

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, September 11, 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	Fugue in C Major	Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
	Choral and Variations	Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)
Welcome and Church Life		Randy Smith
Introit	From <i>Messe solennelle de Sainte-Cécile</i>	Charles Gounod (1818-1893)
	Sanctus Dominus,	<i>Holy Lord,</i>
	Sanctus Deus Sabaoth,	<i>Holy God of Hosts,</i>
	Hosanna in excelsis!	<i>Hosanna in the highest!</i>
*Call to Worship		Randy Smith
Leader	The Lord looks down from heaven to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God	
People	They have all gone astray, there is no one who is good, no, not one	
Leader	Have they no knowledge, those who devour God's people and do not call upon the Lord?	
People	O that our deliverer would come! Lord, restore our lives and make us glad.	

***Hymn 335 The Foolish in Their Hearts Deny**

- 1 **The foolish in their hearts deny the holy God who reigns:
“There is no God! There is no God,” this generation claims.
Our god looks down on humankind with penetrating eye
to see if there are any wise who seek the Lord on high.**
- 2 **The Lord finds all have turned aside from doing what is right,
that all have strayed, not one does good, not one within God’s sight.
Have they no knowledge, who consume God’s own as they eat bread,
who do not call upon the Lord, who will not bow their head?**
- 3 **But they will all be terrified, for God is on the throne.
Though evil ones oppress the poor, you, Lord, will help your own.
O Lord, send us deliverance; restore us; hear our voice.
When Zion’s restoration comes, God’s people will rejoice.**

**Prayer of
Confession**

Randy Smith

**Creator of the universe,
we imagine that we are in familiar territory,
that we know what to expect of this hour,
that we will leave much the way that we came.
Do not abandon us to our foolishness.**

Silence is kept.

**In judgment, illumine our darkness.
In mercy, bear us home—
until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted,
truth is spoken,
and life is restored. Amen.**

**Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God’s mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.
In the name of the Lord,
who is our portion and our hope,
I declare that our sin is forgiven.**

People Thanks be to God!

Choir

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)
Harmonized by Larry Marietta (born 1951)

Gloria in excelsis Deo! *Glory to God in the highest!*
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia! *Glory, glory, alleluia, alleluia!*

Offering *Usbers will receive the offering during the anthem.*

Anthem

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Chelsea Hollow, soprano; Kirsten Fleischmann, alto
Michael Desnoyers, tenor; Sergey Khalikulov, bass

Great and glorious is the Lord in majesty,
Glorious in power eternal, mighty and loving Sovereign;
Praise God for God's greatness, for God's exceeding greatness,
Great and glorious, mighty in awesome majesty,
Let all extol God evermore.

Praise ye the Lord, for it is good to sing praises unto our God,
Glorious and mighty, loving Creator,
Glorious ever in majesty! Praise to Thy name forever more!

God is nigh to all that call truly upon God;
The Lord upholdeth all who fall,
And gently God upraiseth those who are bowed down,
Mighty and loving God in power eternal, eternal Lord.

Great and glorious; call upon God, mighty and loving,
Glorious ever in majesty!

Doxology

DUKE STREET, arranged by Hal Hopson (born 1933)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. 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

**Prayers of the
People**

Kurt Schwartzmann

Prayer Partners

Eder Dueñas, Angela Mayor and Sebastian, Austin Coffee and Amanda
Roncaglia, Tom Culp and Charlie Wagner, Augusta Duncan and Dickson
Adetuyi and Adeyinka

**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 14, Luke 15:1-10	New International Version
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	The 3Rs: Repent, Restore & Rejoice	The Reverend Sarah Reyes Gibbs

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 774 There Is Now a New Creation**

- 1 There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.**
- 2 Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone: now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.**
- 3 Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child. All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.**
- 4 Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast; Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.**
- 5 There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ. Sing, with thanks and adoration, to the God of endless life!**

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir	Sevenfold Amen	John Stainer (1840-1901)
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Postlude	Fantasia in C Major	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
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Sabbatical 2022: July to October

From July through October, Old First Presbyterian Church and our pastor, Maggi Henderson, are on sabbatical. Until Pastor Maggi returns to us at the beginning of November, please keep her and all our Old First community in your prayers. In case of the need for pastoral care, please contact your assigned deacon, the Board of Deacons moderator, Randy Smith, or the church office.

Our Guest Preacher: Sarah Reyes Gibbs
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Today and next Sunday, our guest preacher is the Reverend Sarah Reyes-Gibbs, DMin. Dr. Reyes-Gibbs has just finished a three-year transitional/interim position with New Bridges, Hayward, after retiring in 2017 from her first call lasting nineteen years with Bethel Community Church, San Leandro. Not embracing retirement well, she continues to serve as a consultant with churches focused on transformation and with other presbyteries addressing ethnic concerns.

Before ordained ministry, Sarah served the Stockton Unified School District as an elementary and high school teacher for eight years, as a coordinator for a Drug Free School Zone at Edison High School, Stockton, and before that as a legislative assistant with the California legislature twenty years.

In addition to raising four children, Sarah also earned a bachelor at the age of 40, received her Masters of Arts in Education with an emphasis on administration, received her Master of Divinity at age 50, and received her Doctor of Ministry with an emphasis on parish redevelopment at age 60. Pastor Sarah's perspective on life and faith is shaped by her trust in God and her experience as a Filipina-American, pastor, wife, mother of four, *lola* (Filipino for grandmother) of fifteen, and much more!

This Week at Old First

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| Sunday | September 11 |
| 1:00 pm | Board of Deacons, On-Line |
| 7:15 pm | Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall |
| Saturday | September 17 |
| 9:00 am | Interfaith Food Pantry, Social Hall/Sacramento Sidewalk |
| 1:00 pm | Presbyterian Women, On-Line |
| Sunday | September 18 |
| 11:00 am | Worship |
| 4:00 pm | O1C: Lynn Shugren, piano |
| 7:15 pm | Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall |

Old First Presbyterian Church Staff
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