congregational Meeting, February 20

Next Sunday, February 20, Old First Presbyterian Church will conclude worship with a Congregational Meeting to present this year's budget and to approve the pastor's compensation package for 2022.

## Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: Book Study for Lent

During Lent, 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.

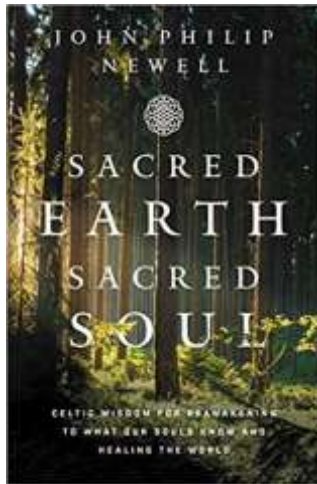
You can **get the book** from the library, at local bookstores, or on Kindle. Copies are also available for \$20 at the church. You can get the book after worship on Sunday or from the church office during the week. Simply have a check ready or cash in the exact amount.

### In-Person

The first session of the **in-person series** will be on March 6. The session will start in the Fellowship Hall thirty minutes after the end of worship. Bring your vaccination card and also your lunch. (Note: If you bring a bag lunch, you can keep it in the church fridge until class – or you can easily get food to-go on Polk Street. Beverages will be supplied.) To sign up, E-mail [learning@oldfirst.org](mailto:learning@oldfirst.org).

### On-Line?

**If there's interest, a parallel on-line series could be held via Zoom on a weekday. If you'd like an on-line series, send an E-mail to [learning@oldfirst.org](mailto:learning@oldfirst.org) right away.**



## John Philip Newell: Recorded at First Pres San Rafael

John Philip Newell is making a rare appearance at First Presbyterian Church in San Rafael on February 19. The event is fully booked; however, it will be video recorded. The recording will be **available for viewing by Sunday morning, February 20**, on First Presbyterian Church San Rafael's YouTube channel. Simply search for "First Presbyterian Church San Rafael, CA" on YouTube.