

Old First Presbyterian Church



“Full to the Brim is an invitation—into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It’s an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed. It disrupts the scarcity mentality that capitalism, oppression, or hierarchy can plant inside of us. When we allow ourselves to be filled to the brim with God’s lavish love, that love spills over. It reaches beyond ourselves; like water, it rushes and flows, touching everything in its path.” –A Sanctified Art, LLC.

First Sunday in Lent March 6, 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 Preludes

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt
Menschlich Natur und Wesen.
*Through Adam’s fall human nature
and character is completely corrupted.*

Lazarus Spengler (1479-1534)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

Introit Rend Your Heart (*Fons bonitans*) Joseph Clokey (1890-1960)
Rend your heart and not your garments,
And turn unto the Lord your God;
For God is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and of great kindness. Joel 2:13

***Call to Worship** Jeanne Kirkwood

Leader Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.
Jesus went into the city to heal.

**People Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.
Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.**

Leader Jesus went to places of peace and connection,
but Jesus also went to the wilderness.

**People There is nowhere we can go
That God does not walk with us.**

Leader We are in God's house.

People Let us worship Holy God.

***Hymn 166 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**

1 Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins
and close by you to stay.

2 As you with Satan did contend
and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere,
in you to conquer sin.

3 And through these days of penitence,
and through this Passiontide,
yes, evermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.

4 Abide with us, till when this life
of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Holy God, when we think that expansive life
is about power—

Teach us a new way.

Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life
is about material wealth—

Teach us a new way.

Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life
is about control—

Teach us a new way.

Jeanne Kirkwood

Silence is kept.

**Teach us to live as you live. Teach us to love as you love.
Forgive us when we don't. Gratefully we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader Siblings in Christ,
no matter how many times we mess up,
no matter how far we wander,
no matter how lost we feel,

People **God's grace is full to the brim:
it overflows in desert places,
it finds us where we are, and
it covers us in mercy.**

Leader Hear and believe this Good News— God's love is overflowing.

People **We are drenched in mercy. Thanks be to God.**

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

Giacomo Antonio Perti (1661-1756)

Inter vestibulum et altare plorabunt	<i>They will weep between the arches and the altar</i>
sacerdotes ministri Domini, dicentes:	<i>The priests, the ministers of the Lord, saying</i>
Parce, Domine parce populo tuo:	<i>Spare, O Lord, spare your people</i>
et ne des hereditatem tuam in opprobrium.	<i>And do not turn your heritage into disgrace.</i>

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**

Stephen Taber

Prayer Partners Virginia Webb-Pekelnicky and Bob Pekelnicky, Teddy and Eden, Rick and Mary Wiebe, Kim Williams, Matt Wolka and family, Josephine Yee

**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 4:1-13
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

Affirmation of Faith **We believe God is love.**
We believe God's love is overflowing.
We believe Jesus is a river.
We believe that river is running toward us.
We believe the Holy Spirit is a vessel.
We believe that vessel holds mercy for you and for me.
We believe the wilderness is real.
We believe the desert is lonely.
We believe that Jesus has been there.
We know that we do not walk alone.
Even in the desert, we are loved.
Even in the desert, God is with us.
Even in the desert, this love overflows.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

- *Hymn 63** **The Lord is God**
- 1** **The Lord is God, the Lord alone!**
Give honor, thanks, and praise
to God, the maker of all things
and giver of our days.
 - 2** **With all your heart, with all your soul,**
with all your minds and might,
O people, love the Lord your God,
the source of truth and light.
 - 3** **At night or day, at home, away,**
together and apart,
O children, take these holy words
and keep them in your heart.
 - 4** **The Lord is God, the Lord alone!**
Give honor, thanks, and praise
to God, the maker of all things
and giver of our days.

***Charge and
Benediction**

You may also place your offering in the basket as you leave the church or may 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.

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

Relief for Ukraine



The Presbyterian Church USA has a link posted on its website to fund emergency relief for those fleeing violence in Ukraine. Join Presbyterians already mobilizing to provide assistance with basic items for survival. **“God administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.”** - Deuteronomy 10:18

To learn more and give, visit the homepage of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):
<https://www.pcusa.org/>

“Full to the Brim” from A Sanctified Art

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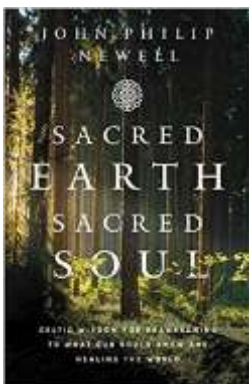
This Lent we are following “Full to the Brim,” a devotional for Lent by the authors and artists of A Sanctified Art, LLC. Watch for the installments of the devotional in each Sunday’s E-mail from Pastor Maggi and for words and artwork in our bulletins and on our website.

Image and Liturgy

The image on the cover is graphic design by the Reverend Lauren Wright Pittman and original photography by the Reverend Lisle Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

The call to worship, prayer of confession, and assurance of forgiveness are adapted from prayers by the Reverend Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Today: 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. Copies of the book are available for \$20.

We’ll hold the first session of the **in-person series today**. The session will start in the Fellowship Hall thirty minutes after the end of worship. For the session next Sunday, please read Chapter 2.

Remember to bring your vaccination card and also your lunch. Beverages will be supplied. If you like, you can store your lunch in the church fridge until the class starts – or you can easily get food to-go on Polk Street.

To sign up, E-mail learning@oldfirst.org.

Daylight Savings Time Begins Next Sunday, March 13

Remember to “spring ahead” one hour in the wee hours of the morning next Sunday. Or else remember to set your clocks ahead before retiring Saturday night. Of course, if you’re late for the 11:00 am service in person and via livestream, you can view it later on Old First’s YouTube channel.

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