

# Old First Presbyterian Church



## Christ the King Sunday, November 20, 2022 A Season of Stewardship: Connections Connected to Each Other, Connected to God

### 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 on NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT  
Georg Friedrich Kauffmann (1679-1735)  
Wilbur Held (1914-2015)  
Michael Burkhardt (born 1957)

### Welcome and Church Life

**Introit** LLWYN ONN (The Ash Grove, 1802)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Til shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

Katherine K. Davis (1892-1980)

**\*Call to  
Worship**

Pastor Henderson

Leader Blessed be the Lord God, who looks with kindness on us.

People **We are the inheritors of the promises  
made long ago to our ancestors.**

Leader Blessed be the Lord God, who gathers us here in this place

People **From across the street, from halfway around the world,  
God brings us home to the heart of grace.**

Leader Blessed be the Lord God, who has remembered us.

People **Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers,  
we are those redeemed by God.**

**\*Hymn 367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

1 Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield,  
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;  
from each field shall in that day all offenses purge away;  
give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.  
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:  
come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Pastor Henderson

In these moments, Remembering God,  
we bring to you all the ways we have not lived as your people:  
we stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive;  
we cast our lots with those who worship power and success;  
we offer insults rather than words of grace to those who care for us;  
we scoff at your words which call us to a different lifestyle.

*We confess silently.*

Forgive us, God of Mercy,  
for not knowing what we do to you, to others, to ourselves.  
Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior,  
who bears words filled with your tender mercy and gracious hope.  
Amen.

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader This is the good news: God remembers!  
Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion.  
God remembers us and redeems us!

People **God prepares the way for us:  
the way to grace, to hope, to new life.  
Joyfully, we offer our thanks to God. Amen.**

**\*Gloria** Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
Glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Offering** *Ushers will receive the offering during the anthem. You may also make your offering electronically using the kiosk in the narthex.*

**Anthem** From Chandos Anthem No. 9 George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Ye boundless realms of joy,  
Exalt your Maker's fame.

**\*Doxology** DUKE STREET by John Hatton (1710-1793)  
Arranged Hal Hopson (born 1933)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Time with Our Children**

**\*The Peace**

Leader Peace be with you.  
People **And also with you.**

**Worship Through Hearing God's Word**

**Prayers of the People**

Prayer Partners AnnieScott Rogers, Jack Rozzell, Mary Russell, Amir Sadeghi and Saeedeh Heidari, Kurt Schwartzmann, Pam Sebastian, Randy Smith and Andrea Segura Smith

Betty Voris

**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 23:33-43  
**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.**

**Hymn 227** **Jesus, Remember Me**  
*We sing the verse three times.*

**Jesus, remember me,  
when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me,  
when you come into your kingdom.**

**Sermon**

John M. Brett

<b>Worship Through Responding to God's Word</b>
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**\*Hymn 273** **He is the King of Kings**

**Refrain** **He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords,  
Jesus Christ, the first and last, no one works like him.**

- 1** **He built his throne up in the air; no one works like him;  
and called his saints from everywhere; no one works like him.**
- 2** **He pitched his tents on Canaan ground; no one works like him;  
and broke oppressive kingdoms down; no one works like him.**
- 3** **I know that my Redeemer lives; no one works like him;  
and by his love sweet blessing gives; no one works like him.**

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Choir**

LLWYN ONN (The Ash Grove, 1802)

By law God enforces the stars in their courses,  
The sun in its orbit, obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine,  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Katherine K. Davis (1892-1980)

**Postlude** Marche Triomphale: Nun danket alle Gott, Op. 65, No. 59

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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### Today's Guest Preacher: John Brett

Today we welcome John M Brett, Minister, faithful and fabulous, SF Night Ministry and OFPC Community Meals Coordinator. John is a chaplain and seminarian of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner, This Saturday

Show your thankfulness and count your blessings by volunteering at the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner, Saturday, **November 26**. Volunteers are welcomed from 4:30 pm on! We serve dinner and have meals-to-go ready at 5:15 pm. Let us know you can help: [saturdaymeals@oldfirst.org](mailto:saturdaymeals@oldfirst.org)

### A Season of Stewardship: Pledge Cards Next Sunday

Bring your completed stewardship cards to worship next Sunday, **November 27**. It will be the first Sunday of Advent and we will dedicate our pledges for the year ahead. If you need one, you'll be able to get a pledge card at church that day. And, if you've already sent your pledge card, you can participate by filling out a card with the ways you'll seek to be connected with God and the community of faith in 2023!

### SF/Marin Food Bank: The Barrel Returns Next Sunday

The SF/Marin Food Bank food barrel will be back next Sunday, November 27. You can renew your practice of gratefulness by picking up an extra item to donate when you go shopping. Soup, peanut butter, cereal, and proteins in non-breakable packaging are always good choices.

### Coffee Hour Sponsorship

Looking for a Christmas gift for loved ones? Why not sponsor our coffee hour in their honor? It's only fifty dollars. The sign up sheet has returned to the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street lobby: We'll include your dedication in that Sunday's bulletin.

### Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, Saturday, December 3

We need your hands! Without your hands, Old First won't have enough hands for the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, **December 3**, but you can sign up so easily by visiting our website – [www.oldfirst.org](http://www.oldfirst.org) – and then clicking on the link in the sidebar column.

### Lessons & Carols at SFTS, San Anselmo, December 3

San Francisco Theological Seminary Invites you to Welcome The Light: a Christmas Concert of Lessons and Carols, December 3, at 7:00 pm, Stewart Chapel in Geneva Hall, 109 Seminary Road, San Anselmo. Admission is free, but an RSVP would be helpful. Simply navigate to: [www.redlands.edu/sftsevents](http://www.redlands.edu/sftsevents)

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**This Week at Old First**

**Sunday November 20, Christ the King Sunday**

4:00 pm O1C: Allegra Chapman and Jennifer Kloetzel, works for piano and cello by Bloch, Beethoven, Piazzolla and others

7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

**Tuesday November 22**

7:00 pm Session Meeting, On-Line

**Thursday November 24**

Thanksgiving Day: Church Office Closed

**Friday November 25**

Church Office Closed

**Saturday November 26**

5:15 pm 4th Saturday Community Meal, Fellowship Hall

**Sunday November 27, First Sunday of Advent: The Church Year Begins**

11:00 am Worship

7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

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